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Iran promises revenge after assassination of Soleimani

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THE ARTICLE

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Iran's President Rouhani has promised it will get revenge for the assassination of Iranian general Qassem Soleimani on Friday. 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 Ali Khamenei offered similarly vengeful comments. He said: "Severe retaliation awaits murderers who have the blood of Mr Soleimani and that of other martyrs on their wicked hands." He said Soleimani's death would intensify Iran's hostility towards the United States and Israel.

Qassem Soleimani, 62, was regarded as the second most powerful figure in Iran. He was Iran's pre-eminent military leader and was viewed as the architect of Iran's spreading influence in the Middle East. Such was his popularity with many Iranians, he was dubbed the "rock star general". U.S. President Donald Trump said he ordered the assassination of Soleimani after the death of an American in attacks on the U.S. embassy in Baghdad. Mr Trump said the assassination was to prevent war in the region. He called Mr Soleimani a terrorist responsible for thousands of deaths. The world is now on tenterhooks to see how Iran retaliates. "World War III" was the top-trending hashtag on social media on Saturday.

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

promised / revenge / assassination / grave / error / blood / filthy / martyrs / hostility
powerful / architect / influence / rock star / attacks / embassy / war / on tenterhooks

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

3. NO WAR: Students A **strongly** believe war will not break out as a result of the Soleimani assassination; Students B **strongly** believe it will. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. WORLD LEADERS: What do you think these world leaders think of this crisis? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What Leaders Might Think	Do You Agree?
Donald Trump		
Vladimir Putin		
Narendra Modi		
Crown Prince Salman		
Xi Jinping		
Benjamin Netanyahu		

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

6. RESOLUTION: Rank these with your partner. Put the best to diffuse this situation at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- The U.N.
- Saudi Arabia
- The Pope
- China
- Russia
- President Rouhani
- Xi Jinping
- President Trump

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------|--|
| 1. general | a. A commander of an army, or an army officer of very high rank. |
| 2. grave | b. A person who is killed because of their religious or other beliefs. |
| 3. secured | c. Giving cause for alarm; serious. |
| 4. filthy | d. Seeking to harm someone in return for a perceived injury. |
| 5. vengeful | e. Succeed in obtaining something, especially with difficulty. |
| 6. martyr | f. Disgustingly dirty. |
| 7. intensify | g. Make or become more extreme in force, degree, or strength. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| 8. regarded | h. Gave an unofficial name or nickname to someone or something. |
| 9. pre-eminent | i. The capacity to have an effect on the character, development, or behavior of someone or something. |
| 10. architect | j. Considered or thought of someone or something in a specified way. |
| 11. influence | k. In a state of suspense or agitation because of uncertainty about a future event. |
| 12. dubbed | l. Surpassing all others; very distinguished in some way. |
| 13. on tenterhooks | m. Make an attack or assault in return for a similar attack. |
| 14. retaliate | n. A person who is responsible for inventing or realizing a particular idea or project. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2001/200106-iranian-revenge.html>

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

- a. Iran's President said he has got revenge for the killing of a general. **T / F**
- b. Iran's President said Americans will go to a grave. **T / F**
- c. Iran's religious leader disagreed with his president. **T / F**
- d. The religious leader wants to reduce hostilities between the US and Iran. **T / F**
- e. Qassem Soleimani was 62 years old when he died. **T / F**
- f. Some in the media called Qassem Soleimani a rock star general. **T / F**
- g. Donald Trump called Qassem Soleimani a terrorist. **T / F**
- h. The world is now hooked on a game called World War III. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| 1. promised | a. considered |
| 2. statement | b. escalate |
| 3. filthy | c. anxious |
| 4. retaliation | d. vowed |
| 5. intensify | e. nicknamed |
| 6. regarded | f. reprisals |
| 7. pre-eminent | g. accountable |
| 8. dubbed | h. declaration |
| 9. responsible | i. greatest |
| 10. on tenterhooks | j. dirty |

