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Iran and Israel continue to exchange airstrikes

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2506/250616-iran-israel-airstrikes.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 its biggest ever airstrikes against Iran on Friday. It destroyed Iranian military targets and missile launchers. It also killed the head of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards, plus senior military figures and nine nuclear scientists. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said his country's operation was to "thwart the Islamic regime's nuclear and ballistic missile threat". Israel's military actions came a day after the International Atomic Energy Agency said Iran was "in breach of its [nuclear] non-proliferation obligations".

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WARM-UPS

1. ISRAEL AND IRAN: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Israel and Iran. 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?

conflict / Israel / Iran / crisis / missiles / military / scientist / non-proliferation / threat
capital city / war / response / a heavy price / freedom / regime / opportunity / voices

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

3. DISARMAMENT: Students A **strongly** believe all nuclear-armed countries should disarm; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. CONFLICTS: What do you know about these conflicts? What do you want to know? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	What I Want to Know
Israel-Iran		
Ukraine		
Gaza		
Myanmar		
Sudan		
Congo		

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

6. PEACE: Rank these with your partner. Put the best person/party who can bring Middle East peace at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Benjamin Netanyahu
- Ayatollah Ali Khamenei
- President Donald Trump
- President Xi Jinping
- The United Nations
- The Arab League
- The European Union
- The Crisis Group

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------------|--|
| 1. conflict | a. A government, especially one that is strict or not fair. |
| 2. escalating | b. Like a missile or weapon that flies through the air. |
| 3. ballistic | c. Getting worse or becoming more serious. |
| 4. thwart | d. Stopping the spread of nuclear weapons. |
| 5. regime | e. A fight or a serious problem between people or countries. |
| 6. in breach of | f. Stop someone from doing something. |
| 7. non-proliferation | g. Not following a rule or law. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------------|--|
| 8. accused | h. Stopped something or someone before it reached the end. |
| 9. initiated | i. A good time or chance to do something. |
| 10. half-hearted | j. Making a way open and safe for someone to go. |
| 11. intercepted | k. Starting something or making something begin. |
| 12. clearing the path | l. Say "no" or fight back against something bad. |
| 13. opportunity | m. Said that someone did something wrong or illegal. |
| 14. stand up | n. Not done with much effort or interest. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

1. The article says the attacks between Iran and Israel are lessening. **T / F**
2. The article says Israel destroyed most of Iran's missile launchers. **T / F**
3. Israeli airstrikes killed many nuclear scientists. **T / F**
4. The IAEA said Iran had not followed its nuclear non-proliferation duties. **T / F**
5. Iran's capital hasn't been bombed since the Iran-Iraq War. **T / F**
6. Iran fired more than 100 missiles at Israel on Friday. **T / F**
7. Most of the missiles Iran launched failed to hit their target. **T / F**
8. Israel's leader asked the Iranian people to stand up. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------|
| 1. conflict | a. starting |
| 2. crisis | b. government |
| 3. thwart | c. blamed |
| 4. regime | d. stopped |
| 5. obligations | e. emergency |
| 6. accused | f. chance |
| 7. initiating | g. war |
| 8. intercepted | h. liberty |
| 9. freedom | i. derail |
| 10. opportunity | j. duties |

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

- | | |
|--|------------------------------|
| 1. The conflict between Israel and Iran | a. ballistic missile threat |
| 2. military targets and missile | b. to achieve your freedom |
| 3. senior military | c. proliferation obligations |
| 4. thwart the Islamic regime's nuclear and | d. what will hit it |
| 5. in breach of its nuclear non- | e. figures |
| 6. Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has accused Israel | f. your voices be heard |
| 7. most of these were either intercepted | g. is escalating |
| 8. We are clearing the path for you | h. or fell short |
| 9. The regime does not know | i. launchers |
| 10. stand up and let | j. of initiating a war |

