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## U.S. re-imposes sanctions on Iran

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181107-iran-sanctions.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?

tough / sanctions / pressure / result / nuclear deal / economy / critical / regime / defiant / face / government / administration / statements / pay attention / goodwill

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

**3. SANCTIONS:** Students A **strongly** believe sanctions against Iran will work; Students B **strongly** believe they won't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. YOUR COUNTRY:** What are these sectors like in your country? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

Energy	
Construction	
Technology	
Banking	
Tourism	
Other _____	

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

**6. PENALTIES:** Rank these with your partner. Put the most effective penalties at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- sanctions
- fines
- closed borders
- cut diplomatic relations
- trade tariffs
- blockades
- sporting bans
- military strike

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| 1. tough          | a. A government, especially an authoritarian one.   |
| 2. relentless     | b. Involving or causing a complete or dramatic change.  |
| 3. revolutionary  | c. The central or most important part of something.   |
| 4. administration | d. Showing a strict and unchanging attitude or approach.  |
| 5. core           | e. A distinct part or branch of a nation's economy or society or of a sphere of activity such as education. |
| 6. sectors        | f. So constant and non-stop that it becomes harsh or cruel.   |
| 7. regime         | g. The management of public affairs; government.  |

## Paragraph 2

- |                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| 8. defiant        | h. Developed gradually, especially from a simple to a more complex form.                                       |
| 9. throwback      | i. Listen carefully and show an interest in what someone is saying.  |
| 10. era           | j. Of an organization, relationship, or structure that breaks down and breaks gradually over a period of time. |
| 11. evolved       | k. Going back to an earlier version or characteristic of something.  |
| 12. pay attention | l. Friendly, helpful, or cooperative feelings or attitude.   |
| 13. goodwill      | m. A long and distinct period of history with a particular feature or characteristic.                          |
| 14. crumbled      | n. Being openly resistant; boldly disobedient.   |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181107-iran-sanctions.html>

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

- a. The U.S. Secretary of State said pressure on Iran would be relentless. **T / F**
- b. Sanctions were lifted against Iran in 2015. **T / F**
- c. Most of the sanctions on Iran are against its leaders and government. **T / F**
- d. The USA is using a campaign of minimum financial pressure on Iran. **T / F**
- e. Iran's president said the sanctions would probably break his country. **T / F**
- f. Iran's president compared President Trump to President Bush junior. **T / F**
- g. Iran's president said Iranians pay no attention to U.S. statements. **T / F**
- h. Al Jazeera said goodwill with Iran has crumbled in a matter of days. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- |                          |               |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| <b>1. re-imposed</b>     | a. feisty     |
| <b>2. relentless</b>     | b. fell apart |
| <b>3. course</b>         | c. areas      |
| <b>4. deal</b>           | d. put back   |
| <b>5. sectors</b>        | e. period     |
| <b>6. defiant</b>        | f. path       |
| <b>7. administration</b> | g. move       |
| <b>8. era</b>            | h. constant   |
| <b>9. step</b>           | i. government |
| <b>10. crumbled</b>      | j. agreement  |

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

- |   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. The USA has re-imposed tough economic  | a. had been built           |
| 2. it would be subject                    | b. parts of Iran's economy  |
| 3. all sanctions that were                | c. of Bush junior           |
| 4. the sanctions target core              | d. a defiant tone           |
| 5. pressure on the Iranian                | e. lifted in 2015           |
| 6. Iran's President Hassan Rouhani struck | f. attention                |
| 7. a throwback to the era                 | g. sanctions on Iran        |
| 8. no longer pay                          | h. backward step            |
| 9. the sanctions were a                   | i. regime                   |
| 10. the goodwill that                     | j. to "relentless" pressure |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181107-iran-sanctions.html>

The USA has re-imposed (1) \_\_\_\_\_ economic sanctions on Iran. The U.S. Secretary of State warned Iran that it would be (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to "relentless" pressure unless it changes its "revolutionary (3) \_\_\_\_\_ ". The Trump administration reinstated all sanctions that were lifted in 2015 as a result of the Iranian nuclear (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Most of the sanctions target core parts of Iran's economy. The U.S. Treasury described the new (5) \_\_\_\_\_ as, "the toughest U.S. sanctions ever imposed on Iran". It added they would, "target critical (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of Iran's economy, such as the energy, shipping and shipbuilding, and financial sectors". It added: "The USA is (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in a campaign of maximum financial pressure on the Iranian (8) \_\_\_\_\_."

