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Level 0 – 18th September, 2019

Oil prices rise after Saudi drone attacks

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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/1909/190918-saudi-drone-attack-0.html>

Oil prices increased by the biggest amount in ten years after the drone attacks in Saudi Arabia. They went up by nearly 20% - the biggest rise since the 1990-91 Gulf War. The attacks cut Saudi's oil production in half, and global production by five per cent. It could take weeks to fix. We could pay higher gasoline and food prices.

Yemen's Houthi group said it carried out the attacks. Iran called it self defense. It said: "The attack was a...response to years of Saudi aggression against Yemen." Arab countries say weapons used in the attack were made by Iran. The USA said the attacks came from either Iraq or Iran, not Yemen. Iran called this "maximum lies".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Oil prices | a. nearly 20% |
| 2. by the biggest amount | b. to fix |
| 3. after the drone | c. in half |
| 4. They went up by | d. food prices |
| 5. the biggest rise since the | e. attacks |
| 6. cut Saudi's oil production | f. increased |
| 7. It could take weeks | g. 1990-91 Gulf War |
| 8. higher gasoline and | h. in ten years |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Yemen's Houthi | a. either Iraq or Iran |
| 2. it carried | b. defense |
| 3. self | c. "maximum lies" |
| 4. response to years of | d. out the attacks |
| 5. weapons used in the | e. Saudi aggression |
| 6. made | f. attack |
| 7. the attacks came from | g. by Iran |
| 8. Iran called this | h. group |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190918-saudi-drone-attack-0.html>

Oil prices (1) _____ biggest amount in ten years
(2) _____ attacks in Saudi Arabia. They went up
by nearly 20% - the biggest (3) _____ 1990-91
Gulf War. (4) _____ Saudi's oil production in half,
and global production by five per cent. It could take
(5) _____. We could pay higher gasoline
(6) _____.

Yemen's Houthi group said (7) _____ the attacks.
Iran called it self defense. It said: "(8) _____
a...response (9) _____ Saudi aggression against
Yemen." Arab countries (10) _____ in the attack
were made by Iran. The USA said the attacks
(11) _____ Iraq or Iran, not Yemen. Iran called
(12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SAUDI DRONE ATTACKS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190918-saudi-drone-attack-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Saudi drone attacks 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) _____

