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Level 2

Arab nations cut ties with Qatar

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THE READING

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Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Bahrain, the UAE, Libya and Yemen have all cut ties with Qatar. They say Qatar gives money and support to terrorist groups. Saudi Arabia said it has to protect its own security. It said Qatar was home to many "terrorist...groups that aim to create instability in the region". Qatar said this was not true and that there are no facts that show that terrorist groups are in Qatar. It said the other Arab countries are acting unfairly towards Qatar. It also said other Arab countries would, "not affect the normal lives of citizens and residents" in Qatar.

Qatar now has a difficult future, until normal relations return. Air, land and sea links from Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Egypt and Bahrain have closed. This will be a problem for people in Qatar. Most of its food enters from Saudi Arabia. There is now a rush to buy food in supermarkets. Qatar Airways will suffer because it has to change its routes. Many flights will take much longer. The building of stadiums for the 2022 soccer World Cup could slow down as building materials come in from Saudi. Citizens from Saudi, the UAE and Bahrain are banned from going to Qatar and have 14 days to leave.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Bahrain, the UAE, Libya | a. towards Qatar |
| 2. gives money and support to | b. in the region |
| 3. it has to protect its | c. in Qatar |
| 4. create instability | d. own security |
| 5. Qatar said this was not | e. of citizens |
| 6. countries are acting unfairly | f. and Yemen |
| 7. affect the normal lives | g. true |
| 8. residents | h. terrorist groups |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Qatar now has a difficult | a. longer |
| 2. until normal relations | b. for people |
| 3. Air, land and sea | c. to buy food |
| 4. This will be a problem | d. return |
| 5. There is now a rush | e. leave |
| 6. it has to change | f. future |
| 7. Many flights will take much | g. its routes |
| 8. have 14 days to | h. links |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Saudi Arabia, Egypt, (1) _____, Libya and Yemen have all cut ties with Qatar. They say Qatar gives money and (2) _____ groups. Saudi Arabia said it has to protect its own security. It said Qatar (3) _____ many "terrorist...groups that aim to create instability in the region". Qatar said this was not true and that there (4) _____ that show that terrorist groups are in Qatar. It said the other Arab countries are (5) _____ towards Qatar. It also said other Arab countries would, "not affect the normal lives of citizens (6) _____ Qatar.

Qatar now has a difficult future, (7) _____ return. Air, land and (8) _____ Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Egypt and Bahrain have closed. This will be a problem for people in Qatar. (9) _____ enters from Saudi Arabia. There is now a rush to buy food in supermarkets. Qatar Airways will suffer because it (10) _____ its routes. Many flights will take much longer. The building of stadiums for the 2022 soccer World Cup could slow (11) _____ materials come in from Saudi. Citizens from Saudi, the UAE and Bahrain are banned from going to Qatar (12) _____ days to leave.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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QATAR SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1707/170607-qatar-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Qatar 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) _____

