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**Level 5 – 16th June 2025**

## Iran and Israel continue to exchange airstrikes

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2506/250616-iran-israel-airstrikes-5.html>

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**Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2506/250616-iran-israel-airstrikes-5.html>

The conflict between Israel and Iran is escalating as the two nations exchange waves of ballistic missile attacks. This latest crisis in the Middle East comes after Israel launched airstrikes against Iran on Friday, which destroyed Iranian military targets and missile launchers. It also killed senior military figures and nine nuclear scientists. Israel's prime minister said his country's actions were to "thwart the Islamic regime's nuclear and ballistic missile threat". They came a day after the International Atomic Energy Agency said Iran was in breach of its nuclear non-proliferation obligations.

Iran's capital Tehran was bombed for the first time since the Iran-Iraq War ended in 1988. Iran's leader said Israel has started a war. He said: "Our response will not be half-hearted". Iran said Israel would pay a "heavy price" for its attacks. However, the Israeli military reported Iran fired fewer than 100 missiles. Israel's leader spoke directly to the Iranian people. He told them: "We are clearing the path for you to achieve your freedom. The regime does not know what will hit it. It has never been weaker. This is your opportunity to stand up and let your voices be heard."

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                  |                            |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. exchange waves of ballistic   | a. obligations             |
| 2. This latest crisis            | b. airstrikes against Iran |
| 3. Israel launched               | c. launchers               |
| 4. military targets and missile  | d. regime                  |
| 5. senior military               | e. breach                  |
| 6. thwart the Islamic            | f. missile attacks         |
| 7. Iran was in                   | g. figures                 |
| 8. its nuclear non-proliferation | h. in the Middle East      |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                            |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Iran's capital Tehran          | a. hearted                 |
| 2. for the first time since the   | b. your freedom            |
| 3. Our response will not be half- | c. to stand up             |
| 4. Israel would pay a heavy       | d. Iran-Iraq War ended     |
| 5. Iran fired                     | e. be heard                |
| 6. the path for you to achieve    | f. fewer than 100 missiles |
| 7. This is your opportunity       | g. was bombed              |
| 8. let your voices                | h. price                   |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The conflict between Israel and Iran (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the two nations (2) \_\_\_\_\_ ballistic missile attacks. This (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the Middle East comes after Israel launched airstrikes against Iran on Friday, which destroyed Iranian military targets and missile launchers. It also killed (4) \_\_\_\_\_ and nine nuclear scientists. Israel's prime minister said his country's actions were (5) \_\_\_\_\_ Islamic regime's nuclear and ballistic missile threat". They came a day after the International Atomic Energy Agency said Iran was in breach of its nuclear (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Iran's capital Tehran (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the first time since the Iran-Iraq War ended in 1988. Iran's leader said Israel has started a war. He said: "Our (8) \_\_\_\_\_ be half-hearted". Iran said Israel would pay a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ its attacks. However, the Israeli military reported Iran (10) \_\_\_\_\_ 100 missiles. Israel's leader spoke directly to the Iranian people. He told them: "We are clearing the path for you to achieve your freedom. (11) \_\_\_\_\_ not know what will hit it. It has never been weaker. This is your opportunity to stand up and let your (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# ISRAEL AND IRAN SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2506/250616-iran-israel-airstrikes-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Israel and 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

## WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2506/250616-iran-israel-airstrikes-5.html>

Write about **Israel and Iran** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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