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## Iran tests its own nuclear fuel

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# THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Iran has said its scientists have tested the first nuclear fuel rod that is made from uranium inside the country. The Iranian Atomic Energy Organisation website said: "After going through physical checks, it was inserted into the core of the Tehran...reactor...to study how well it works." Western governments never thought Iran's engineers could do this. They believe Iran wants to use uranium to build nuclear weapons. Iran's government has said for the past decade its nuclear sites are for energy only.

Iran is under a lot of international pressure not to produce nuclear missiles. On Friday, U.S. President Barack Obama created new laws that targeted Iran's central bank. America wants the world to stop trading with Iran unless it allows experts into the country to check the nuclear plants. In a related story, Iran also tested a new missile on Sunday. The medium-range missile can fly without radars seeing it. The test was part of a 10-day exercise in the Gulf that also increased tensions with the U.S.

# PHRASE MATCH

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1201/120102-nuclear\\_fuel.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1201/120102-nuclear_fuel.html)

**Match the following phrases from the article.**

## Paragraph 1

- |                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| 1. nuclear fuel           | a. well it works |
| 2. made from              | b. checks        |
| 3. going through physical | c. rod           |
| 4. inserted into          | d. decade        |
| 5. study how              | e. the core      |
| 6. for the past           | f. uranium       |

## Paragraph 2

- |                                 |                  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. under a lot of international | a. seeing it     |
| 2. produce nuclear              | b. with Iran     |
| 3. stop trading                 | c. pressure      |
| 4. In a related                 | d. with the U.S. |
| 5. fly without radars           | e. missiles      |
| 6. increased tensions           | f. story         |

# LISTENING GAP FILL

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Iran is \_\_\_\_\_ international pressure not to produce nuclear missiles. On Friday, U.S. President Barack Obama \_\_\_\_\_ that targeted Iran's central bank. America wants the world to stop trading with Iran \_\_\_\_\_ experts into the country to check the nuclear plants. \_\_\_\_\_ story, Iran also tested a new missile on Sunday. The medium-range missile \_\_\_\_\_ radars seeing it. The test was part of a 10-day exercise in the Gulf that also \_\_\_\_\_ with the U.S.

# MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Iran has said its scientists (1) \_\_\_\_\_ tested the first nuclear fuel rod that is made from uranium inside the country. The Iranian Atomic Energy Organisation website said: "After going (2) \_\_\_\_\_ physical checks, it was inserted into the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Tehran...reactor...to study how well it works." Western governments never (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Iran's engineers could do this. They believe Iran wants to use uranium to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ nuclear weapons. Iran's government has said for the past decade its nuclear sites are for energy (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Iran is (7) \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of international pressure not to produce nuclear missiles. On Friday, U.S. President Barack Obama created new laws that (8) \_\_\_\_\_ Iran's central bank. America wants the world to stop (9) \_\_\_\_\_ with Iran unless it allows experts into the country to check the nuclear plants. In a (10) \_\_\_\_\_ story, Iran also tested a new missile on Sunday. The medium-range missile can fly without radars seeing (11) \_\_\_\_\_. The test was part of a 10-day exercise in the Gulf that also increased tensions (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the U.S.

## Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- |     |               |               |              |
|-----|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) has       | (b) having    | (c) have     |
| 2.  | (a) up        | (b) through   | (c) in       |
| 3.  | (a) pip       | (b) skin      | (c) core     |
| 4.  | (a) thought   | (b) thinks    | (c) thinking |
| 5.  | (a) build     | (b) built     | (c) builds   |
| 6.  | (a) just      | (b) only      | (c) simple   |
| 7.  | (a) under     | (b) over      | (c) around   |
| 8.  | (a) aimed     | (b) targeted  | (c) shot     |
| 9.  | (a) marketing | (b) bartering | (c) trading  |
| 10. | (a) related   | (b) relation  | (c) relative |
| 11. | (a) them      | (b) it        | (c) all      |
| 12. | (a) at        | (b) over      | (c) with     |

# SPELLING

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**Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.**

## Paragraph 1

1. made from runmiua
2. going through sacplhiy checks
3. Iran's eigrnesen
4. build nuclear awepson
5. for the past cdaeed
6. for yegnre only

## Paragraph 2

7. international eerrupss
8. laws that gdaetert Iran's central bank
9. stop rgntiad with Iran
10. In a eatdler story...
11. The medium-range iilesms
12. increased oitnsnse with the U.S.

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1201/120102-nuclear\\_fuel.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1201/120102-nuclear_fuel.html)

## Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) Friday, U.S. President Barack Obama created new laws that targeted Iran's central bank. America wants the
- ( ) Iran is under a lot of international pressure not to produce nuclear missiles. On
- ( ) has said for the past decade its nuclear sites are for energy only.
- ( ) world to stop trading with Iran unless it allows experts into the country to check the nuclear
- ( ) plants. In a related story, Iran also tested a new missile on Sunday. The medium-
- ( ) day exercise in the Gulf that also increased tensions with the U.S.
- ( ) inside the country. The Iranian Atomic Energy Organisation website said: "After going
- ( ) through physical checks, it was inserted into the core of the Tehran...reactor...to study how well it
- ( ) range missile can fly without radars seeing it. The test was part of a 10-
- ( **1** ) Iran has said its scientists have tested the first nuclear fuel rod that is made from uranium
- ( ) works." Western governments never thought Iran's engineers could do
- ( ) this. They believe Iran wants to use uranium to build nuclear weapons. Iran's government

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

1. tested rod the first Scientists nuclear have fuel.

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2. was into core It inserted the.

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3. works it well how Study.

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4. to weapons wants uranium nuclear Iran use build to.

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5. only energy for are sites nuclear Its.

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6. a lot Iran of is international under pressure.

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7. bank central Iran's targeted that laws New.

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8. to with America world trading the stop Iran wants.

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9. a new Iran missile also on tested Sunday.

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10. a 10 - day exercise The test was part of.

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## **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. \_\_\_\_\_



# 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. IRAN:** Search the Internet and find more information about Iran and its nuclear plans. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about Iran. Include an imaginary interview with an Iranian and the U.S. President. 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 a Iran expert. Ask him/her three questions about Iran. Give him/her three of your opinions on the country. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.