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# THE ARTICLE

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Mr Rouhani was the top negotiator of Iran's nuclear negotiating team. He believes it is time for Iran to be more accepted, saying: "We are ready to show greater transparency and make it clear to the whole world that the steps of the Islamic Republic of Iran are completely within international frameworks." He added that: "The Iranian nation has done nothing to deserve sanctions." The White House stated: "If he lives up to his obligations under the U.N. Security Council resolution to come clean on this illicit nuclear program, he will find a partner in us." British Prime Minister David Cameron said: "If they don't go down the path of nuclear weapons, then they can become a full part of the international community."

Sources: <http://www.latimes.com/news/world/worldnow/la-fg-wn-iran-rowhani-nuclear-program-20130617,0,5901540.story>  
<http://news.sky.com/story/1104742/irans-new-president-calls-for-moderation>

# WARM-UPS

**1. IRAN:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Iran. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

*moderate path / leader / nuclear energy program / international relations / sanctions / negotiator / transparency / obligations / U.N. resolution / partner / community*

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

**3. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS:** How are your country's? Complete this table and share what you wrote with your partner(s). Change partners often.

	Country?	Why?	The future?
best			
worst			
neighbour			
longest			
improving			
up-and-down			

**4. RELATIONS:** Students A **strongly** believe Iran will soon restore relations with its current foes; Students B **strongly** believe that will not happen any time soon. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. PARTNERS:** Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the most useful international partners at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- USA
- Saudi Arabia
- Brazil
- India
- U.K.
- China
- Nigeria
- Japan

**6. NUCLEAR:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'nuclear'. Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

- |                                                                           |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| a. Iran's next president aims to be more middle-of-the-road.              | T / F |
| b. Rouhani said he would consider scrapping Iran's nuclear program.       | T / F |
| c. Rouhani has made the lifting of sanctions a key issue.                 | T / F |
| d. The president-elect wants to restore diplomatic ties with the USA.     | T / F |
| e. Rouhani was a top engineer in Iran's nuclear power program.            | T / F |
| f. Rouhani said Iran's nuclear program abides by international rules.     | T / F |
| g. The USA has said it will not talk to Iran.                             | T / F |
| h. The U.K. leader said Iran could never be part of the global community. | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. clear        | a. welcomed     |
| 2. promised     | b. stop         |
| 3. halt         | c. warrant      |
| 4. improve      | d. brought back |
| 5. restored     | e. pledged      |
| 6. accepted     | f. route        |
| 7. transparency | g. better       |
| 8. deserve      | h. unlawful     |
| 9. illicit      | i. plain        |
| 10. path        | j. openness     |

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

- |                                              |                            |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. made it                                   | a. more transparent        |
| 2. he seeks to follow                        | b. of nuclear weapons      |
| 3. make his country's nuclear energy program | c. could be restored       |
| 4. crippling                                 | d. negotiator              |
| 5. diplomatic relations                      | e. greater transparency    |
| 6. top                                       | f. a more moderate path    |
| 7. We are ready to show                      | g. illicit nuclear program |
| 8. done nothing to deserve                   | h. economic sanctions      |
| 9. come clean on this                        | i. clear to the world      |
| 10. If they don't go down the path           | j. sanctions               |

# GAP FILL

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*crippling*  
*office*  
*path*  
*restored*  
*clear*  
*improve*  
*lifted*  
*halt*

Mr Rouhani was the top (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of Iran's nuclear negotiating team. He believes it is time for Iran to be more (10) \_\_\_\_\_, saying: "We are ready to show greater transparency and make it clear to the whole world that the steps of the Islamic Republic of Iran are completely (11) \_\_\_\_\_ international frameworks." He added that: "The Iranian nation has done nothing to (12) \_\_\_\_\_ sanctions." The White House stated: "If he lives up to his obligations (13) \_\_\_\_\_ the U.N. Security Council resolution to come (14) \_\_\_\_\_ on this illicit nuclear program, he will find a (15) \_\_\_\_\_ in us." British Prime Minister David Cameron said: "If they don't go down the path of nuclear weapons, then they can become a full part of the international (16) \_\_\_\_\_."

