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**Level 4 – 16th June 2025**

## **Iran and Israel continue to exchange airstrikes**

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**Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2506/250616-iran-israel-airstrikes-4.html>

The conflict between Israel and Iran is worsening. This latest crisis comes after Israel launched airstrikes against Iran on Friday. These destroyed Iranian military targets. They also killed senior military figures and nuclear scientists. Israel's prime minister said his country wanted to "thwart the Islamic regime's nuclear and ballistic missile threat". The International Atomic Energy Agency said Iran was in breach of its nuclear non-proliferation obligations.

Iran's capital Tehran was bombed for the first time since the Iran-Iraq War. Iran's leader said Israel started a war. He said Israel would pay a "heavy price" for its attacks. The Israeli military reported Iran fired fewer than 100 missiles. Israel's leader spoke to the Iranian people. He told them: "We are clearing the path for you to achieve your freedom. The regime...has never been weaker. This is your opportunity to stand up and let your voices be heard."

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                     |                              |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. The conflict                     | a. country wanted to         |
| 2. These destroyed Iranian          | b. proliferation obligations |
| 3. senior military                  | c. Islamic regime            |
| 4. nuclear                          | d. military targets          |
| 5. Israel's prime minister said his | e. between Israel and Iran   |
| 6. thwart the                       | f. figures                   |
| 7. ballistic                        | g. scientists                |
| 8. in breach of its nuclear non-    | h. missile threat            |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                              |                      |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Iran's capital Tehran     | a. the Iran-Iraq War |
| 2. for the first time since  | b. to stand up       |
| 3. He said Israel would pay  | c. path for you      |
| 4. The Israeli               | d. be heard          |
| 5. We are clearing the       | e. military          |
| 6. The regime has never been | f. was bombed        |
| 7. This is your opportunity  | g. a heavy price     |
| 8. let your voices           | h. weaker            |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The conflict between Israel and (1) \_\_\_\_\_. This (2) \_\_\_\_\_ after Israel launched airstrikes against Iran on Friday. These destroyed (3) \_\_\_\_\_. They also killed senior military figures (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Israel's prime minister said his country (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the Islamic regime's nuclear and ballistic missile threat". The International Atomic Energy Agency said Iran was (6) \_\_\_\_\_ its nuclear non-proliferation obligations.

Iran's capital Tehran (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the first time since the Iran-Iraq War. Iran's leader said Israel (8) \_\_\_\_\_. He said Israel would pay a "heavy price" for its attacks. The Israeli military reported Iran (9) \_\_\_\_\_ 100 missiles. Israel's leader spoke to the Iranian people. He told them: "We are (10) \_\_\_\_\_ for you to achieve your freedom. The regime...has (11) \_\_\_\_\_. This is your opportunity to stand up and let your (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2506/250616-iran-israel-airstrikes-4.html>

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# ISRAEL AND IRAN SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2506/250616-iran-israel-airstrikes-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Israel and 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) \_\_\_\_\_