*deal*  
*tough*  
*regime*  
*penalties*  
*course*  
*engaged*  
*subject*  
*sectors*

Iran's President Hassan Rouhani struck a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ tone in the face of the renewed sanctions. He told his government: "We will (10) \_\_\_\_\_ break the sanctions." Rouhani described the administration of President Donald Trump as, "a throwback to the era of Bush junior and a (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of the same statements as 2003". He said: "The (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of such statements has evolved and the Iranian people have heard these statements hundreds of times, and no longer (13) \_\_\_\_\_ attention." The Al Jazeera news agency said the sanctions were a backward (14) \_\_\_\_\_. It wrote: "With one Trump signature, the (15) \_\_\_\_\_ that had been built between Iranians and the rest of the world crumbled in a (16) \_\_\_\_\_ of months."

*proudly*  
*era*  
*goodwill*  
*defiant*  
*pay*  
*matter*  
*repeat*  
*step*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181107-iran-sanctions.html>

- 1) The U.S. Secretary of State warned Iran that it would be subject to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. relentless pressure
  - b. relentless pressured
  - c. relentless press sure
  - d. relentless pressed sure
- 2) Most of the sanctions target \_\_\_\_\_ Iran's economy
  - a. scare parts of
  - b. core parts of
  - c. cored parts of
  - d. score parts of
- 3) the toughest U.S. sanctions ever imposed on Iran. It added they would \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. targets critically sectors
  - b. target critical specters
  - c. targets critical sectors
  - d. target critical sectors
- 4) such as the energy, shipping and shipbuilding, and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. finance shall sectors
  - b. financial sections
  - c. financially sectors
  - d. financial sectors
- 5) The USA is engaged in a campaign of maximum financial pressure on \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the Iranian legume
  - b. the Iranian raging
  - c. the Iranian regimen
  - d. the Iranian regime
- 6) President Hassan Rouhani struck a defiant tone in the face \_\_\_\_\_ sanctions
  - a. of the re-chewed
  - b. of the renews
  - c. of the renewed
  - d. of the renewable
- 7) described the administration of President Donald Trump as \_\_\_\_\_ the era of Bush
  - a. a thrown back to
  - b. a throw black to
  - c. a throwbacks to
  - d. a throwback to
- 8) Iranian people have heard these statements hundreds of times, and no \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. longer give attention
  - b. longer pay attention
  - c. longer say attention
  - d. longer take attention
- 9) The Al Jazeera news agency said the sanctions were \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a back wood steep
  - b. a backward step
  - c. a back ward steep
  - d. a black wood step
- 10) goodwill that had been built between Iranians and the rest of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. world stumbled
  - b. world mumbled
  - c. world bumbled
  - d. world crumbled

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181107-iran-sanctions.html>

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181107-iran-sanctions.html>

1. Who said Iran would be subject to "relentless pressure"?
2. What course does the USA want Iran to change?
3. When were sanctions on Iran lifted?
4. Who called the sanctions the toughest ever imposed on Iran?
5. What sectors will the sanctions hit besides shipping and shipbuilding?
6. What did President Rouhani say Iranians would do to the sanctions?
7. Who did President Rouhani compare Donald Trump to?
8. What did President Rouhani say Iranians do to U.S. statements?
9. What did Al Jazeera call the sanctions?
10. What did Al Jazeera say had crumbled?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181107-iran-sanctions.html>

- 1) Who said Iran would be subject to "relentless pressure"?
  - a) the U.S. Secretary of State
  - b) Iran's President Rouhani
  - c) the IMF
  - d) the World Bank
- 2) What course does the USA want Iran to change?
  - a) an induction course
  - b) a crash course
  - c) a revolutionary course
  - d) a correspondence course
- 3) When were sanctions on Iran lifted?
  - a) 2014
  - b) 2015
  - c) 2016
  - d) 2013
- 4) Who called the sanctions the toughest ever imposed on Iran?
  - a) the IMF
  - b) a journalist
  - c) Iran's President Hassan Rouhani
  - d) the U.S. Treasury
- 5) What sectors will the sanctions hit besides shipping and shipbuilding?
  - a) energy and financial sectors
  - b) tourism and aviation
  - c) oil and gas
  - d) education and health
- 6) What did President Rouhani say Iranians would do to the sanctions?
  - a) laugh at them
  - b) add to them
  - c) endure them
  - d) break them
- 7) Who did President Rouhani compare Donald Trump to?
  - a) Barack Obama
  - b) George Bush junior
  - c) Bill Clinton
  - d) George Bush senior
- 8) What did President Rouhani say Iranians do to U.S. statements?
  - a) file them
  - b) translate them
  - c) laugh at them
  - d) pay no attention to them
- 9) What did Al Jazeera call the sanctions?
  - a) silly
  - b) a joke
  - c) a backward step
  - d) a necessary evil
- 10) What did Al Jazeera say had crumbled?
  - a) trust
  - b) goodwill
  - c) houses
  - d) a city

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181107-iran-sanctions.html>

## **Role A – Sanctions**

You think sanctions are the best way to punish another country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): fines, military strikes or cutting diplomatic relations.

