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## Iran and U.S. in talks to revive nuclear deal

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210408-iran-nuclear-deal.html>

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Negotiators on both sides say the talks will be difficult and neither side foresees any early breakthroughs. US President Joe Biden is keen to re-engage with Iran and revive the nuclear deal. He hopes Iran will resume its compliance with the 2015 deal. US negotiator Robert Malley said: "The primary issues to be discussed are actually quite simple. They are, on the one hand, the nuclear steps that Iran would need to take to return to compliance with the 2015 nuclear accord, and on the other hand, the sanctions-relief steps that the United States would need to take." Iran said it is ready to "reverse its remedial measures, which were taken because of the opposite side's violation of the treaty."

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# WARM-UPS

**1. NUCLEAR WEAPONS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about nuclear weapons. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

talks / nuclear / deal / officials / discussions / revival / weapons / intentions / develop negotiators / compliance / primary / issues / steps / hand / remedial / measures

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. MORATORIUM:** Students A **strongly** believe there should be a moratorium (total ban) on nuclear weapons; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. IRAN:** Go online and find out about these things about Iran. What did you find out? What do you think of these things? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

|             | What I Found Out | What I Think? |
|-------------|------------------|---------------|
| Food        |                  |               |
| Literature  |                  |               |
| Religion    |                  |               |
| Sightseeing |                  |               |
| History     |                  |               |
| Language    |                  |               |

**5. DEAL:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "deal". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. ENERGY:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best forms of energy at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Nuclear
- Solar
- Oil
- Bio-fuel
- Wind power
- Hydro-electricity
- Tidal energy
- Thermal energy

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                 |                                                                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. revive       | a. A thing one set out to do; an aim or plan.                                              |
| 2. resume       | b. A person who acts as a link between people in order to try to bring about an agreement. |
| 3. intermediary | c. Stop from happening; restrain or keep in check.                                         |
| 4. pact         | d. Bring back to how it was before.                                                        |
| 5. curb         | e. Having been deserted or cast off.                                                       |
| 6. abandoned    | f. Begin to do or pursue something again after a pause or interruption                     |
| 7. intention    | g. A formal agreement between individuals or parties.                                      |

## Paragraph 2

- |                  |                                                                                             |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8. negotiator    | h. The action or fact of following a wish or command.                                       |
| 9. foresee       | i. Action taken by a nation to get another nation to conform to an international agreement. |
| 10. breakthrough | j. The action of breaking rules.                                                            |
| 11. compliance   | k. Be aware of beforehand; predict.                                                         |
| 12. sanctions    | l. Giving or intended as a cure.                                                            |
| 13. remedial     | m. A sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development.                              |
| 14. violation    | n. A person who conducts talks and discussions.                                             |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210408-iran-nuclear-deal.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. There will be high-level face-to-face meetings at the talks. **T / F**
- b. The talks will take place in the city of Vienna. **T / F**
- c. Officials from Asia and Africa will act as intermediaries at the talks. **T / F**
- d. Donald Trump's government abandoned the 2015 pact. **T / F**
- e. The negotiators say they predict a few early breakthroughs. **T / F**
- f. A U.S. negotiator said the primary issues are extremely complicated. **T / F**
- g. The U.S. negotiator said he would talk about sanctions-relief steps. **T / F**
- h. Iran said it is ready to reverse remedial measures it took. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                          |                |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| <b>1. revive</b>         | a. breach      |
| <b>2. intermediaries</b> | b. agreement   |
| <b>3. pact</b>           | c. anticipates |
| <b>4. intended</b>       | d. refuted     |
| <b>5. denied</b>         | e. go-betweens |
| <b>6. foresees</b>       | f. adherence   |
| <b>7. compliance</b>     | g. measures    |
| <b>8. primary</b>        | h. resuscitate |
| <b>9. steps</b>          | i. main        |
| <b>10. violation</b>     | j. meant       |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                     |                            |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. set                              | a. have had any intentions |
| 2. At this early                    | b. with the 2015 deal      |
| 3. there will be no face-to-face    | c. need to take            |
| 4. economic                         | d. stage                   |
| 5. denied they                      | e. of the treaty           |
| 6. neither side foresees any        | f. sanctions               |
| 7. resume its compliance            | g. to resume               |
| 8. steps that Iran would            | h. its remedial measures   |
| 9. Iran said it is ready to reverse | i. meetings                |
| 10. the opposite side's violation   | j. early breakthroughs     |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210408-iran-nuclear-deal.html>

