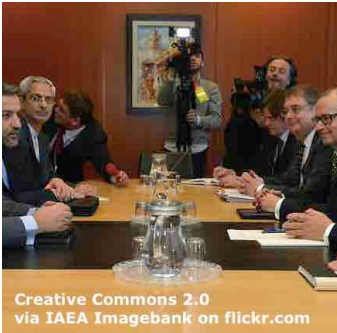


## Iran and U.S. in talks to revive nuclear deal

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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-level officials. The discussions will take place in Vienna

and European officials will act as intermediaries. On the table is the revival of the 2015 pact under which economic sanctions on Iran were eased in return for curbs on Iran's nuclear program. This pact was intended to make it harder for Iran to develop nuclear weapons and was abandoned by Donald Trump under 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 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."

Sources: [washingtonpost.com](https://www.washingtonpost.com) / [aljazeera.com](https://www.aljazeera.com) / [voanews.com](https://www.voanews.com)

### Writing

The talks between the USA and Iran will work. Discuss.

### Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

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

### True / False

- 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

### Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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

### Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you know about the 2015 Iran nuclear deal?
- b) What do you think about nuclear power?
- c) What do you think about nuclear weapons?
- d) What do you know about Iran?
- e) Why did the U.S. impose sanctions on Iran?
- f) How effective are sanctions?
- g) How successful do you think the discussions will be?
- h) What advice do you have for the negotiators?

## Phrase Match

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 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     |

## Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- Why do some countries have nuclear weapons?
- How good are you at negotiating?
- What are your country's relations with Iran and the USA like?
- What do you think this situation will be like a year from now?
- Why does Iran think the USA violated the 2015 treaty?
- Should any country have nuclear weapons?
- What questions would you like to ask the negotiators?

## Spelling

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### Answers – Synonym Match

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

## Role Play

### 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.

## Speaking – Energy

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

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|--------------------|------------|
| • Wind power       | • Nuclear  |
| • Hydroelectricity | • Solar    |
| • Tidal energy     | • Oil      |
| • Thermal energy   | • Bio-fuel |

### Answers – True False

a	F	b	T	c	F	d	T	e	F	f	F	g	T	h	T
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.