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Israel and UAE reach historic peace deal

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200815-israel-uae.html>

Israel and the United Arab Emirates have agreed to normalise relations in exchange for the suspension of Israeli plans to annex parts of the West Bank. The historic breakthrough was announced in a joint statement yesterday by Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Mohammed Al Nahyan, Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu and U.S. President Donald Trump. They expressed hope that the "historic breakthrough will advance peace in the Middle East". Israel has had diplomatic relations with its neighbours Egypt and Jordan for decades, but until now, it has never had such a relationship with any Gulf Arab state. Israel will "focus its efforts now on expanding ties with other countries in the Arab and Muslim world".

The agreement is called the Abraham Accord. The three leaders behind it said: "This historic diplomatic breakthrough...is a testament to the bold diplomacy...vision...and courage of the UAE and Israel to chart a new path that will unlock great potential in the region." Mr Netanyahu called it a "historic day". However, he said the sovereignty of the West Bank "remains on the table". The UAE said the deal with Israel was a "win for diplomacy and the region". It added: "It is a significant advance in Arab-Israeli relations that lowers tensions and creates new energy for positive change." The Palestinian leadership called it a "betrayal" of the Palestinian cause and the equivalent of being "sold out by friends".

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WARM-UPS

1. THE MIDDLE EAST: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about the Middle East. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

Israel / UAE / relations / West Bank / historic / breakthrough / diplomatic / Arab / vision / courage / potential / region / tensions / positive / change / betrayal / friends

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. PEACE: Students A **strongly** believe peace will come to the Middle East in our lifetime; Students B **strongly** believe it won't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. GULF ARAB STATES: What do you know about these nations? What do you want to know? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	What I Want to Know
UAE		
Oman		
Bahrain		
Kuwait		
Qatar		
Saudi Arabia		

5. HISTORIC: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "historic". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. PEACE: Rank these with your partner. Put the best peace symbols at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- A white dove
- An V sign
- An origami crane
- A rainbow flag
- A broken rifle
- A white poppy
- An olive branch
- The CND symbol

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 1. suspension | a. A period of ten years. |
| 2. annex | b. A sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development. |
| 3. breakthrough | c. Add territory or land to one's own territory by force. |
| 4. expressed | d. Things that unite or link people. |
| 5. decade | e. The temporary prevention of something from continuing or being in force or effect. |
| 6. state | f. Convey a thought or feeling in words or by gestures and conduct. |
| 7. ties | g. A nation or territory considered as an organized political community under one government. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. diplomatic | h. Plan or make a new course through something. |
| 9. testament | i. The authority of a state or country to govern itself or another state. |
| 10. courage | j. Qualities or abilities that may be developed and lead to future success or usefulness. |
| 11. chart | k. Something that serves as a sign or evidence of a specified fact, event, or quality. |
| 12. potential | l. The action of being disloyal to one's country, a group, or a person. |
| 13. sovereignty | m. Having or showing an ability to deal with people in managing international relations. |
| 14. betrayal | n. Strength in the face of pain or grief. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200815-israel-uae.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Israel has scrapped plans to annex the West Bank. **T / F**
- b. The leader of Dubai was one of three leaders making a joint declaration. **T / F**
- c. Israel and Jordan have been at peace for decades. **T / F**
- d. Israel wants to build ties with other Arab countries. **T / F**
- e. The agreement is called The Genesis Accord. **T / F**
- f. Israel's leader said it the most historic day in his country's history. **T / F**
- g. The UAE said the deal would lower tensions in the region. **T / F**
- h. The Palestinian leader welcomed the deal. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| 1. agreed | a. possibilities |
| 2. annex | b. relationships |
| 3. statement | c. parallel |
| 4. breakthrough | d. declaration |
| 5. ties | e. authority |
| 6. courage | f. take over |
| 7. potential | g. treachery |
| 8. sovereignty | h. bravery |
| 9. betrayal | i. consented |
| 10. equivalent | j. step forward |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. annex | a. neighbours |
| 2. the historic breakthrough | b. out by friends |
| 3. diplomatic relations with its | c. ties with other countries |
| 4. focus its | d. to the bold diplomacy |
| 5. expanding | e. will advance peace |
| 6. a testament | f. the West Bank |
| 7. chart a | g. efforts |
| 8. the sovereignty of | h. in Arab-Israeli relations |
| 9. a significant advance | i. new path |
| 10. the equivalent of being sold | j. parts of the West Bank |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200815-israel-uae.html>