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

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. get revenge | a. error |
| 2. In a strongly- | b. Iran's spreading influence |
| 3. grave | c. towards the United States |
| 4. filthy | d. worded statement |
| 5. intensify Iran's hostility | e. on social media |
| 6. He was Iran's pre- | f. for the assassination |
| 7. the architect of | g. tenterhooks |
| 8. he was dubbed the | h. hands |
| 9. The world is now on | i. "rock star general" |
| 10. the top-trending hashtag | j. eminent military leader |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2001/200106-iranian-revenge.html>

Iran's President Rouhani has promised it will get (1) _____ for the assassination of Iranian general Qassem Soleimani on Friday. In a strongly-worded (2) _____, President Rouhani said: "The Americans do not realise what (3) _____ error they have committed. Revenge for his blood will be secured, and the (4) _____ hands of America will be cut off forever from this (5) _____." Iran's religious leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei offered similarly vengeful comments. He said: "Severe retaliation (6) _____ murderers who have the blood of Mr Soleimani and that of other (7) _____ on their wicked hands." He said Soleimani's death would intensify Iran's (8) _____ towards the United States and Israel.

grave
region
revenge
filthy
hostility
martyrs
statement
awaits

Qassem Soleimani, 62, was regarded as the second most powerful (9) _____ in Iran. He was Iran's pre-eminent military leader and was viewed as the (10) _____ of Iran's spreading influence in the Middle East. Such was his (11) _____ with many Iranians, he was dubbed the "rock star general". U.S. President Donald Trump said he (12) _____ the assassination of Soleimani after the death of an American in attacks on the U.S. (13) _____ in Baghdad. Mr Trump said the assassination was to prevent war in the (14) _____. He called Mr Soleimani a terrorist responsible for thousands of deaths. The world is now on (15) _____ to see how Iran retaliates. "World War III" was the top-trending (16) _____ on social media on Saturday.

ordered
region
architect
hashtag
figure
tenterhooks
popularity
embassy

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2001/200106-iranian-revenge.html>

- 1) Rouhani has promised it will get revenge for the assassination _____
 - a. of Iranian generals
 - b. of Iranian generalise
 - c. of Iranian general
 - d. of Iranian generally
- 2) The Americans do not realise what grave error they _____
 - a. have committed
 - b. have commit it
 - c. have come mitt it
 - d. have commented
- 3) Revenge for his blood will be secured, and _____
 - a. the fifty hands
 - b. the feisty hands
 - c. the fill thy hands
 - d. the filthy hands
- 4) Iran's religious leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei offered similarly _____
 - a. avenge full comments
 - b. verge full comments
 - c. vengefully comments
 - d. vengeful comments
- 5) He said Soleimani's death would intensify _____
 - a. Iran's host ability
 - b. Iran's hostility
 - c. Iran's hostile city
 - d. Iran's hostile ditty
- 6) Qassem Soleimani, 62, was regarded as the second most _____ Iran
 - a. powerful figure in
 - b. power full figure in
 - c. powerful figurine in
 - d. powerful figure in
- 7) He was Iran's pre-eminent military leader and was viewed _____
 - a. as the architecture
 - b. as the architect
 - c. as the architectural
 - d. as the arc high-tech
- 8) Such was his popularity with many Iranians, he was _____ star general"
 - a. dubbed the rocker
 - b. dubbed the rocky
 - c. dubbed the rock
 - d. dubbed the rocket
- 9) The world is now on tenterhooks to see _____
 - a. how Iran retaliates
 - b. how Iran reiterates
 - c. how Iran retail affiliates
 - d. how Iran retail lattes
- 10) "World War III" was the top-trending _____ media
 - a. harsh tag on social
 - b. hash stag on social
 - c. hashtag on social
 - d. hashed tag on social

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Qassem Soleimani, 62, was regarded as the second (7) _____ in Iran. He was Iran's (8) _____ and was viewed as the architect of Iran's spreading influence in the Middle East. Such was (9) _____ many Iranians, he was dubbed the "rock star general". U.S. President Donald Trump said he ordered the assassination of Soleimani after the death of an American in attacks on the (10) _____ Baghdad. Mr Trump said the assassination was to prevent war in the region. He called Mr Soleimani (11) _____ for thousands of deaths. The world is now on tenterhooks to see how Iran retaliates. "World War III" was the (12) _____ social media on Saturday.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2001/200106-iranian-revenge.html>