Talks between Iran and the USA to (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the 2015 Iran nuclear deal are set to resume. At this early (2) \_\_\_\_\_, the discussions will be indirect and there will be no face-to-face meetings between high-(3) \_\_\_\_\_ officials. The discussions will take place in Vienna and European officials will act as intermediaries. On the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ is the revival of the 2015 pact under which economic (5) \_\_\_\_\_ on Iran were eased in return for (6) \_\_\_\_\_ on Iran's nuclear program. This pact was intended to make it harder for Iran to develop nuclear weapons and was (7) \_\_\_\_\_ by Donald Trump under his administration. Officials in Tehran have always denied they have had any intentions to develop (8) \_\_\_\_\_ weapons.

*abandoned*  
*level*  
*sanctions*  
*revive*  
*such*  
*stage*  
*table*  
*curbs*

Negotiators on both sides say the talks will be difficult and (9) \_\_\_\_\_ side foresees any early breakthroughs. US President Joe Biden is keen to re-engage with Iran and revive the nuclear deal. He hopes Iran will (10) \_\_\_\_\_ its compliance with the 2015 deal. US negotiator Robert Malley said: "The (11) \_\_\_\_\_ issues to be discussed are actually quite simple. They are, on the one (12) \_\_\_\_\_, the nuclear steps that Iran would need to take to return to compliance with the 2015 nuclear (13) \_\_\_\_\_, and on the other hand, the sanctions-relief (14) \_\_\_\_\_ that the United States would need to take." Iran said it is ready to "reverse its (15) \_\_\_\_\_ measures, which were taken because of the opposite side's (16) \_\_\_\_\_ of the treaty."

*hand*  
*violation*  
*resume*  
*accord*  
*remedial*  
*neither*  
*primary*  
*steps*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210408-iran-nuclear-deal.html>

- 1) Talks between Iran and the USA to revive the 2015 Iran nuclear deal are \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. set to resume
  - b. set to presume
  - c. set to assume
  - d. set to consume
- 2) there will be no face-to-face meetings between \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. high-level official
  - b. high-level officially
  - c. high-level office shawls
  - d. high-level officials
- 3) On the table is the revival of the 2015 pact under which \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. economics sanctions
  - b. economical sanctions
  - c. economically sanctions
  - d. economic sanctions
- 4) harder for Iran to develop nuclear weapons and \_\_\_\_\_ Donald Trump
  - a. was a band donned by
  - b. was abandon do by
  - c. was abandoned by
  - d. was abs band on by
- 5) Officials in Tehran have always denied they have \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. had any indentures
  - b. had any intentions
  - c. had any indentured
  - d. had any intentional
- 6) the talks will be difficult and neither side foresees \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. any early breaks through
  - b. any early breaks threw
  - c. any early brake thoughts
  - d. any early breakthroughs
- 7) revive the nuclear deal. He hopes Iran will \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. resume its compliance
  - b. resume its competence
  - c. resume its companies
  - d. resume its comply ants
- 8) steps that Iran would need to take to return to compliance with the 2015 \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. nuclear record
  - b. nuclear a chord
  - c. nuclear a cord
  - d. nuclear accord
- 9) Iran said it is ready to reverse \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. its remedy measures
  - b. its redial measures
  - c. its remedial measures
  - d. its remedy ail measures
- 10) which were taken because of the opposite side's violation \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. of the treaty
  - b. oft the treaty
  - c. aft the treaty
  - d. off the treaty

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210408-iran-nuclear-deal.html>

