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**Level 5 – 7th November**

## U.S. re-imposes sanctions on Iran

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# THE READING

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The USA has re-imposed economic sanctions on Iran. It warned Iran there would be "relentless" pressure unless it changes its "revolutionary course". President Trump reinstated all sanctions that were lifted in 2015 after the Iranian nuclear deal. Most sanctions target Iran's economy. The U.S. described the new penalties as, "the toughest U.S. sanctions ever imposed on Iran". It added they would, "target critical sectors of Iran's economy, such as the energy, shipping and shipbuilding, and financial sectors" to put "maximum financial pressure on the Iranian regime".

Iran's president was defiant in the face of the renewed sanctions. He said: "We will proudly break the sanctions." He described Mr Trump's administration as, "a throwback to the era of Bush junior and a repeat of the same statements as 2003". He said: "The Iranian people have heard these statements hundreds of times, and no longer pay attention." The Al Jazeera news agency said the sanctions were a backward step. It wrote: "With one Trump signature, the goodwill that had been built between Iranians and the rest of the world crumbled in a matter of months."

Sources: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2018/11/threaten-iranians-sanctions-set-return-181104170028105.html>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                      |                      |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. relentless                        | a. sectors           |
| 2. sanctions that were               | b. ever imposed      |
| 3. sanctions target                  | c. lifted in 2015    |
| 4. the toughest U.S. sanctions       | d. regime            |
| 5. target critical sectors           | e. and shipbuilding  |
| 6. energy, shipping                  | f. Iran's economy    |
| 7. financial                         | g. of Iran's economy |
| 8. financial pressure on the Iranian | h. pressure          |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. in the face              | a. attention                |
| 2. We will proudly break    | b. rest of the world        |
| 3. a throwback to the       | c. statements               |
| 4. a repeat of the same     | d. of months                |
| 5. heard these statements   | e. era of Bush              |
| 6. no longer pay            | f. of the renewed sanctions |
| 7. between Iranians and the | g. the sanctions            |
| 8. in a matter              | h. hundreds of times        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181107-iran-sanctions-5.html>

The USA has re-imposed (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Iran. It warned Iran there would be "relentless" pressure (2) \_\_\_\_\_ its "revolutionary course". President Trump reinstated all (3) \_\_\_\_\_ lifted in 2015 after the Iranian nuclear deal. Most sanctions target Iran's economy. The U.S. (4) \_\_\_\_\_ penalties as, "the toughest U.S. sanctions ever imposed on Iran". It added they would, "target (5) \_\_\_\_\_ Iran's economy, such as the energy, shipping and shipbuilding, and financial sectors" to put "maximum financial (6) \_\_\_\_\_ Iranian regime".

Iran's president was (7) \_\_\_\_\_ face of the renewed sanctions. He said: "We will proudly (8) \_\_\_\_\_." He described Mr Trump's administration (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to the era of Bush junior and a repeat of the same statements as 2003". He said: "The Iranian people have heard these statements (10) \_\_\_\_\_, and no longer pay attention." The Al Jazeera news agency said the sanctions (11) \_\_\_\_\_ step. It wrote: "With one Trump signature, the goodwill that had been built between Iranians and the rest of the world crumbled in (12) \_\_\_\_\_ months."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# IRAN SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181107-iran-sanctions-4.html>

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) \_\_\_\_\_

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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

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

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