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**Level 4 – 8th April, 2021**

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

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**Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210408-iran-nuclear-deal-4.html>

Iran and the USA will talk to restart a 2015 nuclear deal. There will be no face-to-face meetings between high-level officials. On the table for discussion is the revival of the 2015 pact. That deal reduced economic sanctions on Iran. The pact was meant to make it harder for Iran to develop nuclear weapons. Donald Trump abandoned it. Iranian officials have always denied they have had any plans to develop nuclear weapons.

Negotiators say the talks will be difficult. There may not be any early breakthroughs. A US negotiator said: "The primary issues to be discussed 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 US needs to take." Iran will "reverse its remedial measures...taken because of the opposite side's violation of the treaty".

Sources: [https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/us-iran-talks-nuclear-deal/2021/04/05/8fc279dc-962e-11eb-b28d-bfa7bb5cb2a5\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/us-iran-talks-nuclear-deal/2021/04/05/8fc279dc-962e-11eb-b28d-bfa7bb5cb2a5_story.html)  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. restart a 2015   | a. level officials |
| 2. face-to-face     | b. nuclear weapons |
| 3. high-            | c. abandoned it    |
| 4. On the table for | d. harder          |
| 5. economic         | e. nuclear deal    |
| 6. make it          | f. sanctions       |
| 7. Donald Trump     | g. meetings        |
| 8. plans to develop | h. discussion      |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                      |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Negotiators say the talks  | a. need to take      |
| 2. There may not be any early | b. be discussed      |
| 3. The primary issues to      | c. treaty            |
| 4. on the one                 | d. nuclear accord    |
| 5. steps that Iran would      | e. will be difficult |
| 6. compliance with the 2015   | f. hand              |
| 7. remedial                   | g. breakthroughs     |
| 8. violation of the           | h. measures          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210408-iran-nuclear-deal-4.html>

Iran and the USA will (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a 2015 nuclear deal.

There will be no face-to-face meetings between

(2) \_\_\_\_\_. On the table for discussion is the revival of

the 2015 pact. That deal reduced (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Iran. The

pact was meant to make (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Iran to develop

nuclear weapons. Donald Trump abandoned it. Iranian officials

(5) \_\_\_\_\_ they have had any

(6) \_\_\_\_\_ nuclear weapons.

Negotiators say the talks will be difficult. There may not

(7) \_\_\_\_\_ breakthroughs. A US negotiator said: "The

primary issues to (8) \_\_\_\_\_...on the one hand, the

nuclear steps that Iran would (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to return to

compliance with the 2015 nuclear accord, and (10) \_\_\_\_\_

hand, the sanctions-(11) \_\_\_\_\_ the US needs to take."

Iran will "reverse its remedial measures...taken because of the opposite

side's violation (12) \_\_\_\_\_".

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# NUCLEAR WEAPONS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210408-iran-nuclear-deal-4.html>

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 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
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.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

