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Level 5 – 6th January, 2019

Iran promises revenge after assassination of Soleimani

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THE READING

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Iran's president has promised to get revenge for the assassination of general Qassem Soleimani. In a strongly-worded statement, President Rouhani said: "The Americans do not realise what grave error they have committed. Revenge for his blood will be secured, and the filthy hands of America will be cut off forever from this region." Iran's religious leader Ayatollah Khamenei mirrored these comments. He said: "Severe retaliation awaits murderers who have the blood of Mr Soleimani on their hands." He said Soleimani's death would increase hostilities towards the USA.

Qassem Soleimani, 62, was the second most powerful figure in Iran. He was the country's top military leader and the architect of its spreading influence in the Middle East. Some media called him the "rock star general". U.S. President Donald Trump ordered his assassination after the death of an American in attacks on the U.S. embassy in Baghdad. He said the assassination was to prevent war in the region. He said Soleimani was a terrorist responsible for thousands of deaths. The world is now waiting to see how Iran retaliates. "World War III" is now a top hashtag on social media.

Sources: <https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/iran-fallout-soleimani-assassination-200104091122122.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Iran's president has promised | a. these comments |
| 2. a strongly- | b. will be secured |
| 3. what grave error | c. towards the USA |
| 4. revenge for his blood | d. worded statement |
| 5. America will be cut | e. awaits |
| 6. Ayatollah Khamenei mirrored | f. to get revenge |
| 7. severe retaliation | g. off forever |
| 8. increase hostilities | h. they have committed |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. He was the country's top | a. in Baghdad |
| 2. the architect of its | b. in the region |
| 3. media called him the | c. Iran retaliates |
| 4. attacks on the U.S. embassy | d. spreading influence |
| 5. prevent war | e. hashtag on social media |
| 6. a terrorist responsible | f. "rock star general" |
| 7. waiting to see how | g. military leader |
| 8. now a top | h. for thousands of deaths |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Iran's president has promised (1) _____ for the assassination of general Qassem Soleimani. (2) _____ statement, President Rouhani said: "The Americans do not realise what (3) _____ have committed. Revenge for his blood will be secured, and the filthy hands of America will be (4) _____ from this region." Iran's religious leader Ayatollah Khamenei mirrored these comments. He said: "(5) _____ murderers who have the blood of Mr Soleimani on their hands." He said Soleimani's death would (6) _____ the USA.

Qassem Soleimani, 62, was the second most (7) _____ Iran. He was the country's (8) _____ and the architect of its (9) _____ the Middle East. Some media called him the "rock star general". U.S. President Donald Trump (10) _____ after the death of an American in attacks on the U.S. embassy in Baghdad. He said the assassination was (11) _____ in the region. He said Soleimani was a terrorist responsible for thousands of deaths. The world is now waiting to see (12) _____. "World War III" is now a top hashtag on social media.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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.

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.
