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Level 0 – 30th September, 2019

Saudi Arabia opens up to tourism

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190930-saudi-arabia-tourism-0.html>

Saudi Arabia is a new tourist destination. It opened its doors to tourists from 49 different countries. They can get online visas.

Saudi says it can be a top tourism destination. It has natural attractions, famous sites, beaches and unique cultures. It wants 10 per cent of its money to come from tourism by 2030.

Tourists can stay in Saudi for 90 days a year. Non-Muslims cannot go to the holy sites of Mecca and Medina. A spokesman explained how important tourism is. He said: "Opening Saudi Arabia to...tourists is a historic moment....Its unique attractions, culture and natural beauty [will] become more widely [loved]."

Sources: <https://www.wsj.com/articles/saudi-arabia-opens-kingdom-to-foreign-tourists-11569586198>
<https://www.arabnews.com/node/1560631/saudi-arabia>
<http://www.saudigazette.com.sa/article/578331>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. a new | a. different countries |
| 2. It opened | b. of its money |
| 3. tourists from 49 | c. destination |
| 4. They can get online | d. its doors |
| 5. it can be a top tourism | e. and unique cultures |
| 6. It has natural | f. tourist destination |
| 7. beaches | g. attractions |
| 8. 10 per cent | h. visas |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1. Tourists can | a. moment |
| 2. for 90 days | b. beauty |
| 3. holy | c. tourism is |
| 4. A spokesman | d. loved |
| 5. how important | e. sites |
| 6. a historic | f. stay |
| 7. natural | g. explained |
| 8. become more widely | h. a year |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190930-saudi-arabia-tourism-0.html>

Saudi Arabia (1) _____ tourist destination. It opened its (2) _____ from 49 different countries. They (3) _____ visas. Saudi says it can (4) _____ tourism destination. It has natural attractions, (5) _____ and unique cultures. It wants 10 per cent of its money (6) _____ tourism by 2030.

Tourists (7) _____ Saudi for 90 days a year. Non-Muslims cannot (8) _____ holy sites of Mecca and Medina. A spokesman (9) _____ tourism is. He said: "Opening Saudi Arabia (10) _____ a historic moment.... (11) _____, culture and natural beauty [will] become (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TOURISM SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190930-saudi-arabia-tourism-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about tourism 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) _____

WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190930-saudi-arabia-tourism-0.html>

Write about **tourism** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