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Negotiators (7) \_\_\_\_\_ say the talks will be difficult and neither side foresees any early breakthroughs. US President Joe Biden is (8) \_\_\_\_\_ with Iran and revive the nuclear deal. He hopes Iran will resume its compliance with the 2015 deal. US negotiator Robert Malley said: "The (9) \_\_\_\_\_ be discussed are actually quite simple. They are, on the one hand, the nuclear steps that Iran would need to take to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ with the 2015 nuclear accord, and on the other hand, the (11) \_\_\_\_\_ that the United States would need to take." Iran said it is ready to "reverse its remedial measures, which were taken because of the opposite side's (12) \_\_\_\_\_ treaty."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210408-iran-nuclear-deal.html>

1. At what stage of the meetings will discussions be indirect?
2. In what European city will the discussions take place?
3. What things were eased in the 2015 pact?
4. What was the pact intended to make it harder for Iran to do?
5. Who said Iran never had any intentions to develop nuclear weapons?
6. What do negotiators not foresee in the talks?
7. Who is keen to re-engage with Iran?
8. What did a U.S. negotiator say about the primary issues?
9. What kinds of steps did the negotiator say the US would need to take?
10. What did Iran say it would reverse?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210408-iran-nuclear-deal.html>

- 1) At what stage of the meetings will discussions be indirect?
  - a) stage three
  - b) at the early stages
  - c) towards the end
  - d) in the middle
- 2) In what European city will the discussions take place?
  - a) Berlin
  - b) Paris
  - c) London
  - d) Vienna
- 3) What things were eased in the 2015 pact?
  - a) economic sanctions in Iran
  - b) discussions
  - c) tensions
  - d) demands
- 4) What was the pact intended to make it harder for Iran to do?
  - a) sell nuclear power
  - b) buy nuclear weapons
  - c) develop nuclear weapons
  - d) use nuclear power
- 5) Who said Iran never had any intentions to develop nuclear weapons?
  - a) the US president
  - b) officials in Tehran
  - c) Iran's president
  - d) negotiators
- 6) What do negotiators not foresee in the talks?
  - a) early breakthroughs
  - b) a miracle
  - c) any progress
  - d) friction
- 7) Who is keen to re-engage with Iran?
  - a) the world
  - b) Iran's neighbours
  - c) the US president
  - d) China
- 8) What did a U.S. negotiator say about the primary issues?
  - a) they are quite simple
  - b) they are secondary
  - c) not much
  - d) a lot
- 9) What kinds of steps did the negotiator say the US would need to take?
  - a) sanctions-relief steps
  - b) baby steps
  - c) dance steps
  - d) complicated steps
- 10) What did Iran say it would reverse?
  - a) its decisions
  - b) its policies
  - c) nuclear fission
  - d) remedial measures

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Nuclear**

You think nuclear is the best form of energy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their forms. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): solar, energy from oil or tidal.

## **Role B – Solar**

You think solar is the best form of energy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their forms. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): nuclear, energy from oil or tidal.

## **Role C – Oil**

You think energy from oil is the best form of energy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their forms. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): solar, nuclear or tidal.

## **Role D – Tidal**

You think tidal is the best form of energy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their forms. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): solar, energy from oil or nuclear.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210408-iran-nuclear-deal.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'nuclear' and 'deal'.

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| <b>nuclear</b> | <b>deal</b> |
|----------------|-------------|

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

|                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• resume</li><li>• face</li><li>• table</li><li>• eased</li><li>• abandoned</li><li>• denied</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• difficult</li><li>• hopes</li><li>• primary</li><li>• hand</li><li>• steps</li><li>• opposite</li></ul> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

# NUCLEAR WEAPONS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about nuclear weapons in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

|      | STUDENT 1<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Q.1. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.2. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.3. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.4. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.5. |                    |                    |                    |

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# NUCLEAR WEAPONS DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'nuclear'?
3. What do you know about the 2015 Iran nuclear deal?
4. What do you think about nuclear power?
5. What do you think about nuclear weapons?
6. What do you know about Iran?
7. Why did the U.S. impose sanctions on Iran?
8. How effective are sanctions?
9. How successful do you think the discussions will be?
10. What advice do you have for the negotiators?

