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Middle East in turmoil after attacks on Iran

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260302-middle-east-turmoil.html>

The Middle East is in turmoil after coordinated attacks by Israel and the USA on Iran on Saturday. Several Iranian cities, including the capital Tehran, were bombarded with precision-guided missiles as Washington and Jerusalem attempted once and for all to obliterate Iran's nuclear capabilities. US President Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform: "We're going to destroy their missiles and raze their missile industry to the ground." Trump called for the Iranian people to rise up and for government forces to surrender. He wrote: "This is the single greatest chance for the Iranian people to take back their country." The strikes on Tehran killed Iran's leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and key figures in Iran's military.

Iran immediately retaliated by launching missiles and drones on its neighbours, including the UAE, Bahrain, Kuwait, and Qatar. Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps claimed it had struck Israeli and US military targets in the Middle East. It warned: "This operation will continue relentlessly until the enemy is decisively defeated." There are fears this escalation will create turmoil across the globe. A quarter of the world's oil and a third of its liquefied natural gas travel through the strategic Strait of Hormuz waterway, which Iran could close. This would cause sky-high oil prices and inflation worldwide. Experts warn there could be a major refugee crisis if the conflict spirals out of control.

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WARM-UPS

1. THE MIDDLE EAST: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about the Middle East. 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?

The Middle East / turmoil / missiles / nuclear capabilities / industry / rise up / military retaliate / neighbours / military targets / enemy / oil prices / inflation / refugee crisis

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

3. PEACE: Students A **strongly** believe peace will come to the Middle East in the next ten years; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. THE FUTURE: How do you think the attacks on Iran will affect these things? What can we do to prepare for these things? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Effects	Preparations
Iranian society		
Refugees		
Oil prices		
Middle East peace		
Financial markets		
Global security		

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

6. IRAN: Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest challenges facing the Iranian people at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Ongoing war
- A refugee crisis
- Water shortages
- Internet restrictions
- Political freedom
- Economic sanctions
- Corruption
- A brain drain

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1. in turmoil | a. Attacked non-stop with bombs or missiles. |
| 2. bombarded | b. Destroy something completely. |
| 3. precision | c. In a state of great trouble, confusion, or disorder. |
| 4. obliterate | d. Stand together and fight against a government or leader. |
| 5. platform | e. A website or app where people share messages, photos, or videos. |
| 6. rise up | f. Stop fighting and say you accept defeat. |
| 7. surrender | g. Great care and exactness; being very accurate. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. retaliated | h. Quickly become worse and worse. |
| 9. relentlessly | i. A situation becoming more serious, dangerous, or more intense. |
| 10. decisively | j. A narrow area of water between two larger areas of sea. |
| 11. escalation | k. Attacked back after being attacked first. |
| 12. strait | l. In a way that is determined and non-stop. |
| 13. sky-high | m. Extremely high. |
| 14. spiral | n. In a clear and final way. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260302-middle-east-turmoil.html>

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

1. The article says American forces hit seven Iranian cities. **T / F**
2. The article says America has obliterated Iran's nuclear capabilities. **T / F**
3. President Trump called for the Iranian people to surrender. **T / F**
4. Mr Trump suggested this was a unique change for Iranians to be free. **T / F**
5. Iran took it's time in responding to the attacks on its cities. **T / F**
6. Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard said it had defeated the enemy. **T / F**
7. Around 25% of the world's oil goes through the Strait of Hormuz. **T / F**
8. The conflict could lead to a major refugee crisis. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. turmoil | a. fought back |
| 2. precision | b. give up |
| 3. obliterate | c. deteriorates |
| 4. surrender | d. accuracy |
| 5. key | e. specialists |
| 6. retaliated | f. wipe out |
| 7. relentlessly | g. leading |
| 8. escalation | h. upheaval |
| 9. experts | i. intensification |
| 10. spirals | j. non-stop |

