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Level 4 – 2nd March 2026

Middle East in turmoil after attacks on Iran

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

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THE READING

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The Middle East is in turmoil after the attacks by Israel and the USA on Iran. Several Iranian cities were heavily bombed as the US attempted to destroy Iran's nuclear factories. The strikes also killed Iran's leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

President Trump wrote: "We're going to...raze their missile industry to the ground." Trump called for Iranians to rise up. He wrote: "This is the single greatest chance for the Iranian people to take back their country."

Iran immediately retaliated. It fired missiles at its neighbours. Iran's Revolutionary Guards claimed they had struck US military targets. They warned: "This operation will continue relentlessly until the enemy is decisively defeated." There are fears an escalation will create inflation and financial turmoil worldwide. Much of the world's oil travels through the Strait of Hormuz waterway, which Iran could close. Experts also warn of a refugee crisis.

Sources: <https://theconversation.com/us-israeli-attack-on-iran-risks-plunging-the-world-into-turmoil-276818>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The Middle East is in turmoil | a. nuclear factories |
| 2. Iranian cities were heavily | b. chance |
| 3. attempted to destroy Iran's | c. to the ground |
| 4. The strikes also | d. after the attacks |
| 5. raze their missile industry | e. their country |
| 6. Trump called for Iranians | f. bombed |
| 7. This is the single greatest | g. to rise up |
| 8. take back | h. killed Iran's leader |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Iran immediately | a. at its neighbours |
| 2. It fired missiles | b. refugee crisis |
| 3. they had struck US | c. relentlessly |
| 4. This operation will continue | d. inflation |
| 5. until the enemy is decisively | e. retaliated |
| 6. an escalation will create | f. travels through the Strait |
| 7. Much of the world's oil | g. military targets |
| 8. Experts also warn of a | h. defeated |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Middle East is in turmoil (1) _____ by Israel and the USA on Iran. Several Iranian cities (2) _____ as the US attempted to destroy Iran's nuclear factories. The (3) _____ Iran's leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. President Trump wrote: "We're going to... (4) _____ industry to the ground." Trump called for Iranians (5) _____. He wrote: "This is the (6) _____ for the Iranian people to take back their country."

Iran immediately retaliated. It (7) _____ its neighbours. Iran's Revolutionary Guards claimed they had struck (8) _____. They warned: "This operation will continue relentlessly until the enemy (9) _____."

There are fears an escalation will create (10) _____ turmoil worldwide. Much of the world's (11) _____ the Strait of Hormuz waterway, which Iran could close. Experts also warn of (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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THE MIDDLE EAST SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the Middle East 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) _____