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# NUCLEAR WEAPONS DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'deal'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Why do some countries have nuclear weapons?
15. How good are you at negotiating?
16. What are your country's relations with Iran and the USA like?
17. What do you think this situation will be like a year from now?
18. Why does Iran think the USA violated the 2015 treaty?
19. Should any country have nuclear weapons?
20. What questions would you like to ask the negotiators?

## **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. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210408-iran-nuclear-deal.html>

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## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |              |             |               |             |
|-----|--------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1.  | (a) revive   | (b) revival | (c) revivify  | (d) rev     |
| 2.  | (a) none     | (b) not     | (c) no        | (d) no-no   |
| 3.  | (a) give     | (b) have    | (c) take      | (d) do      |
| 4.  | (a) who      | (b) them    | (c) that      | (d) which   |
| 5.  | (a) intended | (b) intends | (c) intention | (d) intend  |
| 6.  | (a) for      | (b) such    | (c) lots      | (d) so      |
| 7.  | (a) all      | (b) both    | (c) either    | (d) neither |
| 8.  | (a) keenly   | (b) keen    | (c) key       | (d) keep    |
| 9.  | (a) quit     | (b) quiet   | (c) quite     | (d) quilt   |
| 10. | (a) by       | (b) of      | (c) at        | (d) to      |
| 11. | (a) relic    | (b) relive  | (c) relieve   | (d) relief  |
| 12. | (a) oft      | (b) of      | (c) aft       | (d) off     |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210408-iran-nuclear-deal.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. set to sermue
2. officials will act as eemisardnreit
3. economic tcanisn
4. ndbaeaod by Donald Trump
5. Officials in Tehran have always deinde they have
6. tntniesoni to develop such weapons

## Paragraph 2

7. osnrogittea on both sides
8. resume its pemlcancoi with the 2015 deal
9. the 2015 nuclear aodccr
10. The yrpmira issues
11. reverse its mlereida measures
12. the opposite side's tvoiainol of the treaty

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210408-iran-nuclear-deal.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( **1** ) Talks between Iran and the USA to revive the 2015 Iran nuclear deal are set to resume. At this early
- ( ) stage, the discussions will be indirect and there will be no face-to-face meetings between high-
- ( ) Negotiators on both sides say the talks will be difficult and neither side foresees any early
- ( ) denied they have had any intentions to develop such weapons.
- ( ) return to compliance with the 2015 nuclear accord, and on the other hand, the sanctions-relief
- ( ) steps that the United States would need to take." Iran said it is ready to "reverse its remedial
- ( ) weapons and was abandoned by Donald Trump under his administration. Officials in Tehran have always
- ( ) measures, which were taken because of the opposite side's violation of the treaty."
- ( ) level officials. The discussions will take place in Vienna and European officials will act as
- ( ) with the 2015 deal. US negotiator Robert Malley said: "The primary issues to be discussed are actually quite
- ( ) breakthroughs. US President Joe Biden is keen to re-engage with Iran and revive the nuclear deal. He hopes Iran will resume its compliance
- ( ) for curbs on Iran's nuclear program. This pact was intended to make it harder for Iran to develop nuclear
- ( ) intermediaries. On the table is the revival of the 2015 pact under which economic sanctions on Iran were eased in return
- ( ) simple. They are, on the one hand, the nuclear steps that Iran would need to take to

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210408-iran-nuclear-deal.html>

1. discussions this be early will At stage, indirect .
2. will officials . There meetings between face-to-face no be
3. return . were Iran sanctions eased on Economic in
4. make harder . it This to was pact intended
5. have had any they Denied to intentions develop .
6. He resume Iran will its hopes compliance .
7. actually are to discussed simple . be Issues quite
8. the nuclear to accord . with 2015 Return compliance
9. sanctions-relief States The steps would the need . United
10. said ready measures . Iran it's to reverse remedial

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210408-iran-nuclear-deal.html>

Talks between Iran and the USA to *relive / revive* the 2015 Iran nuclear deal are set to resume. At this early *state / stage*, the discussions will be indirect and there will be *not / no* face-to-face meetings between high-level officials. The discussions will *take / give* place in Vienna and European officials will act *was / as* intermediaries. On the table is the revival of the 2015 *pact / packed* under which economic sanctions on Iran were eased in return for *kerbs / curbs* on Iran's nuclear program. This pact was *intention / intended* to make it harder for Iran to develop nuclear weapons and was abandoned by Donald Trump *under / below* his administration. Officials in Tehran have always denied they have had any intentions to develop *so / such* weapons.