## **Role B – Fines**

You think fines are the best way to punish another country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): sanctions, military strikes or cutting diplomatic relations.

## **Role C – Military Strikes**

You think military strikes are the best way to punish another country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): fines, sanctions or cutting diplomatic relations.

## **Role D – Cutting Diplomatic Relations**

You think cutting diplomatic relations is the best way to punish another country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): fines, military strikes or sanctions.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181107-iran-sanctions.html>

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

<b>economic</b>	<b>sanctions</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>• tough</li><li>• subject</li><li>• result</li><li>• ever</li><li>• such</li><li>• maximum</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• face</li><li>• break</li><li>• junior</li><li>• times</li><li>• step</li><li>• matter</li></ul>
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# IRAN SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181107-iran-sanctions.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.

# 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 know about these sanctions?
4. How effective will the sanctions be?
5. How will the sanctions affect ordinary Iranians?
6. Why do many European countries disagree with the sanctions?
7. What do you know about the Iran nuclear deal?
8. What is Iran's "revolutionary course"?
9. What advice do you have for Iranians?
10. What do you know about Iran?

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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 'sanctions'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Why is the USA imposing sanctions on Iran?
15. When have sanctions worked to bring change?
16. Can the USA and Iran ever trust each other?
17. How could Iran "break the sanctions"?
18. What would have happened if the sanctions weren't imposed?
19. Have the sanctions "crumbled" goodwill?
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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181107-iran-sanctions.html>

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

- |     |             |               |               |              |
|-----|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) tough   | (b) trough    | (c) though    | (d) thorough |
| 2.  | (a) useless | (b) lesser    | (c) unless    | (d) less     |
| 3.  | (a) was     | (b) has       | (c) as        | (d) that's   |
| 4.  | (a) spindle | (b) shaft     | (c) kernel    | (d) core     |
| 5.  | (a) target  | (b) aim       | (c) bulls eye | (d) goal     |
| 6.  | (a) on      | (b) in        | (c) at        | (d) of       |
| 7.  | (a) tune    | (b) tin       | (c) tome      | (d) tone     |
| 8.  | (a) near    | (b) era       | (c) ore       | (d) ire      |
| 9.  | (a) payee   | (b) payer     | (c) pay       | (d) payload  |
| 10. | (a) scribe  | (b) signature | (c) ensign    | (d) assign   |
| 11. | (a) clamped | (b) dabbled   | (c) dribbled  | (d) crumbled |
| 12. | (a) solid   | (b) matter    | (c) gas       | (d) liquid   |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. its toeuroivnlray course
2. the Iranian cneluar deal
3. the new Inaptiees
4. target riticcal sectors of Iran's economy
5. maximum financial rspusere
6. the Iranian gerime

## Paragraph 2

7. struck a efidnat tone
8. a rtbwoahck to the era of Bush
9. heard these ttsemenats hundreds of times
10. no longer pay teatntion
11. With one Trump igasutnre
12. the rest of the world mucbreld

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181107-iran-sanctions.html>

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

- ( ) to the era of Bush junior and a repeat of the same statements as 2003". He said: "The era of such
- ( ) Iranians and the rest of the world crumbled in a matter of months."
- ( ) statements has evolved and the Iranian people have heard these statements hundreds of times, and no longer pay
- ( ) proudly break the sanctions." Rouhani described the administration of President Donald Trump as, "a throwback
- ( ) attention." The Al Jazeera news agency said the sanctions were a backward
- ( ) imposed on Iran". It added they would, "target critical sectors of Iran's economy, such
- ( ) sanctions that were lifted in 2015 as a result of the Iranian nuclear deal. Most of the sanctions target core parts
- ( ) Iran's President Hassan Rouhani struck a defiant tone in the face of the renewed sanctions. He told his government: "We will
- ( ) as the energy, shipping and shipbuilding, and financial sectors". It added: "The USA is engaged
- ( ) step. It wrote: "With one Trump signature, the goodwill that had been built between
- ( **1** ) The USA has re-imposed tough economic sanctions on Iran. The U.S. Secretary of State warned Iran that it would be
- ( ) in a campaign of maximum financial pressure on the Iranian regime."
- ( ) of Iran's economy. The U.S. Treasury described the new penalties as, "the toughest U.S. sanctions ever
- ( ) subject to "relentless" pressure unless it changes its "revolutionary course". The Trump administration reinstated all

