

# Collocations

## Lesson 24 War /peace Quiz Answers

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Special report:

**Tensions** are rising between the residents of Earth and Mars, causing some to speculate that the **fragile** peace between the two planets may soon come to an end. The latest round of violence **erupted** when Martian soldiers **stationed** at the Martian embassy on Earth opened **fire** on a group of Earth residents who were protesting outside the consulate.

Although war has not been **declared**, both planets are ready to react if the other launches an **offensive**. There are rumors that Mars has been **stockpiling** illegal weapons to defend itself from Earth's much better-equipped military.

Diplomats from both planets are doing everything possible to bring **stability** to the situation, but there are concerns that radical extremist groups on Earth may be planning an **unprovoked** attack for the express purpose of causing a war to **break out**.

Everyone remembers the **horrors** of the last interplanetary war, in which the **decisive** battle resulted in hundreds of thousands of civilian **casualties** and a large number of refugees who **fled** to the colony on the Moon.

Even after a **ceasefire** was negotiated, isolated incidents of violence against Martian citizens brought the two planets to the **brink** of war several times. The president of Earth has authorized the recruitment and training of additional peacekeeping **forces**; however, a **lasting** peace continues to be a complicated issue for our Solar System.