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## **Level 1** – 22nd September, 2020

### **Afghan mothers' names allowed on birth certificates**

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200922-birth-certificates-1.html>

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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/2009/200922-birth-certificates-1.html>

There is a victory for women's rights in Afghanistan. The names of mothers can be put on children's birth certificates. For hundreds of years, only the father's name was allowed. Afghanistan has said a new law means the mother's name can be put on certificates. Campaigners started a social media campaign in 2017 to fight for this. In Afghanistan, a woman's name is often not included on wedding invitations.

Afghanistan called the law, "a big step forward for women's rights". A campaigner said: "By printing her name, we give the mother power...to be a mother who can, without the presence of a man...enroll her children in school and travel." Another campaigner said: "My...happiness may seem ridiculous for women in other countries, but when we live in a society where women are...excluded, achieving such basic rights is a big...task."

Sources: <https://womensagenda.com.au/latest/mothers-in-afghanistan-can-now-have-their-names-included-on-their-childrens-birth-certificates/>  
<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-09-18/afghan-government-passes-law-mother-name-birth-certificate/12634162>  
<https://gandhara.rferl.org/a/afghan-president-approves-inclusion-of-mother-s-name-on-id-cards/30845572.html>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200922-birth-certificates-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                            |                       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. There is a victory for  | a. for this           |
| 2. put on children's       | b. was allowed        |
| 3. For hundreds            | c. invitations        |
| 4. only the father's name  | d. women's rights     |
| 5. started a social media  | e. not included       |
| 6. fight                   | f. of years           |
| 7. a woman's name is often | g. campaign           |
| 8. wedding                 | h. birth certificates |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| 1. a big step           | a. in school |
| 2. without the presence | b. rights    |
| 3. enroll her children  | c. a society |
| 4. women in other       | d. task      |
| 5. when we live in      | e. countries |
| 6. women are            | f. forward   |
| 7. basic                | g. of a man  |
| 8. a big                | h. excluded  |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200922-birth-certificates-1.html>

There is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ women's rights in Afghanistan. The names of mothers can (2) \_\_\_\_\_ children's birth certificates. For (3) \_\_\_\_\_, only the father's name was allowed. Afghanistan has said a (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the mother's name can be put on certificates. Campaigners (5) \_\_\_\_\_ media campaign in 2017 to fight for this. In Afghanistan, a woman's name is often not included (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Afghanistan called the law, "a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ for women's rights". A campaigner said: "By (8) \_\_\_\_\_, we give the mother power...to be a mother who can, without (9) \_\_\_\_\_ a man...enroll her children in school and travel." Another campaigner said: "My...happiness may (10) \_\_\_\_\_ women in other countries, but when we live (11) \_\_\_\_\_ where women are...excluded, achieving (12) \_\_\_\_\_ is a big...task."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# BIRTH CERTIFICATES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200922-birth-certificates-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about birth certificates 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) \_\_\_\_\_