GAP FILL

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

The conflict between Israel and Iran is (1) _____ as the two nations exchange waves of ballistic missile attacks. This latest crisis in the Middle East comes after Israel (2) _____ its biggest ever airstrikes against Iran on Friday. It destroyed Iranian military (3) _____ and missile launchers. It also killed the head of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards, plus senior (4) _____ figures and nine nuclear scientists. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said his country's operation was to " (5) _____ the Islamic regime's nuclear and ballistic missile (6) _____ ". Israel's military actions came a day after the International Atomic Energy Agency said Iran was "in (7) _____ of its [nuclear] non-proliferation (8) _____ ".

threat
targets
obligations
escalating
breach
military
launched
thwart

Iran's capital city Tehran was (9) _____ for the first time since the Iran-Iraq War in the 1980s. Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has accused Israel of (10) _____ a war. He said: "Our response will not be half-(11) _____ ". Iran said Israel would pay a "(12) _____ price" for its attacks. However, the Israeli military reported Iran fired fewer than 100 missiles. It said most of these were either (13) _____ or fell short. Netanyahu has spoken directly to the Iranian people. He told them: "We are clearing the path for you to achieve your freedom. The (14) _____ does not know what will hit it. It has never been (15) _____. This is your opportunity to stand up and let your (16) _____ be heard."

hearted
voices
initiating
intercepted
weaker
bombed
heavy
regime

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) The conflict between Israel and _____
 - a. Iran is escalation
 - b. Iran is escalate in
 - c. Iran is escalate tin
 - d. Iran is escalating
- 2) It destroyed Iranian military targets _____
 - a. and missile launchers
 - b. and fissile launchers
 - c. end missile launchers
 - d. and missiles launchers
- 3) It also killed the head of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards, plus _____
 - a. senior military figure
 - b. senior military figures
 - c. senior military figurines
 - d. senior military figurative
- 4) thwart the Islamic regime's nuclear and _____
 - a. ballistic missile threads
 - b. ballistic missile threatened
 - c. ballistic missile threat
 - d. ballistic missile thread
- 5) Iran was in breach of its nuclear _____
 - a. not-proliferation obligations
 - b. now-proliferation obligations
 - c. no-proliferation obligations
 - d. non-proliferation obligations
- 6) Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has accused Israel of _____
 - a. initiating aware
 - b. initiate aware
 - c. initiating a war
 - d. initiating a warred
- 7) Iran said Israel would pay _____
 - a. a heavy price
 - b. a heavily price
 - c. a heaving price
 - d. a heavies price
- 8) It said most of these were either intercepted _____
 - a. or fall shorten
 - b. or fallen short
 - c. or fell short
 - d. or fell shorten
- 9) We are clearing the path for you to _____
 - a. achieve yours freedom
 - b. achieve your freedom
 - c. achieved your freedom
 - d. achieve you're freedom
- 10) This is your opportunity to stand up and let your _____
 - a. voices be listened
 - b. voices be herd
 - c. voices be hoard
 - d. voices be heard