*clean*  
*deserve*  
*accepted*  
*partner*  
*negotiator*  
*community*  
*within*  
*under*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

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- 1) made it clear to the world that he seeks to follow a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. more moderate path
  - b. more moderation path
  - c. more moderates path
  - d. more moderated path
- 2) He also promised to make his country's nuclear energy \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. program more transparency
  - b. program more transparencies
  - c. program more trans-parents
  - d. program more transparent
- 3) Rouhani wants to improve international relations with the US and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. seek "constructively interaction"
  - b. seek "construction interaction"
  - c. seek "constructiveness interaction"
  - d. seek "constructive interaction"
- 4) He also hopes that the crippling economic sanctions imposed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Iran can be lofted
  - b. Iran can be lifted
  - c. Iran can be lift it
  - d. Iran can be uplifted
- 5) He told the USA that diplomatic relations \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. could be restored
  - b. could be restorative
  - c. could be restoration
  - d. could be restoring
- 6) Mr Rouhani was the top negotiator of Iran's \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. nuclear negotiations team
  - b. nuclear negotiation team
  - c. nuclear negotiate in team
  - d. nuclear negotiating team
- 7) We are ready to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. show grey-tar transparency
  - b. show great transparency
  - c. show greatly transparency
  - d. show greater transparency
- 8) He added that: "The Iranian nation has done nothing \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. to deserve sanctions
  - b. to conserve sanctions
  - c. to preserve sanctions
  - d. to reserve sanctions
- 9) the U.N. Security Council resolution to come clean on this \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. illicit nuclear program
  - b. illegal nuclear program
  - c. illogical nuclear program
  - d. ill-lit nuclear program
- 10) they can become a full part of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. international communities
  - b. international commune at tea
  - c. international community
  - d. international communities

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# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Mr Rouhani (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Iran's nuclear negotiating team. He believes it is time for Iran to be more accepted, saying: "We are ready to (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and make it clear to the whole world that the steps of the Islamic Republic of Iran are completely within international frameworks." He added that: "The Iranian nation has done (9) \_\_\_\_\_." The White House stated: "If he lives up to his obligations under the U.N. Security Council (10) \_\_\_\_\_ this illicit nuclear program, (11) \_\_\_\_\_." British Prime Minister David Cameron said: "If they (12) \_\_\_\_\_ nuclear weapons, then they can become a full part of the international community."

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130619-hassan\\_rouhani.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130619-hassan_rouhani.html)

1. What kind of path does Hassan Rouhani want to follow?

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2. What will Mr Rouhani improve in Iran's nuclear program?

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3. When will Mr Rouhani become president?

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4. What adjective described the economic sanctions?

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5. What did Mr Rouhani say could be restored?

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6. What position did Rouhani hold in Iran's nuclear negotiations?

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7. What did Rouhani say Iran had done to warrant sanctions?

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8. What did Washington say Iran had to live up to?

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9. How did the White House describe Iran's nuclear program?

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10. What path does David Cameron not want Iran to follow?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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1. What kind of path does Hassan Rouhani want to follow?
  - a) a long and winding one
  - b) a moderate one
  - c) the path of least resistance
  - d) a wooded one
2. What will Rouhani improve in Iran's nuclear program?
  - a) cost-effectiveness
  - b) nuclear warheads
  - c) efficiency
  - d) transparency
3. When will Mr Rouhani become president?
  - a) August
  - b) next month
  - c) next week
  - d) at the weekend
4. What adjective described the economic sanctions?
  - a) illicit
  - b) transparent
  - c) crippling
  - d) constructive
5. What did Mr Rouhani say could be restored?
  - a) nuclear power plants
  - b) diplomatic relations with the US
  - c) Iran's monarchy
  - d) an ancient Persian painting
6. What position did Rouhani hold in Iran's nuclear negotiations?
  - a) top negotiator
  - b) translator
  - c) press secretary
  - d) he was number two
7. What did Rouhani say Iran had done to warrant sanctions?
  - a) tested a bomb
  - b) stood up against the USA
  - c) nothing
  - d) many things
8. What did Washington say Iran had to live up to?
  - a) UN Security Council obligations
  - b) its history
  - c) election promises
  - d) the hopes of Iran's young
9. How did the White House describe Iran's nuclear program?
  - a) they said it was "illicit"
  - b) colourfully
  - c) via YouTube
  - d) in a White House press release
10. What path does David Cameron not want Iran to follow?
  - a) that of his predecessor
  - b) the path to disaster
  - c) the wrong one
  - d) the path of nuclear weapons

