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Important election in Iran

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Iran voted. It was one of the most important elections in the world. It was between the president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, and another man called Mir-Hossein Mousavi. Mr. Mousavi wanted to change many things in Iran. He said the laws in Iran are too strict. But, many people like Mr. Ahmadinejad. They think he is strong and he doesn't listen to the U.S.A. Many people were excited about the election. Thousands of people protested in the streets. There were lots of arguments about which person should win.

I think elections are difficult. It's very confusing to know who is best. All of the politicians speak on television and they all say they want to help the people. This is great. The problem is that they do not keep their promises. Many people become president and then steal lots of money. I haven't seen many presidents who help their people. There are lots of poor people in every country, so politicians are liars. The election in Iran is also difficult. Many Americans want Mr. Ahmadinejad to lose. He wants to help poor people in Iran.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. the most important | a. change many things |
| 2. Mousavi wanted to | b. the streets |
| 3. laws in Iran are | c. about the election |
| 4. people were excited | d. elections in the world |
| 5. people protested in | e. of arguments |
| 6. There were lots | f. too strict |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. It's very | a. their promises |
| 2. they want to help | b. help |
| 3. they do not keep | c. the people |
| 4. steal | d. liars |
| 5. politicians are | e. confusing |
| 6. He wants to | f. lots of money |

LISTENING GAP FILL

Iran voted. It _____ most important elections in the world. It was between the president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, and _____ Mir-Hossein Mousavi. Mr. Mousavi wanted to _____ in Iran. He said the laws in Iran are too strict. But, many people like Mr. Ahmadinejad. They think he is strong _____ listen to the U.S.A. Many people were excited about the election. Thousands of people protested in the streets. _____ arguments about which person should win.

_____ difficult. It's very confusing to know who is best. All of the politicians speak on television _____ they want to help the people. This is great. The problem is that they do not _____. Many people become president and then steal lots of money. I haven't seen many presidents _____ people. There are lots of poor people in every country, so _____. The election in Iran is also difficult. Many Americans want Mr. Ahmadinejad to lose. He wants to help poor people in Iran.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Iran (1) _____. It was one of the most important elections in the world. It was between the president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, and another man called Mir-Hossein Mousavi. Mr. Mousavi wanted to (2) _____ many things in Iran. He said the (3) _____ in Iran are too strict. But, many people like Mr. Ahmadinejad. They think he is strong and he doesn't listen to the U.S.A. Many people were (4) _____ about the election. Thousands of people protested in the streets. There were lots of (5) _____ about which person should win.

I think elections are difficult. It's very (6) _____ to know who is best. All of the politicians speak on television and they all say they want to help the people. This is great. The problem is that they do not (7) _____ their promises. Many people become president and then steal (8) _____ of money. I haven't seen many presidents who help their people. There are lots of poor people in every country, (9) _____ politicians are liars. The election in Iran is also difficult. Many Americans want Mr. Ahmadinejad (10) _____ lose. He wants to help poor people in Iran.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) voters | (b) voting | (c) voted |
| 2. | (a) change | (b) chance | (c) chase |
| 3. | (a) legal | (b) laws | (c) lawyer |
| 4. | (a) exciting | (b) excited | (c) excitement |
| 5. | (a) arguments | (b) argue | (c) arguing |
| 6. | (a) confusion | (b) confusing | (c) confused |
| 7. | (a) save | (b) store | (c) keep |
| 8. | (a) lot | (b) many | (c) lots |
| 9. | (a) because | (b) so | (c) however |
| 10. | (a) him | (b) not | (c) to |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. Iran tevdo
2. laws in Iran are too tsitrc
3. he doesn't itnse
4. people were ceixetd
5. people eestrotpd
6. lots of ratngusme

Paragraph 2

7. It's very oincngsuf
8. politicians pskae on television
9. keep their pirseoms
10. seatl lots of money
11. politicians are lrsia
12. also ctudlfifi

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () and he doesn't listen to the U.S.A. Many people were excited about the election. Thousands of
- () I think elections are difficult. It's very confusing to know who is best. All of the politicians speak on
- (**1**) Iran voted. It was one of the most important elections in the world. It was between the president,
- () Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, and another man called Mir-Hosseini Mousavi. Mr. Mousavi wanted to change many things in
- () also difficult. Many Americans want Mr. Ahmadinejad to lose. He wants to help poor people in Iran.
- () Iran. He said the laws in Iran are too strict. But, many people like Mr. Ahmadinejad. They think he is strong
- () their promises. Many people become president and then steal lots of money. I haven't seen many presidents who help
- () television and they all say they want to help the people. This is great. The problem is that they do not keep
- () their people. There are lots of poor people in every country, so politicians are liars. The election in Iran is
- () people protested in the streets. There were lots of arguments about which person should win.

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. the elections world of important the One most in.

2. in to Iran change many Mousavi things wanted.

3. Iran strict said in too He laws are the.

4. Many election the about excited were people.

5. of Thousands streets the in protested people.

6. to know It's who very is confusing best.

7. on speak politicians the of All television.

8. do keep promises They not their.

9. of in lots people country are poor every There.

10. want lose Mr . Many Ahmadinejad Americans to.

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. _____

HOMWORK

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 more information about elections. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about elections. Include imaginary interviews with two people, one who loves elections and one who hates them.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. 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.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to President Ahmadinejad. Ask him three questions about Iran's elections. Give him three of your opinions on Iran.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.