Israel and the United Arab Emirates have agreed to normalise (1) _____ in exchange for the suspension of Israeli plans to annex parts of the West Bank. The (2) _____ breakthrough was announced in a (3) _____ statement yesterday by Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Mohammed Al Nahyan, Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu and U.S. President Donald Trump. They expressed (4) _____ that the "historic breakthrough will (5) _____ peace in the Middle East". Israel has had diplomatic relations with its neighbours Egypt and Jordan for (6) _____, but until now, it has never had such a relationship with any Gulf Arab state. Israel will "focus its (7) _____ now on expanding (8) _____ with other countries in the Arab and Muslim world".

hope
efforts
historic
advance
ties
relations
joint
decades

The (9) _____ is called the Abraham Accord. The three leaders behind it said: "This (10) _____ diplomatic breakthrough...is a testament to the bold diplomacy... (11) _____...and courage of the UAE and Israel to chart a new path that will unlock great potential in the (12) _____." Mr Netanyahu called it a "historic day". However, he said the (13) _____ of the West Bank "remains on the table". The UAE said the deal with Israel was a "(14) _____ for diplomacy and the region". It added: "It is a significant advance in Arab-Israeli relations that lowers tensions and creates new energy for positive change." The Palestinian leadership called it a "(15) _____" of the Palestinian cause and the (16) _____ of being "sold out by friends".

vision
betrayal
sovereignty
agreement
equivalent
historic
region
win

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200815-israel-uae.html>

- 1) have agreed to normalise relations in exchange _____
 - a. for the suspense
 - b. for the suspicion
 - c. for the sustaining
 - d. for the suspension
- 2) The historic breakthrough was announced in a _____ yesterday
 - a. joints statement
 - b. jointly statement
 - c. joint statement
 - d. jointed statement
- 3) They expressed hope that the "historic breakthrough _____"
 - a. will advances peace
 - b. will advance peace
 - c. will advanced peace
 - d. will advancing peace
- 4) Israel has had diplomatic relations with its neighbours Egypt and Jordan _____
 - a. four decades
 - b. for decades
 - c. form decade
 - d. ford decade
- 5) Israel will "focus its efforts now on _____"
 - a. expansion ties
 - b. expanding ties
 - c. expansion tie
 - d. expanding tie
- 6) a testament to the bold diplomacy _____
 - a. vision and encourage
 - b. vision and coverage
 - c. vision and carriage
 - d. vision and courage
- 7) However, he said the sovereignty of the West Bank " _____ table"
 - a. remains on the
 - b. remnants on the
 - c. remain on the
 - d. remaining on the
- 8) The UAE said the deal with Israel was a win _____
 - a. form diplomacy
 - b. ford diplomacy
 - c. fore diplomacy
 - d. for diplomacy
- 9) relations that lowers tensions and creates new energy for _____
 - a. positively change
 - b. positive change
 - c. positives change
 - d. positivity change
- 10) The Palestinian leadership called _____
 - a. it a "betray all"
 - b. it a "betray y'all"
 - c. it a "B-tray all"
 - d. it a "betrayal"

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2020/202015-israel-uae.html>

