52 War and peace

A War

… The **bomb exploded** in the city centre killing ten people and **injuring** many more.

… **Soldiers fought** a terrible **gun battle**, **firing** for two hours at **enemy fighters** …

… The enemy **leader** managed to **escape**, but most of his soldiers were either killed or handed in their **weapons**, and the **army is** now **in control of** the situation.



GLOSSARY	
bomb	a thing that explodes and hurts people or damages things **bomb** *v*
explode	burst with force and a loud noise **explosion** *n* SYN **go off**
injure	hurt sb, often in a fight or accident
fight *pt/pp* **fought**	use physical strength, guns, weapons, etc. against sb/sth. Sb who fights is a **fighter**. **fight** *n*
battle	a fight between armies in a war **gun battle**
fire (at/on sb/sth)	shoot bullets from a gun
enemy	the people your army or country is fighting against
leader	a person who controls a group or team
escape	get free from sb/sth SYN **get away**
weapon	sth, such as a gun or knife, that is used to kill or injure people
army	a large group of soldiers who fight on land in a war
be in control (of sth)	have the power or ability to deal with sth

1 Match 1–6 with a–g.

▶	Twelve soldiers	b	
1	They're in control	.....	a managed to escape.
2	Soldiers fought	.....	b were injured. ✓
3	The planes bombed	.....	c explosion.
4	Two enemy fighters	.....	d of the city.
5	The battle	.....	e a long battle.
6	There was a loud	.....	f the area around the city.
			g lasted several days.

2 Replace the underlined words with a single word that has the same meaning.

▶ They were physically hurting each other. fighting

1 They were the men we fought against. .....
2 She is the one who controls the group. .....
3 It was a large thing that explodes. .....
4 He's a member of the army. .....
5 They found bombs, guns and knives. .....
6 Where did the bomb go off? .....

3 Complete the dialogues.

▶ How many soldiers are in the army? ~ Over 10,000.
1 Why did the people run away? ~ Because the army was ..... at them.
2 How long has your brother been in the ..... ? ~ He's been a soldier for ten years.
3 When did the ..... go off? ~ Early, and it was a very loud ..... .
4 Did any of the soldiers die in the ..... ? ~ No, but two were badly ..... .
5 Have they caught the enemy ..... ? ~ Yes. He tried to ....., but they got him.
6 Is the army in ..... of the situation now? ~ Yes, the ..... fighters have gone.
7 Did the army find any ..... ? ~ Yes, lots of guns and explosive devices.
8 Did the soldiers attack? ~ Yes, they ..... a short battle with enemy ..... .

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B Peace

The region has been **at war** for several years now. All the countries **involved** have been **holding talks** for over a year to try and end the **fighting**. The first **attempt** at **peace** was **rejected within** days, but further talks at **reaching an agreement** have taken place, and now it seems that the two **sides** are more **determined** to achieve a **lasting** peace.

SPOTLIGHT verb + noun

Certain verbs are often used together with certain nouns.

- ***reach*** *an agreement*
- ***hold*** *talks*
- ***make*** *an attempt*
- ***go to*** *war*

GLOSSARY

at war	fighting with weapons against different groups or countries, usually for a long time
involved (in sth)	being part of sth or connected with sth **involve** *v*
talks *pl*	formal discussions between countries and their governments
fighting	the activity of fighting against the enemy
attempt (at sth)	trying to do sth that is difficult **attempt** *v*
peace	a time when there is no war between people or countries
reject	say that you do not want sb/sth **rejection** *n*
within	before the end of
agreement	a contract or decision that two or more people have made together
side	one of two groups who fight or play a game against each other
determined	very certain that you want to do sth
lasting	continuing for a long time

4 **Cover the glossary. Circle the correct answer.**

▶ If you hold **talks**, you have *formal* / *informal* discussions with people.

1 If something happens **within** a week, it will happen in ***less / more*** than a week.
2 If you **reject** something, you say you ***want / don't want*** it.
3 If you are **involved** in something, you are ***part / not part*** of it.
4 If you make an **attempt** at doing something, you ***try / fail*** to do it.
5 If you are **at war** with another country, the ***fighting has not ended / the sides are involved in talks.***
6 If you are **determined**, you are ***sure / not sure*** that you want to do something.
7 If something is **lasting**, it continues for a ***short / long*** time.
8 If you **reach an agreement** with somebody, you have ***made a decision with them / had an argument with them.***

5 **Complete the text.**



The civil war has now lasted almost ten years. The two ▶ sides have **(1)** _____ an agreement on several occasions in the past, but so far it has never been a **(2)** _____ peace. Last month, however, the two leaders **(3)** _____ in the war agreed to stop the **(4)** _____ and hold new **(5)** _____ in a final **(6)** _____ to achieve peace. They say they are **(7)** _____ to reach an **(8)** _____ this time. But if either side walks away and **(9)** _____ these latest proposals for peace, they may still be at **(10)** _____ for many years.

6 **Complete the sentences in a logical way. In some cases, more than one answer is possible.**

▶ They want to achieve a lasting peace/solution.
1 Both sides want to reach an _____.
2 I'm going to make one final _____.
3 I should finish my report within _____.
4 The two sides have agreed to hold _____.
5 She rejected my _____.
6 I'm determined to _____.

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