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

- | | |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. The Middle East is in turmoil after | a. by launching missiles |
| 2. bombarded with precision- | b. Iran's military |
| 3. raze their missile industry | c. refugee crisis |
| 4. the single greatest chance | d. coordinated attacks |
| 5. key figures in | e. spirals out of control |
| 6. Iran immediately retaliated | f. guided missiles |
| 7. This operation will continue | g. high oil prices |
| 8. This would cause sky- | h. for the Iranian people |
| 9. Experts warn there could be a major | i. relentlessly |
| 10. if the conflict | j. to the ground |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260302-middle-east-turmoil.html>

The Middle East is in turmoil after (1) _____ attacks by Israel and the USA on Iran on Saturday. Several Iranian cities, including the (2) _____ Tehran, were (3) _____ with precision-guided missiles as Washington and Jerusalem attempted once and for all to (4) _____ Iran's nuclear capabilities. US President Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform: "We're going to destroy their missiles and raze their missile (5) _____ to the ground." Trump called for the Iranian people to rise up and for government forces to (6) _____. He wrote: "This is the single greatest chance for the Iranian people to take back their country." The (7) _____ on Tehran killed Iran's leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and (8) _____ figures in Iran's military.

Iran immediately (9) _____ by launching missiles and drones on its neighbours, including the UAE, Bahrain, Kuwait, and Qatar. Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps claimed it had struck Israeli and US military (10) _____ in the Middle East. It warned: "This operation will continue (11) _____ until the enemy is decisively defeated." There are fears this (12) _____ will create turmoil across the globe. A quarter of the world's oil and a third of its (13) _____ natural gas travel through the strategic Strait of Hormuz (14) _____, which Iran could close. This would cause (15) _____ - high oil prices and inflation worldwide. Experts warn there could be a major refugee crisis if the conflict (16) _____ out of control.

industry
capital
key
surrender
coordinated
obliterate
strikes
bombarded

escalation
targets
waterway
spirals
retaliated
liquefied
sky
relentlessly

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260302-middle-east-turmoil.html>

- 1) Iranian cities, including the capital Tehran, were bombarded with _____
 - a. precision-guided missile
 - b. precision-guidance missiles
 - c. precision-guided missiles
 - d. presiding-guided missiles
- 2) Washington and Jerusalem attempted once and for all to obliterate _____
 - a. Iran's nuclear capabilities
 - b. Iran's unclear capabilities
 - c. Iran's nucleus capabilities
 - d. Iran nuclear capabilities
- 3) We're going to destroy their missiles and raze their missile industry _____
 - a. to the grind
 - b. to aground
 - c. to a ground
 - d. to the ground
- 4) Trump called for the Iranian people to rise up and for government _____
 - a. force is to surrender
 - b. forces to surrenders
 - c. forces to surrender
 - d. forces to surrendered
- 5) strikes on Tehran killed Iran's leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and key figures _____
 - a. on Iran's military
 - b. in Iran's military
 - c. in Iran's militarize
 - d. in Iran's military
- 6) Iran immediately retaliated by launching missiles and drones _____
 - a. on its neighbours
 - b. on its neighbour
 - c. on its neighbourly
 - d. on its neighbourhood
- 7) Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps claimed it had struck Israeli and _____
 - a. US military target
 - b. US military targets
 - c. US military targets
 - d. US military targeting
- 8) This operation will continue relentlessly until the enemy _____
 - a. is decisively defeat it
 - b. is decisively defeats
 - c. is decisively defeating
 - d. is decisively defeated
- 9) travel through the strategic Strait of Hormuz waterway, which _____
 - a. Iran could closed
 - b. Iran could cloze
 - c. Iran could close
 - d. Iran could closet
- 10) Experts warn there could be a major refugee crisis if the conflict spirals _____
 - a. outer control
 - b. out off control
 - c. out of control
 - d. out oft control

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260302-middle-east-turmoil.html>