1. What have the UAE and Israel decided to do to relations?
2. What did Israel say it will do to plans to annex parts of the West Bank?
3. What did three leaders hope the agreement would advance?
4. Which countries has Israel been at peace with for decades?
5. What does Israel want to expand?
6. What is the name of the agreement?
7. What did the leaders say the UAE and Israel need to chart?
8. Where did Israel's leader say the West Bank's sovereignty remains?
9. What did the UAE say the agreement lowers?
10. What did the Palestinian leadership call the agreement?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200815-israel-uae.html>

- 1) What have the UAE and Israel decided to do to relations?
 - a) prioritise them
 - b) shelve them
 - c) normalise them
 - d) think about them
- 2) What did Israel say it will do to plans to annex parts of the West Bank?
 - a) suspend them
 - b) stop them
 - c) amend them
 - d) re-jig them
- 3) What did three leaders hope the agreement would advance?
 - a) prosperity
 - b) the world
 - c) society
 - d) peace
- 4) Which countries has Israel been at peace with for decades?
 - a) Egypt and Lebanon
 - b) Jordan and Egypt
 - c) Jordan and Iraq
 - d) Iraq and Egypt
- 5) What does Israel want to expand?
 - a) its borders
 - b) its influence
 - c) ties in the Arab world
 - d) its message of peace
- 6) What is the name of the agreement?
 - a) the Isaac Accord
 - b) the Abraham Accord
 - c) the Adam Accord
 - d) the Genesis Accord
- 7) What did the leaders say the UAE and Israel need to chart?
 - a) their progress
 - b) a map
 - c) a hit song
 - d) a new path
- 8) Where did Israel's leader say the West Bank's sovereignty remains?
 - a) on the drawing board
 - b) on the table
 - c) on the East Bank
 - d) in the mind's eye
- 9) What did the UAE say the agreement lowers?
 - a) tensions
 - b) bridges
 - c) standards
 - d) expectations
- 10) What did the Palestinian leadership call the agreement?
 - a) interesting
 - b) a work-in-progress
 - c) a roaring success
 - d) a betrayal

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200815-israel-uae.html>

Role A – White Dove

You think a white dove is the best peace symbol. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their signs. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): an olive branch, a V sign or an origami crane.

Role B – Olive Branch

You think an olive branch is the best peace symbol. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their signs. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): a white dove, a V sign or an origami crane.

Role C – V Sign

You think a V sign is the best peace symbol. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their signs. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): an olive branch, a white dove or an origami crane.

Role D – Origami Crane

You think an origami crane is the best peace symbol. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their signs. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): an olive branch, a V sign or a white dove.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200815-israel-uae.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'peace' and 'deal'.

peace	deal
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• annex• joint• expressed• neighbours• state• world	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• leaders• bold• path• win• energy• sold
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THE MIDDLE EAST SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the Middle East 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.

THE MIDDLE EAST DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'Middle East'?
3. What do you think of this news?
4. What do you know about Israel?
5. Who is this deal best for?
6. Who are the losers in this deal?
7. What does the normalisation mean for the region?
8. What do you think this deal does for the West Bank's future?
9. To what degree will this deal advance peace in the Middle East?
10. How historic is this deal?

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THE MIDDLE EAST DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'peace'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about the UAE?
15. What do you think of the name 'Abraham Accord'?
16. How do you think Iran will view this deal?
17. Why did the Palestinians call it a 'betrayal'?
18. What advice do you have for the Palestinians?
19. What more must happen before there is peace in the Middle East?
20. What questions would you like to ask the leaders?