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Hassan Rouhani**

You think you can lead Iran into a new era of friendship with countries you currently have poor relations with. Tell the others three reasons why. You need to persuade the others Iran's nuclear ambitions are only for energy. You are fed up with people believing otherwise.

## **Role B – White House negotiator**

You would like to reopen diplomatic relations with Iran. Tell the others three reasons why. You are happy Hassan Rouhani will be president but not happy he will continue Iran's nuclear program. The U.S. will only become friends with Iran if it opens up its nuclear program to the world.

## **Role C – Average Iranian**

You are full of hope about Iran's future. Tell the others three reasons why. Your life is difficult because of the economic sanctions and strict laws in Iran. Tell Mr Rouhani and the White House negotiator to make deals that will help all Iranians have a better life.

## **Role D – Regional cynic**

You think Hassan Rouhani's election success will change nothing. Tell the others three reasons why. You think there should be more economic sanctions. You also think the whole nuclear program should be destroyed. Iran can buy energy from its neighbours.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'president' and 'elect'.

<b>president</b>	<b>elect</b>
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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"><li>• clear</li><li>• promised</li><li>• halt</li><li>• improve</li><li>• economic</li><li>• right</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• top</li><li>• ready</li><li>• steps</li><li>• deserve</li><li>• partner</li><li>• full</li></ul>
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# IRAN SURVEY

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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.

# IRAN DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'Iran'?
- c) What do you know about Iran's recent history the (last four decades)?
- d) What do you think about Hassan Rouhani's election success?
- e) Do you think Hassan Rouhani will be better than Ahmadinejad?
- f) What should Hassan Rouhani do in his first year in office?
- g) What do you think about Iran's nuclear program?
- h) What does Iran need to do to get economic sanctions lifted?
- i) Do you think there will now be a new era of cooperation between Iran and the USA?

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# IRAN DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) What do you know about Iran's nuclear program?
- c) Will greater transparency work?
- d) What did Iran do to get economic sanctions imposed on it?
- e) How would the world change if Iran was more internationally accepted?
- f) How much can Iran change?
- g) What will things be like in 10 years from now?
- h) What advice would you give to Hassan Rouhani?
- i) What questions would you like to ask Hassan Rouhani?

## **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. \_\_\_\_\_

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - LANGUAGE

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

- |     |                |                   |                 |                 |
|-----|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) clear      | (b) clearly       | (c) clarity     | (d) cleared     |
| 2.  | (a) ancestor   | (b) forefather    | (c) predecessor | (d) precursor   |
| 3.  | (a) apparently | (b) transplanting | (c) transparent | (d) reparations |
| 4.  | (a) go         | (b) have          | (c) be          | (d) take        |
| 5.  | (a) crinkling  | (b) chilling      | (c) crippling   | (d) ceiling     |
| 6.  | (a) conserved  | (b) restored      | (c) preserved   | (d) replanted   |
| 7.  | (a) high       | (b) top           | (c) tall        | (d) summit      |
| 8.  | (a) logic      | (b) steps         | (c) idea        | (d) stairs      |
| 9.  | (a) desolate   | (b) deject        | (c) deserve     | (d) destitute   |
| 10. | (a) down       | (b) on            | (c) in          | (d) up          |
| 11. | (a) polished   | (b) refurbished   | (c) tidy        | (d) clean       |
| 12. | (a) boulevard  | (b) street        | (c) avenue      | (d) path        |

