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Level 2

UAE will train a million people in coding

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THE READING

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The UAE has a new project to teach one million people computer coding. The training will be free. People will learn how to code apps and software. The UAE's Prime Minister, and ruler of Dubai, Sheikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum launched the project. It is called the One Million Arab Coders initiative. Sheikh Mohammad wants young Arabs to have the skills to develop the digital economy. Sheikh Mohammad said: "Coding will create many job opportunities for young people to compete. It will pave the way for them to participate in the global economy online, from home."

The new project will encourage the many young people in the Middle East to get into coding. Around 50 per cent of the Arab population is under 25 years old. About 40 per cent of these want to start their own business. Sheikh Mohammad said: "This project is part of [our] mission to spread hope in the region, create employment opportunities and give our youth the skills needed...to successfully lead our region into the future." He added that: "Programming is the future." The top ten students will receive \$50,000 each. The top student will win a \$1 million prize.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. a new project to teach | a. of Dubai |
| 2. The training will | b. participate |
| 3. learn how to code apps | c. one million people |
| 4. ruler | d. economy |
| 5. have the skills to develop | e. job opportunities |
| 6. create many | f. and software |
| 7. pave the way for them to | g. be free |
| 8. in the global | h. the digital economy |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. encourage the many | a. Middle East |
| 2. in the | b. the future |
| 3. Around 50 per cent | c. business |
| 4. start their own | d. of the Arab population |
| 5. spread hope | e. opportunities |
| 6. create employment | f. young people |
| 7. successfully lead our region into | g. \$1 million prize |
| 8. The top student will win a | h. in the region |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The UAE (1) _____ project to teach one million people computer coding. The training (2) _____. People will learn (3) _____ apps and software. The UAE's Prime Minister, and ruler of Dubai, Sheikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum (4) _____. It is called the One Million Arab Coders initiative. Sheikh Mohammad wants young Arabs to have the (5) _____ the digital economy. Sheikh Mohammad said: "Coding will create many job opportunities for young people to compete. It will (6) _____ for them to participate in the global economy online, from home."

The new project (7) _____ many young people in the Middle East (8) _____ coding. Around 50 per cent of the Arab population is under 25 years old. About 40 per cent of these want to (9) _____ business. Sheikh Mohammad said: "This project is part of [our] mission to spread hope (10) _____, create employment opportunities and give our youth the skills needed...to successfully lead our region (11) _____." He added that: "Programming is the future." The top ten students will receive \$50,000 each. The top student (12) _____ \$1 million prize.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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COMPUTER CODING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Computer coding 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) _____