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Iran's capital city Tehran was bombed for the (7) _____ the Iran-Iraq War in the 1980s. Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has accused Israel of (8) _____. He said: "Our response will not be half-hearted". Iran said Israel would (9) _____ price for its attacks. However, the Israeli military reported Iran fired fewer than 100 missiles. It said most of these were either (10) _____ short. Netanyahu has spoken directly to the Iranian people. He told them: "We are clearing the path for you to (11) _____. The regime does not know what will hit it. It has never been weaker. This is your opportunity to stand up and let your (12) _____."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What does the article say Iran and Israel are exchanging?
2. What did Israel's airstrikes destroy besides military targets?
3. How many nuclear scientists died in the airstrikes?
4. Who said he wanted to thwart Iran's ballistic missile threat?
5. What was Iran accused or being in breach of?
6. When was the last time Tehran was bombed prior to Friday's attack?
7. What did Iran say Israel would have to pay for the attacks?
8. What happened to the missiles Iran fired at Israel?
9. What did Benjamin Netanyahu say Israel is clearing a path for?
10. What did Benjamin Netanyahu tell the Iranian people to do?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What does the article say Iran and Israel are exchanging?
 - a) prisoners of war
 - b) diplomats
 - c) waves of ballistic missile attacks
 - d) ideas to bring about peace
- 2) What did Israel's airstrikes destroy besides military targets?
 - a) missile launchers
 - b) nuclear power plants
 - c) underground bunkers
 - d) a small town
- 3) How many nuclear scientists died in the airstrikes?
 - a) 10
 - b) 9
 - c) 8
 - d) 7
- 4) Who said he wanted to thwart Iran's ballistic missile threat?
 - a) China's president Li Jinping
 - b) Ayatollah Ali Khamenei
 - c) Donald Trump
 - d) Benjamin Netanyahu
- 5) What was Iran accused of being in breach of?
 - a) a contract
 - b) international law
 - c) nuclear non-proliferation obligations
 - d) a peace treaty
- 6) When was the last time Tehran was bombed prior to Friday's attack?
 - a) the 1990s
 - b) the 1980s
 - c) the 1970s
 - d) the 1960s
- 7) What did Iran say Israel would have to pay for the attacks??
 - a) a lot
 - b) a billion dollars
 - c) the Iranian government
 - d) a heavy price
- 8) What happened to the missiles Iran fired at Israel?
 - a) They were all shot down.
 - b) They were intercepted or fell short.
 - c) They hit their targets.
 - d) They malfunctioned.
- 9) What did Benjamin Netanyahu say Israel is clearing a path for?
 - a) peace
 - b) freedom for the Iranian people
 - c) economic redevelopment
 - d) trees
- 10) What did Benjamin Netanyahu tell the Iranian people to do?
 - a) Stand up and let their voices be heard.
 - b) Sit down in the streets.
 - c) Go on strike.
 - d) Leave their country.

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Benjamin Netanyahu

You think Benjamin Netanyahu is best equipped to bring peace to the Middle East. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their people. Also, tell the others which is the least able of these (and why): Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, President Donald Trump, or President Xi Jinping.

Role B – Ayatollah Ali Khamenei

You think Ayatollah Ali Khamenei is best equipped to bring peace to the Middle East. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their people. Also, tell the others which is the least able of these (and why): Benjamin Netanyahu, President Donald Trump, or President Xi Jinping.

Role C – President Donald Trump

You think President Donald Trump is best equipped to bring peace to the Middle East. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their people. Also, tell the others which is the least able of these (and why): Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Benjamin Netanyahu or President Xi Jinping.

Role D – President Xi Jinping

You think President Xi Jinping is best equipped to bring peace to the Middle East. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their people. Also, tell the others which is the least able of these (and why): Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, President Donald Trump, or Benjamin Netanyahu.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'Iran' and 'Israel'.

Iran	Israel

- 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">• conflict• latest• biggest• head• thwart• breach	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• capital• time• response• short• path• stand
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ISRAEL AND IRAN SURVEY

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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.

ISRAEL AND IRAN 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 'Iran'?
3. What do you think of the latest crisis?
4. What pictures have you seen of the conflict?
5. Why are relations between the two countries so bad?
6. What other countries could be drawn into this crisis?
7. How bad could this conflict become?
8. What do you think of countries having nuclear weapons?
9. What do you know about Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu?
10. What advice do you have for the leaders of Iran and Israel?

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ISRAEL AND IRAN 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 'Israel'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How serious do you think this conflict is?
15. What has your country's leader said about this conflict?
16. Where do you see this conflict going?
17. How can this crisis be resolved?
18. Why did Benjamin Netanyahu address the Iranian people?
19. What do you know about Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei?
20. What questions would you like to ask the leaders of Iran and Israel?

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/2025/6/250616-iran-israel-airstrikes.html>

The conflict between Israel and Iran is (1) _____ as the two nations exchange waves of ballistic missile attacks. This latest (2) _____ in the Middle East comes after Israel launched its biggest ever airstrikes against Iran on Friday. It destroyed Iranian military targets and missile (3) _____. It also killed the head of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards, plus (4) _____ military figures and nine nuclear scientists. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said his country's operation was to "(5) _____ the Islamic regime's nuclear and ballistic missile threat". Israel's military actions came a day after the International Atomic Energy Agency said Iran was "in (6) _____ of its [nuclear] non-proliferation obligations".