1. What is the name of Iran's president?
2. What kind of statement did the article say the president made?
3. What kind of error did the president say the USA had made?
4. Who is Ayatollah Ali Khamenei?
5. Who will the assassination increase hostility between?
6. What kind of military leader did the article call Qassem Soleimani?
7. What nickname did the media give to Qassem Soleimani?
8. Who ordered the death of Qassem Soleimani?
9. What did the article say the world is now on?
10. What did the article say was the top-trending topic on social media?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2001/200106-iranian-revenge.html>

- 1) What is the name of Iran's president?
 - a) Khomeini
 - b) Ahmadinejad
 - c) Rafsanjani
 - d) Rouhani

- 2) What kind of statement did the article say the president made?
 - a) a brief statement
 - b) a strongly-worded statement
 - c) a no-holds barred statement
 - d) one with few details

- 3) What kind of error did the president say the USA had made?
 - a) a minor error
 - b) an understandable error
 - c) a grave error
 - d) a costly error

- 4) Who is Ayatollah Ali Khamenei?
 - a) Iran's religious leader
 - b) Iran's military leader
 - c) Iran's defence minister
 - d) Iran's home affairs leader

- 5) Who will the assassination increase hostility between?
 - a) the USA and Russia
 - b) Iran, and the UAE and Saudi Arabia
 - c) Iran, and the US and Israel
 - d) the USA, and Russia and China

- 6) What kind of military leader did the article call Qassem Soleimani?
 - a) an imminent leader
 - b) the pre-eminent leader
 - c) a combatant leader
 - d) an important leader

- 7) What nickname did the media give to Qassem Soleimani?
 - a) the general star rock
 - b) the star rock general
 - c) the general rock-star
 - d) the rock-star general

- 8) Who ordered the death of Qassem Soleimani?
 - a) Donald Trump
 - b) Mike Pompeo
 - c) the CIA
 - d) the Pentagon

- 9) What did the article say the world is now on?
 - a) high alert
 - b) the edge
 - c) tenterhooks
 - d) smartphones

- 10) What did the article say was the top-trending topic on social media?
 - a) Armageddon
 - b) World War III
 - c) Apocalypse
 - d) The End

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – The U.N.

You think the U.N. is best-suited to solve the crisis in Iran. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their players. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Saudi Arabia, Russia or India.

Role B – Saudi Arabia

You think Saudi Arabia is best-suited to solve the crisis in Iran. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their players. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the U.N., Russia or India.

Role C – Russia

You think Russia is best-suited to solve the crisis in Iran. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their players. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Saudi Arabia, the U.N. or India.

Role D – India

You think India is best-suited to solve the crisis in Iran. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their players. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Saudi Arabia, Russia or the U.N..

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2001/200106-iranian-revenge.html>

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

Iran	revenge
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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">• promised• strongly• filthy• similarly• martyrs• hostility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• regarded• viewed• such• attacks• thousands• social
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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)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'Iran'?
3. What do you think of the concept of revenge?
4. What do you think of the assassination?
5. What kind of revenge do you think Iran will enact?
6. Do you think the assassination was a 'grave error'?
7. What role will the USA play in the Middle East in the next decade?
8. What do you think of the concept of martyrdom?
9. What advice do you have for Donald Trump?
10. What advice do you have for Iran's leader?

