



## **The United Nations**

The UN is an organization made up of 193 member states. Its main aim is to maintain international peace and security and encourage friendly relations between countries. The UN Charter means this work includes:

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- protecting \_\_\_\_\_ rights
- delivering \_\_\_\_\_ aid
- promoting \_\_\_\_\_ development (SDGs)
- upholding \_\_\_\_\_ law

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## **The Structure of the UN**

Some important parts of the UN:

The General Assembly

The General Assembly has representatives from every member state and they have one vote each. It is the main body for debates and discussions.

The Security Council

The Security Council is made up of 5 permanent representatives: China, France, Russia, UK and USA plus 10 other representatives elected for two year terms. The decisions made by the Security Council is binding on all member states.

2. Who is António Guterres and what is his role?

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**Programmes and funds**  
 Paid by voluntary contributions  
 Such as:  
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**Specialised agencies**  
 Independent international  
 organisations paid by voluntary  
 and assessed contributions  
 Such as:  
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3. Choose two and find out more about them

- a. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- b. \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Match the correct term with the method of trying to reduce conflicts

Peace keepers

Restrictions or bans that are imposed on a country that is not acting in a way that the UN considers as correct.

No fly zones

Temporarily stopping the fighting often to try to discuss ending the conflict.

Sanctions

Often called **Blue Berets** or **Blue Helmets**, people who can be soldiers, police officers, or civilian personnel from a member state to help keep peace

Ceasefires

An area established by a military power over which certain aircraft are not permitted to fly.

5. Choose one of these methods that the UN uses to try to reduce conflict and research it.

6. Find one real life example

Method: \_\_\_\_\_

Example: \_\_\_\_\_

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Below are 5 functions of the UN:

- Maintain international peace and security
- Promote sustainable development (SDGs)
- Protect human rights
- Deliver humanitarian aid
- Uphold international law

7. What does the UN do to maintain international peace and security?

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8. What do you think could be done to improve the UN's ability to improve international peace and security?

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A current way the UN is trying to reduce conflict is the Treaty on the Prohibition Nuclear Weapons (TPNW).

9. What is a treaty?

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8. What are nuclear weapons?

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9. What does prohibition mean?

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10. Why did 122 member states sign the TPNW?

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As of 8.1.21, 51 countries had ratified the Treaty. Britain has not ratified it.

11. Why do you think Britain has not ratified it? (refer to the factsheet)

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