Negotiators on *both / either* sides say the talks will be difficult and *either / neither* side foresees any early breakthroughs. US President Joe Biden is *keen / keenly* to re-engage with Iran and revive the nuclear deal. He hopes Iran will resume its *competence / compliance* with the 2015 deal. US negotiator Robert Malley said: "The primary issues to be discussed are *actually / actual* quite simple. They are, on the one *palm / hand*, the nuclear steps that Iran would need to take to return to compliance with the 2015 nuclear *record / accord*, and on the other hand, the sanctions-relief steps *what / that* the United States would need to take." Iran said it is ready *for / to* "reverse its remedial measures, which were taken because of the opposite side's violation *at / of* the treaty."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Talks between Iran and the US to revive the 2015 Iran nuclear deal set to resume. At this early stage, the discussions will be indirect and there will be no face-to-face meetings between high-level officials. The discussions will take place in Vienna and preparatory officials will contact counterparts. In the meantime, the revival of the 2015 pact under which commitments in Iran were suspended in return for credits in Iran's nuclear program. This pact was intended to make it harder for Iran to develop nuclear weapons and was bound by Donald Trump and his administration. Officials in Tehran have always denied they have had any intentions to develop such weapons.

Negotiators on both sides say the talks will be difficult and neither side fears any early breakthroughs. US President Joe Biden says he is talking with Iran and revive the nuclear deal. He hopes Iran will resume its compliance with the 2015 deal. US negotiator Robert Malley said: "The primary issues to be discussed are directly related to the primary issues that, on the one hand, the nuclear steps that Iran would need to take to return to compliance with the 2015 nuclear accord, and on the other hand, the sanctions-related steps that the United States would need to take." Iran said it is ready to "reverse its removal of measures, which were taken because of the apparent US side's violation of the treaty."

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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negotiators on both sides say the talks will be difficult and neither side foresees any early breakthroughs us president joe biden is keen to reengage with iran and revive the nuclear deal he hopes iran will resume its compliance with the 2015 deal us negotiator robert malley said the primary issues to be discussed are actually quite simple they are on the one hand the nuclear steps that iran would need to take to return to compliance with the 2015 nuclear accord and on the other hand the sanctions-relief steps that the united states would need to take iran said it is ready to reverse its remedial measures which were taken because of the opposite sides violation of the treaty

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. NUCLEAR WEAPONS:** Make a poster about nuclear weapons. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. MORATORIUM:** Write a magazine article about there being a moratorium (ban) on all nuclear weapons. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. 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.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on nuclear weapons. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on nuclear weapons. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d    2. f    3. b    4. g    5. c    6. e    7. a  
8. n    9. k    10. m    11. h    12. i    13. l    14. j

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F    b T    c F    d T    e F    f F    g T    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

|      |      |      |      |       |
|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. h | 2. e | 3. b | 4. j | 5. d  |
| 6. c | 7. f | 8. i | 9. g | 10. a |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- At the early stage
- Vienna
- Economic sanctions on Iran
- Develop nuclear weapons
- Officials in Tehran
- Early breakthroughs
- US President Joe Biden
- They are quite simple
- Sanctions-relief steps
- Remedial measures

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- At this early stage, discussions will be indirect.
- There will be no face-to-face meetings between officials.
- Economic sanctions on Iran were eased in return.
- This pact was intended to make it harder.
- Denied they have had any intentions to develop.
- He hopes Iran will resume its compliance.
- Issues to be discussed are actually quite simple.
- Return to compliance with the 2015 nuclear accord.
- The sanctions-relief steps the United States would need.
- Iran said it's ready to reverse remedial measures.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b    2. d    3. a    4. c    5. b    6. a    7. c    8. a    9. a    10. d

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)