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IRAN 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 'assassination'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about Qassem Soleimani?
15. What influence does Iran have in the Middle East?
16. Why have some media called Soleimani a 'rock star general'?
17. What options did the US have after the Baghdad embassy attack?
18. What do you think will unfold in the next few years?
19. What do you think of World War III?
20. What questions would you like to ask Iran's President 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. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) blanket | (b) general | (c) mass | (d) customary |
| 2. | (a) strength | (b) strongly | (c) strong | (d) stronger |
| 3. | (a) vault | (b) crypt | (c) tomb | (d) grave |
| 4. | (a) legions | (b) regions | (c) lesions | (d) abrasions |
| 5. | (a) bloody | (b) blood | (c) blooded | (d) bloods |
| 6. | (a) falsify | (b) diversify | (c) intensify | (d) classify |
| 7. | (a) imminent | (b) comment | (c) eminent | (d) condiment |
| 8. | (a) has | (b) thus | (c) was | (d) as |
| 9. | (a) daubed | (b) dabbled | (c) drubbed | (d) dubbed |
| 10. | (a) to | (b) as | (c) for | (d) if |
| 11. | (a) tenterhooks | (b) fishhooks | (c) billhooks | (d) chooks |
| 12. | (a) treading | (b) trading | (c) trending | (d) tending |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. a strongly-worded aettmsnet
2. what grave error they have immcttoed
3. Khamenei offered similarly egvfenu comments
4. severe etlrtaiaon awaits murderers
5. that of other atmyrs
6. nteisinfy Iran's hostility

Paragraph 2

7. Iran's rep-mineent military leader
8. the ichaterct of Iran's spreading influence
9. dubbed the "rock star ngreeal"
10. The world is now on etehrtonkos
11. see how Iran earailttes
12. the top-trending athhsag on social media

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () not realise what grave error they have committed. Revenge for his blood will be secured, and the filthy
- (**1**) Iran's President Rouhani has promised it will get revenge for the assassination
- () region. He called Mr Soleimani a terrorist responsible for thousands of deaths. The world is now
- () on tenterhooks to see how Iran retaliates. "World War III" was the top-trending hashtag on social media on Saturday.
- () murderers who have the blood of Mr Soleimani and that of other martyrs on their wicked hands." He said
- () Soleimani's death would intensify Iran's hostility towards the United States and Israel.
- () hands of America will be cut off forever from this region." Iran's religious leader
- () popularity with many Iranians, he was dubbed the "rock star general". U.S. President Donald Trump said he
- () Qassem Soleimani, 62, was regarded as the second most powerful figure in Iran. He was Iran's pre-eminent military
- () ordered the assassination of Soleimani after the death of an American in attacks on the
- () of Iranian general Qassem Soleimani on Friday. In a strongly-worded statement, President Rouhani said: "The Americans do
- () U.S. embassy in Baghdad. Mr Trump said the assassination was to prevent war in the
- () leader and was viewed as the architect of Iran's spreading influence in the Middle East. Such was his
- () Ayatollah Ali Khamenei offered similarly vengeful comments. He said: "Severe retaliation awaits

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. has revenge . will promised it get Rouhani
2. realise grave they error committed . what don't Americans
3. for Revenge blood will secured . be his
4. be America off will region . cut this from
5. others . The of and Soleimani of blood Mr that
6. figure . as most Regarded the powerful second
7. as the Viewed spreading architect of Iran's influence .
8. the to prevent assassination Trump war . said was
9. tenterhooks retaliates . see on how Now Iran to
10. top-trending the III World hashtag . War was

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2001/200106-iranian-revenge.html>

Iran's President Rouhani has promised it will get *avenge / revenge* for the assassination of Iranian general Qassem Soleimani on Friday. In a strongly-*worded / wording* statement, President Rouhani said: "The Americans do not realise what *tomb / grave* error they have committed. Revenge for his *bloody / blood* will be secured, and the *filth / filthy* hands of America will be cut off forever from this *region / legion*." Iran's religious leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei offered *simulated / similarly* vengeful comments. He said: "Severe retaliation awaits murderers who *have / bleed* the blood of Mr Soleimani and that of other *martyrs / matters* on their wicked hands." He said Soleimani's death would intensify Iran's *hostility / hostile* towards the United States and Israel.