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. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200815-israel-uae.html>

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) on | (b) in | (c) at | (d) of |
| 2. | (a) apex | (b) annex | (c) perplex | (d) reflex |
| 3. | (a) joins | (b) joiner | (c) join | (d) joint |
| 4. | (a) historian | (b) historic | (c) history | (d) histories |
| 5. | (a) thus | (b) such | (c) so | (d) that |
| 6. | (a) ropes | (b) cords | (c) ties | (d) sashes |
| 7. | (a) behest | (b) before | (c) behind | (d) beyond |
| 8. | (a) entourage | (b) encourage | (c) courage | (d) discourage |
| 9. | (a) empire | (b) dominion | (c) realm | (d) sovereignty |
| 10. | (a) conquest | (b) beat | (c) victor | (d) win |
| 11. | (a) in | (b) on | (c) at | (d) by |
| 12. | (a) in | (b) up | (c) out | (d) down |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. agreed to armnliose relations
2. in exchange for the espnuisson
3. announced in a joint taesemtnt
4. historic ehakrbortugh
5. pmloiatdic relations
6. focus its efforts now on npaedixng ties

Paragraph 2

7. a esatemtnt to the bold diplomacy
8. vision and oru cage
9. unlock great n teptioal in the region
10. a gfniisacint advance
11. a etraybal of the Palestinian cause
12. the quvelaient of being sold out

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200815-israel-uae.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- (**1**) Israel and the United Arab Emirates have agreed to normalise relations in exchange for the suspension
- () on the table". The UAE said the deal with Israel was a "win for diplomacy and
- () statement yesterday by Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Mohammed Al Nahyan, Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu
- () region." Mr Netanyahu called it a "historic day". However, he said the sovereignty of the West Bank "remains
- () peace in the Middle East". Israel has had diplomatic relations with its neighbours
- () and courage of the UAE and Israel to chart a new path that will unlock great potential in the
- () Egypt and Jordan for decades, but until now, it has never had such a relationship with any Gulf Arab
- () diplomatic breakthrough...is a testament to the bold diplomacy...vision...
- () state. Israel will "focus its efforts now on expanding ties with other countries in the Arab and Muslim world".
- () The agreement is called the Abraham Accord. The three leaders behind it said: "This historic
- () change." The Palestinian leadership called it a "betrayal" of the Palestinian cause and the equivalent of being "sold out by friends".
- () of Israeli plans to annex parts of the West Bank. The historic breakthrough was announced in a joint
- () and U.S. President Donald Trump. They expressed hope that the "historic breakthrough will advance
- () the region". It added: "It is a significant advance in Arab-Israeli relations that lowers tensions and creates new energy for positive

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200815-israel-uae.html>

1. annex suspension to of plans The Israeli parts .
2. historic announced a statement . breakthrough was in The
3. The breakthrough advance will peace historic .
4. its had with neighbours . relations diplomatic Israel has
5. its efforts expanding now on Focus ties .
6. breakthrough diplomatic historic testament . This is a
7. potential . unlock will A new path that great
8. diplomacy . for was win The a deal
9. in a significant is Arab-Israeli It advance relations .
10. sold by being of equivalent The friends . out

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200815-israel-uae.html>

Israel and the United Arab Emirates have agreed *for / to* normalise relations in exchange *for / of* the suspension of Israeli plans to *annex / apex* parts of the West Bank. The historic breakthrough was announced in a *jointly / joint* statement yesterday by Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Mohammed Al Nahyan, Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu and U.S. President Donald Trump. They *expressed / repressed* hope that the "historic breakthrough will advance peace *on / in* the Middle East". Israel has had *diplomatic / diplomacy* relations with its neighbours Egypt and Jordan for *decadence / decades*, but until now, it has never had such *the / a* relationship with any Gulf Arab state. Israel will "focus its efforts now *on / in* expanding ties with other countries in the Arab and Muslim world".

The agreement is called the Abraham Accord. The three leaders *beyond / behind* it said: "This historic diplomatic breakthrough...is a testament to the *bold / bald* diplomacy...vision...and *encourage / courage* of the UAE and Israel to *chat / chart* a new path that will unlock *grate / great* potential in the region." Mr Netanyahu called it a "historic day". However, he said the *sovereignty / sovereign* of the West Bank "remains on the *desk / table*". The UAE said the deal with Israel was a "win for diplomacy and the region". It added: "It is a significant advance in Arab-Israeli relations that *falls / lowers* tensions and creates new energy for positive change." The Palestinian leadership called it a "*betrayal / betray*" of the Palestinian cause and the equivalent of being "sold *up / out* by friends".