1. How Iranian many cities does the article say have been bombed?
2. What kind of missiles struck Iranian cities?
3. What did President Trump say the US would do to Iran's missile industry?
4. What did President Trump call for the Iranian people to do?
5. What did President Trump say the Iranian people could take back?
6. What did Iran do immediately after being attacked?
7. When did Iran's Revolutionary Guard say its action would stop?
8. How much of the world's oil goes through the Strait of Hormuz?
9. What could happen to oil prices?
10. What kind of major crisis could come from the conflict?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260302-middle-east-turmoil.html>

- 1) How many Iranian cities does the article say have been bombed?
 - a) seventy
 - b) seventeen
 - c) seven
 - d) several
- 2) What kind of missiles struck Iranian cities?
 - a) ICBMs
 - b) precision-guided missiles
 - c) low-altitude missiles
 - d) surface-to-air missiles
- 3) What did President Trump say the US would do to Iran's missile industry?
 - a) Bomb it.
 - b) Invest in it.
 - c) Raze it to the ground.
 - d) Find all of it.
- 4) What did President Trump call for the Iranian people to do?
 - a) rise up
 - b) march
 - c) go underground
 - d) stay at home
- 5) What did President Trump say the Iranian people could take back?
 - a) money
 - b) power
 - c) their country
 - d) their passports
- 6) What did Iran do immediately after being attacked?
 - a) It had a meeting.
 - b) It retaliated.
 - c) It protected its missiles.
 - d) It made a press release.
- 7) When did Iran's Revolutionary Guard say its action would stop?
 - a) After there is a ceasefire.
 - b) When the enemy stops.
 - c) It said it would never stop.
 - d) When "the enemy is decisively defeated".
- 8) How much of the world's oil goes through the Strait of Hormuz?
 - a) a quarter of it
 - b) a third of it
 - c) two-fifths of it
 - d) three-quarters of it
- 9) What could happen to oil prices?
 - a) They could double.
 - b) Nothing at the moment.
 - c) They could be sky-high.
 - d) They could actually go down.
- 10) What kind of major crisis could come from the conflict?
 - a) a strategic crisis
 - b) a major refugee crisis
 - c) a humanitarian crisis
 - d) a water shortage crisis

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Ongoing War

You think ongoing war is the biggest challenge facing the Iranian people. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as challenging. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): internet restrictions, water shortages or a possible refugee crisis.

Role B – Internet Restrictions

You think internet restrictions is the biggest challenge facing the Iranian people. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as challenging. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): ongoing war, water shortages or a possible refugee crisis.

Role C – Water Shortages

You think water shortages is the biggest challenge facing the Iranian people. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as challenging. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): internet restrictions, ongoing war or a possible refugee crisis.

Role D – A Possible Refugee Crisis

You think a possible refugee crisis is the biggest challenge facing the Iranian people. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as challenging. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): internet restrictions, water shortages or ongoing war.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260302-middle-east-turmoil.html>

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

turmoil	peace
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- 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">• coordinated• capital• once• raze• forces• key	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• immediately• struck• operation• globe• travel• major
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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.

THE MIDDLE EAST 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 'Middle East'?
3. What do you know about Iran?
4. What do you think of the recent attacks on Iran?
5. How might the world change because of the attacks on Iran?
6. What needs to happen to resolve this crisis?
7. What do you think the Iranian people will do now?
8. What would happen if the US put boots on the ground?
9. How could this escalate over the next week or two?
10. What advice do you have for the Iranian people?

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THE MIDDLE EAST 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 'Iran'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Why is Iran attacking its neighbours?
15. How will this war affect public opinion in the USA?
16. How do you feel about higher prices because of this war?
17. What problems would a refugee crisis bring?
18. What will the Middle East be like in 10 years from now?
19. What is needed to bring peace across the Middle East?
20. What questions would you like to ask Iran's leaders?

