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## Level 1

### UAE will train a million people in coding

27th October, 2017

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171027-coding-1.html>

A new project in the UAE will teach one million people computer coding for free. People will learn how to code apps and software. The UAE's Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum launched the project. It is called the One Million Arab Coders initiative. It will give young Arabs the skills to develop the digital economy. Sheikh Mohammad said it would create many jobs and let young people work in the global economy online, from their home.

The project will encourage young people in the Middle East to get into coding. Around 50 per cent of the Arab population is under 25 years old. Many want to start their own business. Sheikh Mohammad said the project will spread hope, create jobs and let young people, "successfully lead our region into the future". He added that: "Programming is the future." The top ten students will get \$50,000 each. The top student will win \$1 million.

Sources: <http://gulfnews.com/news/uae/education/uae-offers-to-train-1-million-arabs-in-computer-coding-1.2111848>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171027-coding-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                      |                        |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. A new project                     | a. the digital economy |
| 2. teach one million people computer | b. jobs                |
| 3. how to code apps                  | c. home                |
| 4. young                             | d. in the UAE          |
| 5. the skills to develop             | e. Arabs               |
| 6. it would create many              | f. economy             |
| 7. in the global                     | g. and software        |
| 8. from their                        | h. coding              |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. The project will encourage | a. into the future        |
| 2. get into                   | b. of the Arab population |
| 3. 50 per cent                | c. win \$ 1 million       |
| 4. start their own            | d. young people           |
| 5. the project will spread    | e. coding                 |
| 6. lead our region            | f. ten students           |
| 7. The top                    | g. hope                   |
| 8. The top student will       | h. business               |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171027-coding-1.html>

A (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the UAE will teach one million people computer coding for free. People will learn (2) \_\_\_\_\_ apps and software. The UAE's Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum launched the project. It (3) \_\_\_\_\_ One Million Arab Coders initiative. It will give young Arabs the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the digital economy. Sheikh Mohammad said (5) \_\_\_\_\_ many jobs and let young people work in (6) \_\_\_\_\_ online, from their home.

The project will encourage (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the Middle East to (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Around 50 per cent of the Arab population is under 25 years old. Many want to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ business. Sheikh Mohammad said the project will spread hope, (10) \_\_\_\_\_ let young people, "successfully lead (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the future". He added that: "Programming (12) \_\_\_\_\_." The top ten students will get \$50,000 each. The top student will win \$1 million.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# COMPUTER CODING SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171027-coding-4.html>

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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171027-coding-1.html>

Write about **computer coding** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.

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