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) entering | (b) elevating | (c) rising | (d) escalating |
| 2. | (a) crises | (b) cries | (c) critics | (d) crisis |
| 3. | (a) starters | (b) launchers | (c) triggers | (d) fires |
| 4. | (a) seniority | (b) seniors | (c) senior | (d) senses |
| 5. | (a) thwart | (b) wart | (c) worth | (d) threat |
| 6. | (a) breach | (b) broach | (c) beach | (d) batch |
| 7. | (a) in | (b) by | (c) on | (d) for |
| 8. | (a) initiating | (b) initialling | (c) infiltrating | (d) inhaling |
| 9. | (a) brained | (b) hearted | (c) faced | (d) handed |
| 10. | (a) neither | (b) ether | (c) either | (d) ever |
| 11. | (a) lane | (b) alley | (c) path | (d) trail |
| 12. | (a) listened | (b) heard | (c) caught | (d) perceived |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. waves of islamic missile attacks
2. Iranian targets
3. nine nuclear test sites
4. thwart the Islamic regime
5. Iran was in danger
6. its nuclear non-proliferation treaty

Paragraph 2

7. Ayatollah Khamenei has warned Israel
8. that a war
9. Our response will not be half-hearted
10. these were either defeat or fell short
11. clearing the path for you to enjoy your freedom
12. your promise to stand up

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () against Iran on Saturday. It destroyed Iranian military targets and missile launchers. It also killed the head
- () been weaker. This is your opportunity to stand up and let your voices be heard."
- () Energy Agency said Iran was "in breach of its [nuclear] non-proliferation obligations".
- () in the 1980s. Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has accused Israel of initiating a war. He said: "Our response
- () Iran's capital city Tehran was bombed for the first time since the Iran-Iraq War
- () military reported Iran fired fewer than 100 missiles. It said most of these were either intercepted or fell
- () missile attacks. This latest crisis in the Middle East comes after Israel launched its biggest ever airstrikes
- () of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards, plus senior military figures and nine nuclear
- () path for you to achieve your freedom. The regime does not know what will hit it. It has never
- () regime's nuclear and ballistic missile threat". Israel's military actions came a day after the International Atomic
- () scientists. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said his country's operation was to "thwart the Islamic
- () short. Netanyahu has spoken directly to the Iranian people. He told them: "We are clearing the
- (**1**) The conflict between Israel and Iran is escalating as the two nations exchange waves of ballistic
- () will not be half-hearted". Iran said Israel would pay a "heavy price" for its attacks. However, the Israeli

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. The nations missile two exchange of waves ballistic .
2. It ever airstrikes launched against Iran its biggest .
3. It destroyed missile Iranian military and launchers targets .
4. His the to was operation thwart country's regime .
5. Iran obligations its in non-proliferation of breach was .
6. Khamenei of accused a initiating has Israel war .
7. It intercepted said of most these were .
8. Clearing you freedom path achieve the to for .
9. The regime hit doesn't it what know will .
10. This to stand opportunity up your is .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

The conflict between Israel and Iran is *elevating* / *escalating* as the two nations exchange *waves* / *tides* of ballistic missile attacks. This latest *crises* / *crisis* in the Middle East comes *post* / *after* Israel launched its biggest ever airstrikes against Iran on Friday. It destroyed Iranian military targets and *fissile* / *missile* launchers. It also killed the head of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards, *plus* / *add* senior military figures and nine nuclear scientists. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said his country's operation was to "*thwart* / *dwarf* the Islamic regime's nuclear and ballistic missile *threaten* / *threat*". Israel's military actions came a day after the International Atomic Energy Agency said Iran was "in *breach* / *broach* of its [nuclear] non-proliferation *oblige*s / *obligations*".