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

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1. | (a) coordinates | (b) coordinated | (c) coordinate | (d) coordination |
| 2. | (a) guidance | (b) guided | (c) guides | (d) guide |
| 3. | (a) ones | (b) one | (c) only | (d) once |
| 4. | (a) rise | (b) raze | (c) arise | (d) raise |
| 5. | (a) What | (b) This | (c) How | (d) Thus |
| 6. | (a) figurative | (b) figurines | (c) figures | (d) figured |
| 7. | (a) at | (b) to | (c) by | (d) as |
| 8. | (a) stricken | (b) strike | (c) struck | (d) striking |
| 9. | (a) then | (b) whatsoever | (c) since | (d) until |
| 10. | (a) quarter | (b) quarterly | (c) quartered | (d) quartile |
| 11. | (a) sky | (b) cloud | (c) atmosphere | (d) space |
| 12. | (a) to | (b) up | (c) of | (d) in |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. ndeicoadrt attacks
2. cities, including the capital Tehran, were aebbrdmod
3. sernpcioi-guided missiles
4. erebaotilt Iran's nuclear capabilities
5. zera their missile industry to the ground
6. government forces to drurnseer

Paragraph 2

7. Iran immediately leaitredat
8. This operation will continue reetesylslIn
9. until the enemy is idesyeclvi defeated
10. this acnlstoaei will create turmoil
11. a third of its udefleiiq natural gas
12. if the conflict rspsila out of control

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260302-middle-east-turmoil.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () back their country." The strikes on Tehran killed Iran's leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and key figures in Iran's military.
- () capabilities. US President Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform: "We're going to destroy their missiles and
- () including the UAE, Bahrain, Kuwait, and Qatar. Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps claimed it had
- () Iran immediately retaliated by launching missiles and drones on its neighbours,
- () Iranian cities, including the capital Tehran, were bombarded with precision-guided
- () missiles as Washington and Jerusalem attempted once and for all to obliterate Iran's nuclear
- () of the world's oil and a third of its liquefied natural gas travel through the strategic
- () raze their missile industry to the ground." Trump called for the Iranian people to rise
- () Strait of Hormuz waterway, which Iran could close. This would cause sky-high oil prices and inflation
- () struck Israeli and US military targets in the Middle East. It warned: "This operation will continue relentlessly until
- () the enemy is decisively defeated." There are fears this escalation will create turmoil across the globe. A quarter
- (**1**) The Middle East is in turmoil after coordinated attacks by Israel and the USA on Iran on Saturday. Several
- () up and for government forces to surrender. He wrote: "This is the single greatest chance for the Iranian people to take
- () worldwide. Experts warn there could be a major refugee crisis if the conflict spirals out of control.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260302-middle-east-turmoil.html>

1. after attacks coordinated Middle East in is The turmoil .
2. bombarded capital missiles precision-guided Tehran The was with .
3. attempted capabilities Iran's It nuclear obliterate to .
4. ground industry missile raze the their to We'll .
5. chance for greatest Iranian people single The the .
6. and by drones immediately Iran launching missiles retaliated .
7. Continue decisively defeated enemy is relentlessly the until .
8. are create escalation fears this There turmoil will .
9. gas Liquefied natural strait strategic the through travels .
10. a crisis Experts major of refugee warn .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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The Middle East is in turmoil after *coordination* / *coordinated* attacks by Israel and the USA on Iran on Saturday. Several Iranian cities, *including* / *included* the capital Tehran, were bombarded with precision-guided *missile* / *missiles* as Washington and Jerusalem attempted once and for *every* / *all* to obliterate Iran's nuclear *capable* / *capabilities*. US President Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform: "We're going to destroy their missiles and *raise* / *raze* their missile industry *to* / *up* the ground." Trump called for the Iranian people to *rise* / *raise* up and for government forces to surrender. He wrote: "This is the single greatest chance for the Iranian people to *give* / *take* back their country." The strikes on Tehran killed Iran's leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and key *figurines* / *figures* in Iran's military.