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# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. his soon-to-be erscoedsepr
2. more eaasnrtrrp
3. seek constructive tioancrnite
4. gipicnplr economic sanctions
5. icploadmti relations
6. if the White House scsrtppe Iran's right

## Paragraph 2

7. the top irtgotneao
8. time for Iran to be more tadcepce
9. omtceelply within international frameworks
10. nothing to vreedse sanctions
11. If he lives up to his oiglotnbias
12. iitillc nuclear program



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) follow a more moderate path than his soon-to-be predecessor Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. He also
- ( ) clear to the whole world that the steps of the Islamic Republic of Iran are completely within international
- ( ) time for Iran to be more accepted, saying: "We are ready to show greater transparency and make it
- ( ) office in August. Rouhani wants to improve international relations with the USA and seek "constructive
- ( ) path of nuclear weapons, then they can become a full part of the international community."
- ( ) lifted. He told the USA that diplomatic relations could be restored if the White House respects Iran's right to nuclear power.
- ( **1** ) Iran's president-elect Hassan Rouhani has made it clear to the world that he seeks to
- ( ) up to his obligations under the U.N. Security Council resolution to come clean on this illicit nuclear program, he will find a
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# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. seeks more He a follow path to moderate.

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2. Rouhani Mr leader new Iran's as elected was , 64 ,.

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3. international wants improve relations Rouhani to.

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4. imposed can sanctions Iran lifted economic on be Crippling.

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5. could be restored He told the USA that diplomatic relations.

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6. Iran's The nuclear top negotiating negotiator team of.

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7. it believes He accepted more be to Iran for time is.

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8. greater show to ready are We transparency.

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9. sanctions Iranian done deserve The has to nation nothing.

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10. community They can become a full part of the international.

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Mr Rouhani was the *top* / *topped* negotiator of Iran's nuclear negotiating team. He believes it is time for Iran to be more *accepted* / *acceptable*, saying: "We are ready to show greater *transparencies* / *transparency* and make it clear to the whole world that the *steppes* / *steps* of the Islamic Republic of Iran are completely *within* / *without* international frameworks." He added that: "The Iranian nation has done nothing to *reserve* / *deserve* sanctions." The White House stated: "If he lives *up* / *down* to his obligations under the U.N. Security Council resolution to *come* / *go* clean on this illicit nuclear program, he will find a partner *into* / *in* us." British Prime Minister David Cameron said: "If they don't go down the *path* / *pith* of nuclear weapons, then they can become a full part of the international community."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

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

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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mr rouhani was the top negotiator of iran's nuclear negotiating team he believes it is time for iran to be more accepted saying "we are ready to show greater transparency and make it clear to the whole world that the steps of the islamic republic of iran are completely within international frameworks" he added that "the iranian nation has done nothing to deserve sanctions" the white house stated "if he lives up to his obligations under the un security council resolution to come clean on this illicit nuclear program he will find a partner in us" british prime minister david cameron said "if they don't go down the path of nuclear weapons then they can become a full part of the international community"

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# FREE WRITING

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130619-hassan\\_rouhani.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130619-hassan_rouhani.html)

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

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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 Iran's president-elect Hassan Rouhani. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. IRAN:** Make a poster about Iran's nuclear programme. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. HASSAN ROUHANI:** Write a magazine article about Hassan Rouhani. Include imaginary interviews with a friend and a foe.

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 Hassan Rouhani. Ask him three questions about Iran and the future. Give him three pieces of advice. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a T    b F    c T    d T    e F    f T    g F    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. clear        | a. plain        |
| 2. promised     | b. pledged      |
| 3. halt         | c. stop         |
| 4. improve      | d. better       |
| 5. restored     | e. brought back |
| 6. accepted     | f. welcomed     |
| 7. transparency | g. openness     |
| 8. deserve      | h. warrant      |
| 9. illicit      | i. unlawful     |
| 10. path        | j. route        |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. A moderate one
2. Transparency
3. August
4. Crippling
5. Diplomatic relations with the USA
6. He was the top negotiator
7. Nothing
8. UN Security Council obligations
9. They said it was "illicit"
10. The path of nuclear weapons

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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