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181107-iran-sanctions.html>

1. tough USA The has economic re-imposed sanctions .
2. subject to unless it "relentless" Be changes . pressure
3. deal . nuclear As Iranian of the result a
4. toughest imposed on Iran . sanctions U .S . The ever
5. financial Maximum Iranian the on regime . pressure
6. sanctions . defiant tone in face A of the
7. of Bush to the era junior . throwback A
8. statements hundreds of People times . heard these have
9. between goodwill Iranians . that built had The been
10. of rest crumbled the world The in months .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181107-iran-sanctions.html>

The USA has re-imposed *tough / toughen* economic sanctions on Iran. The U.S. Secretary of State warned Iran that it would be *object / subject* to "relentless" pressure unless it changes its "revolutionary course". The Trump administration reinstated *every / all* sanctions that were lifted in 2015 as a result of the Iranian nuclear *deal / dealt*. Most of the sanctions target *score / core* parts of Iran's economy. The U.S. Treasury described the new penalties as, "the toughest U.S. sanctions ever *imposed / composed* on Iran". It added they would, "target *critically / critical* sectors of Iran's economy, such as the energy, *shipping / shipped* and shipbuilding, and financial sectors". It added: "The USA is *engaged / married* in a campaign of maximum financial pressure on the Iranian *regime / regiment*."

Iran's President Hassan Rouhani *struck / stuck* a defiant tone in the face of the renewed sanctions. He told his government: "We will *proud / proudly* break the sanctions." Rouhani described the *administered / administration* of President Donald Trump as, "a throwback to the *era / arena* of Bush junior and a repeat of the *same / similar* statements as 2003". He said: "The era of such statements has *evolution / evolved* and the Iranian people have heard these statements hundreds of times, and no longer *spend / pay* attention." The Al Jazeera news agency said the sanctions were a backward *ladder / step*. It wrote: "With one Trump *assign / signature*, the goodwill that had been built between Iranians and the rest of the world crumbled in a *master / matter* of months."

**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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The USA has re-imposed tough economic sanctions on Iran. The U.S. Secretary of State warned Iran that it would be subject to "relentless" pressure unless it changes its "revolting" nuclear course. The Trump administration's first round of sanctions that were lifted in 2015 as a result of the Iran nuclear deal. Most of the sanctions target core parts of Iran's economy. The U.S. Treasury has also imposed new penalties, "the toughest to U.S. sanctions ever imposed on Iran". It added they would, "target critical sectors of Iran's economy, such as the energy, shipping and shipping, and financial sectors". It added: "The USA is engaged in a campaign of maximum financial pressure on the Iranian regime."

Iran's President Hassan Rouhani struck a deal with the new administration's sanctions. He told his government: "We will proudly break the sanctions." Rouhani described the administration of President Donald Trump as, "a throwback to the era of Bush junior and a report of the same statements as 2003". He said: "The era of such statements has involved the Iranian people have heard these statements hundreds of times, and nothing is changing." The Al Jazeera news agency said the sanctions were a "backward step". It wrote: "With the Trump signature, the good will that had been built between Iran and the rest of the world crumbled on the matter of months."

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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 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. SANCTIONS:** Write a magazine article about the sanctions on Iran. 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 the country. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

- |                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. re-imposed     | a. put back   |
| 2. relentless     | b. constant   |
| 3. course         | c. path       |
| 4. deal           | d. agreement  |
| 5. sectors        | e. areas      |
| 6. defiant        | f. feisty     |
| 7. administration | g. government |
| 8. era            | h. period     |
| 9. step           | i. move       |
| 10. crumbled      | j. fell apart |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. The U.S. Secretary of State
2. A revolutionary course
3. 2015
4. The U.S. Treasury
5. Energy and financial sectors
6. Break them
7. George Bush junior
8. Pay no attention to them
9. A backward step
10. Goodwill

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. The USA has re-imposed tough economic sanctions.
2. Be subject to "relentless" pressure unless it changes.
3. As a result of the Iranian nuclear deal.
4. The toughest U.S. sanctions ever imposed on Iran.
5. Maximum financial pressure on the Iranian regime.
6. A defiant tone in the face of sanctions.
7. A throwback to the era of Bush junior.
8. People have heard these statements hundreds of times.
9. The goodwill that had been built between Iranians.
10. The rest of the world crumbled in months.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. a    2. c    3. b    4. d    5. a    6. d    7. b    8. d    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 ;-)