Iran's capital city Tehran was *aplomb* / *bombed* for the first time since the Iran-Iraq War in the 1980s. Iran's *Supreme* / *Supremely* Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has *recused* / *accused* Israel of initiating a war. He said: "Our response will not be half-hearted". Iran said Israel would *serve* / *pay* a "heavy price" for its attacks. However, the Israeli military reported Iran fired *less* / *fewer* than 100 missiles. It said most of these were either *receptive* / *intercepted* or fell short. Netanyahu has spoken *directly* / *direct* to the Iranian people. He told them: "We are *clearing* / *cleaning* the path for you to achieve your freedom. The regime does not know what will hit it. It has never been *weaken* / *weaker*. This is your opportunity to stand up and let your voices be *listened* / *heard*."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

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

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Th_ c_nfl_ct b_tw__n _sr__l _nd _r_n _s _sc_l_t_ng _s
th_ tw_ n_t__ns _xch_ng_ w_v_s _f b_ll_st_c m_ss_l_
_tt_cks. Th_s l_t_st cr_s_s _n th_ M_ddl_ __st c_m_s
_ft_r _sr__l l__nch_d _ts b_gg_st _v_r __rstr_k_s
_g__nst _r_n _n Fr_d_y. _t d_str_y_d _r_n__n m_l_t_ry
t_rg_ts _nd m_ss_l_ l__nch_rs. _t _ls_ k_ll_d th_ h__d
_f _r_n's _sl_m_c R_v_l_t__n_ry G__rds, pl_s s_n__r
m_l_t_ry f_g_r_s _nd n_n_ n_cl__r sc__nt_sts. _sr__l_
Pr_m_ M_n_st_r B_nj_m_n N_t_ny_h_ s__d h_s c__ntry's
_p_r_t__n w_s t_ "thw_rt th_ _sl_m_c r_g_m_'s n_cl__r
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p__pl_. H_ t_ld th_m: "W_ _r_ cl__r_ng th_ p_th f_r
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2025/6/iran-israel-airstrikes.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 its biggest ever airstrikes against iran on friday it destroyed iranian military targets and missile launchers it also killed the head of irans islamic revolutionary guards plus senior military figures and nine nuclear scientists israeli prime minister benjamin netanyahu said his countrys operation was to thwart the islamic regimes nuclear and ballistic missile threat israels military actions came a day after the international atomic energy agency said iran was in breach of its nuclear nonproliferation obligations

irans capital city tehran was bombed for the first time since the iraniraq war in the 1980s irans supreme leader ayatollah ali khamenei has accused israel of initiating a war he said our response will not be halfhearted iran said israel would pay a heavy price for its attacks however the israeli military reported iran fired fewer than 100 missiles it said most of these were either intercepted or fell short netanyahu has spoken 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

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2506/250616-iran-israel-airstrikes.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 its biggest ever airstrikes against Iran on Friday. It destroyed Iranian military targets and missile launchers. It also killed the head of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards, plus senior military figures and nine nuclear scientists. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said his country's operation was to "thwart the Islamic regime's nuclear and ballistic missile threat". Israel's military actions came a day after the International Atomic Energy Agency said Iran was "in breach of its [nuclear] non-proliferation obligations". Iran's capital city Tehran was bombed for the first time since the Iran-Iraq War in the 1980s. Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has accused Israel of initiating 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 it fired fewer than 100 missiles. It said most of these were either intercepted or fell short. Netanyahu has spoken directly to the Iranian people. He told them: "We are clearing the path for you to achieve your freedom. There is no time to waste. 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."

FREE WRITING

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

Write about **Israel and Iran** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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ACADEMIC WRITING

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

All nuclear-armed countries should destroy their nuclear weapons. Discuss.

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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. ISRAEL AND IRAN: Make a poster about Israel and Iran. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. DISARMAMENT: Write a magazine article about all nuclear-armed countries destroying all their 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 Israel and Iran. Ask him/her three questions about the two countries. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to achieve peace between them. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 T 5 T 6 F 7 T 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Waves of ballistic missile attacks
- Missile launchers
- Nine
- Benjamin Netanyahu
- Its nuclear non-proliferation obligations
- The 1980s
- A heavy price
- They were intercepted or fell short.
- Freedom for the Iranian people
- Stand up and let their voices be heard.

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- The two nations exchange waves of ballistic missile.
- It launched its biggest ever airstrikes against Iran.
- It destroyed Iranian military targets and missile launchers.
- His country's operation was to thwart the regime.
- Iran was in breach of its non-proliferation obligations.
- Khamenei has accused Israel of initiating a war.
- It said most of these were intercepted.
- Clearing the path for you to achieve freedom.
- The regime doesn't know what will hit it.
- This is your opportunity to stand up.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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