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PART A: Fill in the Blanks

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Trump Threatens Strait of Hormuz Blockade after Ceasefire Talks End without Agreement

The collapse of _____ talks between America and Iran triggered Donald Trump into dramatically raising the _____ today. He threatened the US Navy would immediately begin a _____ to stop ships from entering or leaving the Strait of Hormuz, the vital _____ route. The escalation risks further spikes to oil and _____ prices.

Our international editor, Emma Murphy, reports from _____. After _____ hours of negotiations, a departing vice president brought confirmation the chances of lasting _____ between the US and Iran were disappearing almost as fast as the vice president himself.

Before taking off, Mr. Vance acknowledged the _____ of the day, placing the responsibility on the _____ as they did on the Americans. The bad news is that we have not reached an _____.





We've made very clear what our _____ lines are, what things we're willing to _____ them on, and they have chosen not to accept our _____.

As the Pakistani _____ said farewell to the American delegation, it became clear the sticking point remained Iranian _____ over the Strait of Hormuz, along with issues around the _____ file.

With the failure of the talks came confirmation from President Trump of another attempt to bring Iran to _____, seeking to blockade the Strait of Hormuz and the _____ of Iranian oil.

They want to have _____ weapons. They're not going to have nuclear weapons. I've been saying that for _____ years. The big question is where this goes from here. Will the ceasefire _____, or will there be a return to _____? It has not achieved the American war _____ in the past 40 days.

The Iranian delegation left for Iran having sat face-to-face with representatives of an administration which has _____ many of those and _____ their lives. On some issues, we actually reached mutual _____, but ultimately the talks didn't result in an _____. That gap for now seems _____. The ceasefire is in theory in place for another _____ days. Whether it will last is far from _____.

Donald Trump also claimed that Britain is sending _____ to clear mines. The Prime Minister has spoken to French President _____ _____. They discussed the _____ importance of the Strait and a wider _____ of partners to protect freedom of _____. Sending minesweepers is one _____, but just one of many being _____ out. Any UK military involvement will be _____, not offensive. They worry the cost of _____ will go up, and _____ pressures will be the real problem.

PART B : TRUE or FALSE

Listen again and decide if the statements are True (T) or False (F).



- 1.The collapse of ceasefire talks between the US and Iran led Donald Trump to threaten a blockade of the Strait of Hormuz.
- 2.The ceasefire talks between the US and Iran lasted for more than 48 hours.
- 3.Both the United States and Iran blamed each other for the failure of the ceasefire negotiations.
- 4.The main sticking point of the negotiations was Iran's sovereignty over the Strait of Hormuz.
- 5.President Trump stated that Iran will be allowed to develop nuclear weapons in the future.
- 6.The ceasefire between the US and Iran was expected to last indefinitely following the talks.
- 7.Britain has officially announced that it will send minesweepers to the Strait of Hormuz to assist in a US blockade.
- 8.The UK Prime Minister discussed the importance of the Strait of Hormuz with the French President, Emmanuel Macron.
- 9.The UK government has stated any military involvement in the region would be offensive rather than defensive.
- 10.The failure of the talks and ongoing tensions are expected to increase domestic pressures in the UK, particularly concerning the cost of living.

PART C : Short Answer

Answer briefly (1-2 sentences).

Why is the Strait of Hormuz important?

What is the main disagreement between the two sides?

