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## **Level 4**

### **Iran's Rouhani addresses UN General Assembly**

**27th September, 2013**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1309/130927-un-speech-4.html>

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani addressed the U.N. General Assembly. He called for "constructive engagement" based on "mutual respect and common interest". He said he didn't want to increase tensions with the U.S. The speech is seen as a change in Iran's foreign policy. It could see new relations with its decades-old enemy, America. Rouhani promised never to develop nuclear weapons, saying they had no place in the defence of his country.

Iran's leader spoke about nuclear weapons. He said any weapon of mass destruction went against his country's basic religious and ethical beliefs. Iran could let U.N. inspectors back into its nuclear facilities. Rouhani said Iran's national interests mean it is important to remove any and all concerns "about Iran's peaceful nuclear program". He also said Iran was no threat to the world and that the "so-called Iranian threat" was imaginary.

Sources: [http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2013-09/25/c\\_132747521.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2013-09/25/c_132747521.htm)  
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# MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. constructive               | a. decades-old enemy       |
| 2. based on mutual respect    | b. engagement              |
| 3. a change in Iran's foreign | c. of his country          |
| 4. new relations with its     | d. and common interest     |
| 5. Rouhani promised never to  | e. policy                  |
| 6. the defence                | f. develop nuclear weapons |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. weapon                       | a. inspectors          |
| 2. basic religious and          | b. was imaginary       |
| 3. U.N.                         | c. ethical beliefs     |
| 4. nuclear                      | d. interests           |
| 5. Iran's national              | e. facilities          |
| 6. the so-called Iranian threat | f. of mass destruction |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1309/130927-un-speech-4.html>

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani (1) \_\_\_\_\_ General Assembly. He called for "constructive engagement" based on "mutual respect (2) \_\_\_\_\_ ". He said he didn't want to increase tensions with the U.S. The speech (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in Iran's foreign policy. It could (4) \_\_\_\_\_ with its decades-old enemy, America. Rouhani promised (5) \_\_\_\_\_ nuclear weapons, saying they (6) \_\_\_\_\_ defence of his country.

Iran's leader spoke about nuclear weapons. He (7) \_\_\_\_\_ destruction went against his country's (8) \_\_\_\_\_ ethical beliefs. Iran could let U.N. inspectors (9) \_\_\_\_\_ facilities. Rouhani said Iran's (10) \_\_\_\_\_ mean it is important to remove (11) \_\_\_\_\_ "about Iran's peaceful nuclear program". He also said Iran (12) \_\_\_\_\_ world and that the "so-called Iranian threat" was imaginary.

# IRAN SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1309/130927-un-speech-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)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)

