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Saudi prince says fracking will hurt his nation

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THE READING

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Saudi billionaire prince Alwaleed bin Talal has warned that his nation is in danger unless it reduces its dependence on oil. A huge 92 per cent of Saudi's revenue comes from oil. He posted a letter online warning Gulf states and members of the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) that demand for oil was "in continuous decline". He said Saudi's dependence on oil "is becoming a source of concern for all." The prince also owns stakes in Apple.

Prince Alwaleed warned that fracking is a big threat to Saudi Arabia. Fracking is a technology that gets oil from rocks. The USA has cut demand for Saudi oil because of its own fracking. It hopes to be self-sufficient in oil by 2020, which would be bad for Saudi Arabia. Alwaleed said this was "an inevitable threat," but Gulf countries don't think so. OPEC wants to talk about fracking. The prince encouraged Saudi investment in nuclear and solar energy.

Sources: <http://news.sky.com/story/1121610/saudi-prince-fracking-is-threat-to-kingdom>
<http://www.arabianbusiness.com/alwaleed-warns-of-sliding-oil-demand-511466.html>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. his nation is in | a. on oil |
| 2. it reduces its dependence | b. comes from oil |
| 3. 92 per cent of Saudi's revenue | c. in Apple |
| 4. demand for oil was in | d. of concern for all |
| 5. becoming a source | e. danger |
| 6. The prince also owns stakes | f. continuous decline |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. fracking is a big | a. oil from rocks |
| 2. a technology that gets | b. nuclear and solar energy |
| 3. The USA has cut | c. threat to Saudi Arabia |
| 4. It hopes to be self- | d. threat |
| 5. an inevitable | e. sufficient in oil |
| 6. encouraged Saudi investment in | f. demand for Saudi oil |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Saudi billionaire prince Alwaleed bin Talal (1) _____ nation is in danger unless it reduces (2) _____ oil. A huge 92 per cent of Saudi's revenue comes from oil. He (3) _____ warning Gulf (4) _____ Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) that demand for oil was "(5) _____ ". He said Saudi's dependence on oil "is becoming a (6) _____ all." The prince also owns stakes in Apple.

Prince Alwaleed warned that fracking (7) _____ Saudi Arabia. Fracking is a technology (8) _____ rocks. The USA has cut demand for Saudi (9) _____ fracking. It hopes to be self-sufficient in oil by 2020, (10) _____ for Saudi Arabia. Alwaleed said this was " (11) _____," but Gulf countries don't think so. OPEC wants to talk about fracking. The prince encouraged Saudi (12) _____ and solar energy.

FRACKING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about fracking 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) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

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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) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

