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Iran promises revenge after assassination of Soleimani

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

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THE READING

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Iran's president promised to avenge the assassination of Qassem Soleimani. Using strong words, the president said: "The Americans do not realise what grave error they have committed. Revenge for Soleimani's blood will be secured, and the filthy hands of America will be cut off forever from this region." Iran's religious leader was similarly defiant. He said: "Severe retaliation awaits murderers with blood on their hands." Mr Soleimani's death will increase tensions.

Qassem Soleimani, 62, was the second most powerful person in Iran. He was the top military leader and was behind Iran's spreading regional influence. Some media call him the "rock star general". The U.S. president ordered the assassination after the killing of an American in the U.S. embassy in Baghdad. He said the assassination was to stop war in the region. He called Soleimani a terrorist who was responsible for thousands of deaths. "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. promised to avenge | a. similarly defiant |
| 2. strong | b. from this region |
| 3. grave | c. words |
| 4. America will be cut off forever | d. increase tensions |
| 5. Iran's religious leader was | e. awaits |
| 6. severe retaliation | f. error |
| 7. murderers with blood | g. the assassination |
| 8. Mr Soleimani's death will | h. on their hands |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. the second most | a. "rock star general" |
| 2. the top military | b. thousands of deaths |
| 3. Iran's spreading regional | c. Baghdad |
| 4. Some media call him the | d. on social media |
| 5. the U.S. embassy in | e. influence |
| 6. stop war | f. leader |
| 7. responsible for | g. in the region |
| 8. a top hashtag | h. powerful person |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Iran's president (1) _____ the assassination of Qassem Soleimani. Using strong words, the president said: "The Americans do not realise what (2) _____ have committed. Revenge for Soleimani's blood (3) _____, and the filthy hands of America will be cut (4) _____ this region." Iran's religious leader was similarly defiant. He said: "(5) _____ murderers with blood on their hands." Mr Soleimani's death (6) _____.

Qassem Soleimani, 62, was (7) _____ powerful person in Iran. He was the (8) _____ and was behind Iran's spreading regional influence. Some media call him the "(9) _____".

The U.S. president ordered the assassination (10) _____ of an American in the U.S. (11) _____. He said the assassination was to stop war in the region. He called Soleimani a terrorist who was responsible for thousands of deaths. "World War III" is now (12) _____ 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.
