

Diplomacy

Definition: Efforts to maintain and/or improve relations between different countries. The chief diplomat of the U.S. is the president, with the Secretary of State, who oversees the U.S. State Department, tasked with primary responsibility for actually carrying out diplomacy efforts.

Examples: negotiating trade deals, discussing mutual problems, implementing new policies, tackling disputes



Espionage

Definition: The practice of spying on or stealing information from another country to gain political and/or military advantage.

Examples: hacking, cyber attacks, wiretapping or eavesdropping, undercover agents



Humanitarian Aid

Definition: Help focused on improving the health and/or wellbeing of other people. Humanitarian efforts can include providing food, medical care and supplies, education and other necessities to either a group of people or entire nation in need.

Examples: providing food, shelter, safe drinking water, improved sanitation and/or hygiene, emergency healthcare services, child protection programs, education



Military Action



Definition: Utilizing military forces to wage war, defend our nation or others, and/or maintain a peacekeeping presence in another country or region.

Examples: invading another country, defending another country, using the military to keep peace between two different sides

Peacekeeping Operations

Definition: Enforcing a truce or armistice between nations or groups within a nation by utilizing military force, typically an international coalition.

Examples: conflict prevention and mediation, peacemaking, peace enforcement, peacebuilding



UN

Sanctions

Definition: A penalty for disobeying an international rule, law, or norm.

Examples: freezing assets, travel and visa restrictions, an embargo on the import and/or export of goods



War

Definition: An armed conflict between nations or between parties within a nation, including regular or irregular military forces

Examples: war of independence, war of liberation, civil war, invasion, religious war

*The US has not *declared* war since WWII



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