Qassem Soleimani, 62, was regarded as the *second / secondly* most powerful *figure / figurine* in Iran. He was Iran's pre-eminent military leader and was viewed *was / as* the architect of Iran's spreading *confluence / influence* in the Middle East. Such was his popularity with many Iranians, he was *daubed / dubbed* the "rock star general". U.S. President Donald Trump said he ordered the *assassination / assassin* of Soleimani after the death of an American *on / in* attacks on the U.S. embassy in Baghdad. Mr Trump said the assassination was *to / for* prevent war in the region. He called Mr Soleimani a terrorist responsible for thousands of deaths. The world is now *on fishhooks / tenterhooks* to see how Iran retaliates. "World War III" was the top-trending *hashtag / hash brown* on social media on Saturday.

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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I_r_n 's P_r_s_d_n_t R__h_n_ h_s p_r_m_s_d _t w_l_l
g_t r_v_n_g_ f_r t_h_ _s_s_s_s_n_t__n _f I_r_n__n
g_n_r_l Q_s_s_m S_l__m_n_ _n F_r_d_y . I_n _s_t
r_n_g_l_y - w_r_d_d s_t_t_m_n_t , P_r_s_d_n_t R__h_n_
s__d : " T_h_ A_m_r_c_n_s d_n_t r__l_s_ w_h_t g
r_v_ _r_r_r t_h_y h_v_ c_m_m_t_t_d . R_v_n_g_ f_r
h_s b_l__d w_l_l b_ s_c_r_d , _n_d t_h_ f_l_t_h_y
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2001/200106-iranian-revenge.html>

iran's president rouhani has promised it will get revenge for the assassination of iranian general qassem soleimani on friday 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 ali khamenei offered similarly vengeful comments he said severe retaliation awaits murderers who have the blood of mr soleimani and that of other martyrs on their wicked hands he said soleimani's death would intensify iran's hostility towards the united states and israel

qassem soleimani 62 was regarded as the second most powerful figure in iran he was iran's preeminent military leader and was viewed as the architect of iran's spreading influence in the middle east such was his popularity with many iranians he was dubbed the rock star general us president donald trump said he ordered the assassination of soleimani after the death of an american in attacks on the us embassy in baghdad mr trump said the assassination was to prevent war in the region he called mr soleimani a terrorist responsible for thousands of deaths the world is now on tenterhooks to see how iran retaliates world war iii was the top trending hashtag on social media on saturday

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Iran's President Rouhani has promised it will get revenge for the assassination of Iranian general Qassem Soleimani on Friday. 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 Ali Khamenei offered similarly vengeful comments. He said: "Severe retaliation awaits murderers who have the blood of Mr Soleimani and that of other martyrs on their wicked hands." He said Soleimani's death would intensify Iran's hostility towards the United States and Israel. Qassem Soleimani, 62, was regarded as the second most powerful figure in Iran. He was Iran's pre-eminent military leader and was viewed as the architect of Iran's spreading influence in the Middle East. Such was his popularity with many Iranians, he was dubbed the "rock target general". U.S. President Donald Trump said he ordered the assassination of Soleimani after the death of an American in attacks on the U.S. embassy in Baghdad. Mr Trump said the assassination was to prevent war in the region. He called Mr Soleimani a terrorist responsible for thousands of deaths. The world is now on tenterhooks to see how Iran retaliates. "World War III" was the top-trending hashtag on social media on Saturday.

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

4. U.S. WITHDRAWAL: Write a magazine article about the USA completely withdrawing from the Middle East. 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 to resolve this crisis. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Rouhani
2. A strongly-worded statement
3. A grave error
4. Iran's religious leader
5. Iran and the US and Israel
6. Iran's pre-eminent military leader
7. The rock-star general
8. Donald Trump
9. Tenterhooks
10. World War III

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Rouhani has promised it will get revenge.
2. Americans don't realise what grave error they committed.
3. Revenge for his blood will be secured.
4. America will be cut off from this region.
5. The blood of Mr Soleimani and that of others.
6. Regarded as the second most powerful figure.
7. Viewed as the architect of Iran's spreading influence.
8. Trump said the assassination was to prevent war.
9. Now on tenterhooks to see how Iran retaliates.
10. World War III was the top-trending hashtag.

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 ;-)