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## Level 2

### Austria bans full-face veils

3rd October, 2017

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171003-veils-2.html>

A law in Austria has banned full-face veils. Muslim women cannot wear a full-face veil in public. The law says faces must be visible from the hairline to the chin. The government said the law is to protect Austrian values. Muslim groups said the law is unfair because it is against human rights and religious freedom. Only a small minority of Austrian Muslims wears full-face veils. The groups say the number is about 150. Officials say the law will damage Austria's economy. Many Muslim tourists might decide not to visit Austria.

Austria is the third European country to ban the veil. France and Belgium introduced bans in 2011. Other European countries could follow. Holland is working on passing a ban. Germany's Angela Merkel said the full-face veil should be banned, "wherever it is legally possible". The Islamic Religious Community in Austria talked about the unfairness of the new law. It said the "handful" of veiled women in Austria are now "criminals" and have to stay in their home. A supporter of the ban said: "It's not right that those living here don't show their faces."

Sources: <https://www.alaraby.co.uk/english/news/2017/9/30/austria-burqa-ban-comes-into-force>  
<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-41457427>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. faces must be visible from the | a. Austrian values      |
| 2. the law is to protect          | b. tourists might       |
| 3. it is against human            | c. minority             |
| 4. Only a small                   | d. visit Austria        |
| 5. The groups say the number      | e. rights               |
| 6. the law will damage            | f. is about 150         |
| 7. Many Muslim                    | g. hairline to the chin |
| 8. decide not to                  | h. Austria's economy    |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                  |                     |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. the third European country    | a. could follow     |
| 2. France and Belgium introduced | b. the new law      |
| 3. Other European countries      | c. show their faces |
| 4. Holland is working            | d. of the ban       |
| 5. wherever it is legally        | e. to ban the veil  |
| 6. the unfairness of             | f. possible         |
| 7. A supporter                   | g. bans in 2011     |
| 8. those living here don't       | h. on passing a ban |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A law in Austria (1) \_\_\_\_\_-face veils. Muslim women cannot wear a full-face veil in public. The law says faces (2) \_\_\_\_\_ from the hairline to the chin. The government said (3) \_\_\_\_\_ protect Austrian values. Muslim groups said the law is unfair because it is against human rights and (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Only a small minority of Austrian Muslims wears full-face veils. The groups (5) \_\_\_\_\_ is about 150. Officials say the law will damage Austria's economy. Many Muslim (6) \_\_\_\_\_ not to visit Austria.

Austria (7) \_\_\_\_\_ European country to ban the veil. France and Belgium (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in 2011. Other European countries could follow. Holland (9) \_\_\_\_\_ passing a ban. Germany's Angela Merkel said the full-face veil should be banned, "wherever it (10) \_\_\_\_\_. The Islamic Religious Community in Austria talked about the unfairness of the new law. It said (11) \_\_\_\_\_ veiled women in Austria are now "criminals" and (12) \_\_\_\_\_ in their home. A supporter of the ban said: "It's not right that those living here don't show their faces."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# VEILS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171003-veils-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about veils 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/1710/171003-veils-2.html>

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

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