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## Syrian attack on Turkey kills five

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# THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Syria increased regional tensions on Wednesday after a Syrian missile killed a mother and her four children in Turkey. The incident is the first time Turkey's citizens have been killed by Syria since the Syrian civil war began in March 2011. Turkey immediately hit back by firing shells into Syria. Turkey's foreign minister also asked NATO for help against Syria. NATO held an emergency meeting to show support for Ankara while telling Syria to follow international law. The organization also discussed other options.

There are fears that the trouble in Syria could spread across its borders into neighbouring countries. Turkey is helping the rebel armies in Syria, while Iran is giving support to Syria's government. Hillary Clinton said it was "a very, very dangerous situation". She said "all responsible nations" must act to get Syria's government to end its fighting. Turkey's Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said: "Turkey will never leave unanswered such [terrible acts] by the Syrian regime against our national security."

# PHRASE MATCH

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**Match the following phrases from the article.**

## Paragraph 1

- |                                    |                          |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Syria increased regional        | a. law                   |
| 2. civil                           | b. minister              |
| 3. Turkey's foreign                | c. other options         |
| 4. held an emergency               | d. tensions on Wednesday |
| 5. follow international            | e. war                   |
| 6. The organization also discussed | f. meeting               |

## Paragraph 2

- |                                     |                       |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. trouble in Syria could spread    | a. end its fighting   |
| 2. neighbouring                     | b. armies in Syria    |
| 3. Turkey is helping the rebel      | c. across its borders |
| 4. a very, very dangerous           | d. regime             |
| 5. get Syria's government to        | e. situation          |
| 6. such terrible acts by the Syrian | f. countries          |

# LISTENING GAP FILL

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1210/121004-syria\\_turkey.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1210/121004-syria_turkey.html)

Syria increased (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday after a Syrian missile killed a mother and her four children in Turkey. The (2) \_\_\_\_\_ time Turkey's citizens have been killed by Syria since the Syrian (3) \_\_\_\_\_ March 2011. Turkey immediately (4) \_\_\_\_\_ shells into Syria. Turkey's foreign minister also asked NATO for help against Syria. NATO held (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to show support for Ankara while telling Syria to follow international law. The organization (6) \_\_\_\_\_ options.

There are fears that the trouble in Syria (7) \_\_\_\_\_ its borders into neighbouring countries. Turkey is helping the rebel armies in Syria, while Iran (8) \_\_\_\_\_ Syria's government. Hillary Clinton said it was "a very, very dangerous situation". She said "(9) \_\_\_\_\_" must act to get Syria's government (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Turkey's Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said: "Turkey will never (11) \_\_\_\_\_ [terrible acts] by the Syrian regime against (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Syria increased (1) \_\_\_\_\_ tensions on Wednesday after a Syrian missile killed a mother and her four children in Turkey. The (2) \_\_\_\_\_ is the first time Turkey's citizens have been killed by Syria (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the Syrian civil war began in March 2011. Turkey immediately (4) \_\_\_\_\_ back by firing shells into Syria. Turkey's foreign minister also asked NATO for help against Syria. NATO (5) \_\_\_\_\_ an emergency meeting to show support for Ankara while telling Syria to follow international law. The organization also discussed other (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

There are fears that the trouble in Syria could (7) \_\_\_\_\_ across its borders into neighbouring countries. Turkey is helping the rebel armies in Syria, while Iran is (8) \_\_\_\_\_ support to Syria's government. Hillary Clinton said it was "a very, very (9) \_\_\_\_\_ situation". She said "all responsible nations" must (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to get Syria's government to end its fighting. Turkey's Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said: "Turkey will (11) \_\_\_\_\_ leave unanswered such [terrible acts] by the Syrian regime (12) \_\_\_\_\_ our national security."

## Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- |     |               |              |               |
|-----|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) regions   | (b) region   | (c) regional  |
| 2.  | (a) incident  | (b) accident | (c) moment    |
| 3.  | (a) for       | (b) since    | (c) from      |
| 4.  | (a) hit       | (b) slapped  | (c) crashed   |
| 5.  | (a) handled   | (b) handed   | (c) held      |
| 6.  | (a) opted     | (b) options  | (c) optics    |
| 7.  | (a) spread    | (b) spreads  | (c) spreading |
| 8.  | (a) gives     | (b) given    | (c) giving    |
| 9.  | (a) dangerous | (b) danger   | (c) dangers   |
| 10. | (a) role      | (b) act      | (c) perform   |
| 11. | (a) ever      | (b) even     | (c) never     |
| 12. | (a) for       | (b) against  | (c) back      |

# SPELLING

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**Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.**

## Paragraph 1

1. regional snnieots
2. viicl war
3. hit back by rgiifn shells into Syria
4. held an emergency eintegm
5. ololfw international law
6. discussed other nisopot

## Paragraph 2

7. the eblotur in Syria
8. helping the rebel emrais
9. a very, very dangerous aotnitusi
10. get Syria's government to end its igngifht
11. reertlib acts
12. national siutyerc

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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## Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) situation". She said "all responsible nations" must act to get Syria's government to end its
- ( ) back by firing shells into Syria. Turkey's foreign minister also asked NATO for
- ( ) and her four children in Turkey. The incident is the first time Turkey's citizens have been killed
- ( ) help against Syria. NATO held an emergency meeting to show support for Ankara while telling
- ( ) by Syria since the Syrian civil war began in March 2011. Turkey immediately hit
- ( ) countries. Turkey is helping the rebel armies in Syria, while Iran is giving
- ( **1** ) Syria increased regional tensions on Wednesday after a Syrian missile killed a mother
- ( ) There are fears that the trouble in Syria could spread across its borders into neighbouring
- ( ) support to Syria's government. Hillary Clinton said it was "a very, very dangerous
- ( ) unanswered such [terrible acts] by the Syrian regime against our national security."
- ( ) fighting. Turkey's Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said: "Turkey will never leave
- ( ) Syria to follow international law. The organization also discussed other options.

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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**With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.**

1. tensions Wednesday Syria regional on increased.

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2. a mother and her 4 children A Syrian missile killed.

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3. been time killed Turkey's citizens The have first.

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4. law Telling to international Syria follow.

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5. other organization discussed options The also.

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6. spread borders trouble could its The Syria across in.

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7. Syria the rebel Turkey armies is in helping.

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8. said She act must nations responsible all.

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9. government Syria's Get fighting its end to.

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10. Such regime Syrian the by acts terrible.

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

### **STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

### **STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

## WRITING

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**Write about Syria for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.**

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# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. SYRIA:** Search the Internet and find more information about what's happening in Syria. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about Syria's attack on Turkey. Include an imaginary interview with people on both sides. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**5. LETTER:** Write a letter to a Syria expert. Ask him/her three questions about Syria. Give him/her three of your opinions on its future. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.