Iran immediately retaliated *to* / *by* launching missiles and drones on its neighbours, including the UAE, Bahrain, Kuwait, and Qatar. Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps claimed it had *struck* / *stricken* Israeli and US *militarily* / *military* targets in the Middle East. It warned: "This operation will continue relentlessly *until* / *since* the enemy is decisively defeated." There are *fears* / *scares* this escalation will create turmoil across *a* / *the* globe. A *quartered* / *quarter* of the world's oil and a third of its liquefied natural gas travel through the *strategy* / *strategic* Strait of Hormuz waterway, which Iran could close. This would cause sky-high oil *prices* / *price* and inflation worldwide. Experts warn there could be a major refugee crisis if the conflict spirals *out of* / *into* control.

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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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260302-middle-east-turmoil.html>

the middle east is in turmoil after coordinated attacks by israel and the usa on iran on saturday several iranian cities including the capital tehran were bombarded with precisionguided missiles as washington and jerusalem attempted once and for all to obliterate irans nuclear capabilities us president trump wrote on his truth social platform were going to destroy their missiles and raze their missile industry to the ground trump called for the iranian people to rise up and for government forces to surrender he wrote this is the single greatest chance for the iranian people to take back their country the strikes on tehran killed irans leader ayatollah ali khamenei and key figures in irans military

iran immediately retaliated by launching missiles and drones on its neighbours including the uae bahrain kuwait and qatar irans islamic revolutionary guard corps claimed it had struck israeli and us military targets in the middle east it warned this operation will continue relentlessly until the enemy is decisively defeated there are fears this escalation will create turmoil across the globe a quarter of the worlds oil and a third of its liquefied natural gas travel through the strategic strait of hormuz waterway which iran could close this would cause skyhigh oil prices and inflation worldwide experts warn there could be a major refugee crisis if the conflict spirals out of control

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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The Middle East is in turmoil after coordinated attacks by Israel and the US on Iran on Saturday. Several Iranian cities, including the capital Tehran, were bombarded with precision-guided missiles as Washington and Jerusalem attempted once and for all to obliterate Iran's nuclear capabilities. US President Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform: "We're going to destroy their missiles and razetheir missile industry to the ground." Trump called for the Iranian people to rise up and for government forces to surrender. He wrote: "This is the single greatest chance for the Iranian people to take back their country." The strikes on Tehran killed Iran's leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and key figures in Iran's military. Iran immediately retaliated by launching missiles and drones on its neighbours, including the UAE, Bahrain, Kuwait, and Qatar. Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps claimed it had struck Israeli and US military targets in the Middle East. It warned: "This operation will continue relentlessly until the enemy is decisively defeated." There are fears this escalation will create turmoil across the globe. A quarter of the world's oil and a third of its liquefied natural gas travel through the strategic Strait of Hormuz waterway, which Iran could close. This would cause sky-high oil prices and inflation worldwide. Experts warn there could be a major refugee crisis if the conflict spirals out of control.

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. THE MIDDLE EAST: Make a poster about the Middle East. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. IRAN: Write a magazine article about pouring trillions of dollars into Iran to rebuild it. 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 Iran. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how Iran's people can live a comfortable life from now. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Several
- Precision-guided missiles
- Raze it to the ground
- Rise up
- Their country
- It retaliated.
- When "the enemy is decisively defeated".
- A quarter of it
- They could be sky-high.
- A major refugee crisis

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- The Middle East is in turmoil after coordinated attacks.
- The capital Tehran was bombarded with precision-guided missiles.
- It attempted to obliterate Iran's nuclear capabilities.
- We'll raze their missile industry to the ground.
- The single greatest chance for the Iranian people.
- Iran immediately retaliated by launching missiles and drones.
- Continue relentlessly until the enemy is decisively defeated.
- There are fears this escalation will create turmoil.
- Liquefied natural gas travel through the strategic strait.
- Experts warn of a major refugee crisis.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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