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200815-israel-uae.html>

I s r__ l _n d t h_ U n_t_d A r_b E m_r_t_s h_v_ _g
r__ d t_ n_r m_l_s_ r_l_t__ n s _n _x c_h_n_g_ f_r t
h_ s_s p_n s__ n _f I s r__ l_ p_l_n s t_ _n n_x p_r t
s _f t h_ W_s t B_n k. T h_ h_s t_r_c b r__ k t h
r__ g h w_s _n n__ n c_d _n _ j__ n t s t_t_m_n t
y_s t_r d_y b y A b_ D h_b_ C r_w n P r_n c_ M_h_m
m_d A l N_h y_n, I s r__ l_ P M B_n j_m_n N_t_n
y_h_ _n d U . S . P r_s_d_n t D_n_l d T r_m p. T h_y
_x p r_s_s_d h_p_ t h_t t h_ " h_s t_r_c b r__ k t h r__
g h w_l l _d v_n c_ p__ c_ _n t h_ M_d d l_ E_s t ".
I s r__ l_ h_s h_d d_p l_m_t_c r_l_t__ n s w_t h _t s
n__ g h b__ r s E g_y p t _n d J_r d_n f_r d_c_d_s,
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w_t h _t h_r c__ n t r__ s _n t h_ A_r_b _n d M_s l_m
w_r l d " .

T h_ _g r__ m_n t _s c_l l_d t h_ A b r_h_m A c c_r d .
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200815-israel-uae.html>

israel and the united arab emirates have agreed to normalise relations in exchange for the suspension of israeli plans to annex parts of the west bank the historic breakthrough was announced in a joint statement yesterday by abu dhabi crown prince mohammed al nahyan israeli pm benjamin netanyahu and us president donald trump they expressed hope that the historic breakthrough will advance peace in the middle east israel has had diplomatic relations with its neighbours egypt and jordan for decades but until now it has never had such a relationship with any gulf arab state israel will focus its efforts now on expanding ties with other countries in the arab and muslim world

the agreement is called the abraham accord the three leaders behind it said this historic diplomatic breakthrough is a testament to the bold diplomacy vision and courage of the uae and israel to chart a new path that will unlock great potential in the region mr netanyahu called it a historic day however he said the sovereignty of the west bank remains on the table the uae said the deal with israel was a win for diplomacy and the region it added it is a significant advance in arabisraeli relations that lowers tensions and creates new energy for positive change the palestinian leadership called it a betrayal of the palestinian cause and the equivalent of being sold out by friends

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. THE MIDDLE EAST: Make a poster about the Middle East. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. PEACE: Write a magazine article about there being peace in the Middle East in our lifetime. Include imaginary interviews with people who think this will happen and with those who do not think it will happen.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. 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.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on the Middle East. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to bring peace to the region. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e 2. c 3. b 4. f 5. a 6. g 7. d
8. m 9. k 10. n 11. h 12. j 13. i 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b F c T d T e F f F g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. i	2. f	3. d	4. j	5. b
6. h	7. a	8. e	9. g	10. c

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Normalise them
2. Suspend them
3. Peace
4. Egypt and Jordan
5. Ties in the Arab and Muslim world
6. The Abraham Accord
7. A new path
8. On the table
9. Tensions
10. A betrayal

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. The suspension of Israeli plans to annex parts.
2. The historic breakthrough was announced in a statement.
3. The "historic breakthrough will advance peace.
4. Israel has had diplomatic relations with its neighbours.
5. Focus its efforts now on expanding ties.
6. This historic diplomatic breakthrough is a testament.
7. A new path that will unlock great potential.
8. The deal was a win for diplomacy.
9. It is a significant advance in Arab-Israeli relations.
10. The equivalent of being sold out by friends.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. c 6. d 7. b 8. d 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)