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Iran's Rouhani addresses UN General Assembly

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THE READING

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Iranian President Hassan Rouhani has addressed the U.N. General Assembly, calling for "constructive engagement" that is "based on mutual respect and common interest". He pointed out that he didn't seek to increase tensions with the U.S. The speech is seen by many as a big change of direction in Iran's foreign policy and could potentially see new relations with America. The two countries have been bitter enemies for many decades. President Rouhani also pledged never to develop nuclear weapons, saying they had no place whatsoever in the defence of his country.

The Iranian leader spoke at length about Iran's nuclear program. He stressed that: "Nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction have no place in Iran's security and defence doctrine, and contradict our fundamental religious and ethical convictions." Iran could let U.N. inspectors back into its nuclear facilities. Rouhani said: "Our national interests make it imperative that we remove any and all reasonable concerns about Iran's peaceful nuclear program." He also said Iran posed no threat to the world and that the "so-called Iranian threat" was imaginary.

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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. addressed the | a. of direction |
| 2. constructive | b. to develop nuclear weapons |
| 3. based on mutual | c. engagement |
| 4. a big change | d. whatsoever |
| 5. foreign | e. enemies |
| 6. bitter | f. U.N. General Assembly |
| 7. Rouhani also pledged never | g. respect |
| 8. no place | h. policy |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. The Iranian leader spoke | a. interests |
| 2. weapons | b. threat was imaginary |
| 3. Iran's security and | c. convictions |
| 4. ethical | d. of mass destruction |
| 5. nuclear | e. at length |
| 6. national | f. facilities |
| 7. Iran posed | g. defence doctrine |
| 8. the so-called Iranian | h. no threat to the world |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Iranian President Hassan Rouhani (1) _____ General Assembly, calling for " (2) _____ " that is "based on mutual respect and common interest". He pointed out (3) _____ to increase tensions with the U.S. The speech is seen by many as a big change of direction in Iran's foreign policy and (4) _____ new relations with America. The two countries have (5) _____ for many decades. President Rouhani also pledged never to develop nuclear weapons, saying they had (6) _____ in the defence of his country.

The Iranian leader (7) _____ about Iran's nuclear program. He stressed that: "Nuclear weapons and (8) _____ destruction have no place in Iran's (9) _____ doctrine, and contradict our fundamental religious and (10) _____." Iran could let U.N. inspectors back into its nuclear facilities. Rouhani said: "Our national interests (11) _____ that we remove any and all reasonable concerns about Iran's peaceful nuclear program." He also said Iran (12) _____ world and that the "so-called Iranian threat" was imaginary.

IRAN SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Iran 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) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

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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) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

