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### Level 3

## Rebels set up new state in Iraq and Syria

**2nd July, 2014**

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# THE ARTICLE

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Rebels that are fighting the governments of Iraq and Syria have set up their own state. It is called a caliphate, an Islamic nation. The rebels are from the group ISIS (the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria). The group is also called ISIL (the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant). The newly declared state stretches from Aleppo in the north of Syria to Diyala in eastern Iraq. That is the area under the control of the rebels who have been fighting government troops in both countries. ISIL put a recorded statement online on Sunday announcing the new state. It said ISIL's leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi would be "the caliph" (the head of the state) and that he would also be "leader for Muslims everywhere".

Wikipedia says ISIS leaders think their state should be bigger. They also want parts of Jordan, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, southern Turkey, and Cyprus. Its members are largely Sunni Muslims who say they are disliked by the governments of Iraq and Syria. It was linked to Al Qaeda when it first started but those links have been cut. Wikipedia said: "ISIS had close links with al-Qaeda until 2014, but in February of that year, after an eight-month power struggle, al-Qaeda cut all ties with the group." Reports are that Al Qaeda did not agree with attacks on civilians that have led to thousands of deaths. Iraq has received several military jets from Russia to help fight the rebels.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. IRAQ:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Iraq. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

*rebels / fighting / north / control / troops / fighting / statement / head of state / leaders / governments / close links / power struggle / attacks / civilians / military jets*

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. SET-UP:** What do you have to do when you set these things up? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

|                    | Difficult things | Easy things |
|--------------------|------------------|-------------|
| A new state        |                  |             |
| A new capital      |                  |             |
| A new army         |                  |             |
| A new government   |                  |             |
| A new constitution |                  |             |
| A new flag         |                  |             |

**4. NEW STATE:** Students A **strongly** believe the U.N. should recognize the new state; Students B **strongly** believe no way. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. REBEL:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "rebel". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1407/140702-rebels.html>

## 1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| a. Rebels have declared a new state between Iraq and Syria.              | T / F |
| b. The new state includes parts of Iraq and Syria.                       | T / F |
| c. The rebels are generally known by two names.                          | T / F |
| d. The head of the new state is called a "president".                    | T / F |
| e. A Wikipedia article says ISIS wants parts of other countries too.     | T / F |
| f. The Syrian and Iraqi governments have good relations with the rebels. | T / F |
| g. The rebels are working closely with al-Qaeda.                         | T / F |
| h. The rebels have just bought fighter jets from Russia.                 | T / F |

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| 1. fighting | a. bits        |
| 2. set up   | b. announced   |
| 3. declared | c. fight       |
| 4. area     | d. established |
| 5. head     | e. mainly      |
| 6. parts    | f. region      |
| 7. largely  | g. planes      |
| 8. linked   | h. battling    |
| 9. struggle | i. connected   |
| 10. jets    | j. leader      |

## 3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                       |                             |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. set up their                       | a. group ISIS               |
| 2. It is called a caliphate,          | b. power struggle           |
| 3. The rebels are from the            | c. of the state             |
| 4. The newly declared state stretches | d. own state                |
| 5. the head                           | e. Sunni Muslims            |
| 6. Its members are largely            | f. to Al Qaeda              |
| 7. It was linked                      | g. from Aleppo in the north |
| 8. those links have                   | h. jets                     |
| 9. after an eight-month               | i. an Islamic nation        |
| 10. military                          | j. been cut                 |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1407/140702-rebels.html>

Rebels that are fighting the governments of Iraq and Syria have set up their own (1) \_\_\_\_\_. It is called a caliphate, an Islamic nation. The rebels are from the group ISIS (the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria). The group is also (2) \_\_\_\_\_ ISIL (the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant). The newly declared state (3) \_\_\_\_\_ from Aleppo in the north of Syria to Diyala in (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Iraq. That is the area under the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of the rebels who have been fighting government troops in both countries. ISIL put a recorded (6) \_\_\_\_\_ online on Sunday announcing the new state. It said ISIL's leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi would be "the caliph" (the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of the state) and that he would also be "leader for Muslims (8) \_\_\_\_\_".

*control*  
*stretches*  
*head*  
*state*  
*everywhere*  
*statement*  
*called*  
*eastern*

Wikipedia says ISIS leaders think their state should be bigger. They also want (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of Jordan, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, southern Turkey, and Cyprus. Its members are (10) \_\_\_\_\_ Sunni Muslims who say they are disliked by the governments of Iraq and Syria. It was (11) \_\_\_\_\_ to Al Qaeda when it first started but those links have been cut. Wikipedia said: "ISIS had (12) \_\_\_\_\_ links with al-Qaeda until 2014, but in February of that year, after an eight-month power (13) \_\_\_\_\_, al-Qaeda cut all (14) \_\_\_\_\_ with the group." Reports are that Al Qaeda did not agree with attacks on (15) \_\_\_\_\_ that have led to thousands of deaths. Iraq has received several military (16) \_\_\_\_\_ from Russia to help fight the rebels.

*struggle*  
*linked*  
*jets*  
*close*  
*parts*  
*civilians*  
*largely*  
*ties*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1407/140702-rebels.html>

- 1) Rebels that are fighting the governments of Iraq and Syria have set up \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. their down state
  - b. their only state
  - c. their own state
  - d. their owned state
- 2) The newly declared state \_\_\_\_\_ Aleppo
  - a. stretches from
  - b. stretch its from
  - c. stretch is from
  - d. stretches from
- 3) That is the area under the control of the rebels who have been fighting \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. government troops
  - b. government troop
  - c. government traipse
  - d. government truths
- 4) ISIL put a recorded \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. statements online
  - b. statement online
  - c. stated meant online
  - d. statement only line
- 5) he would also be "leader for \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Muslims anywhere
  - b. Muslims everywhere
  - c. Muslims somewhere
  - d. Muslims ever where
- 6) Its members are \_\_\_\_\_ Muslims
  - a. large be Sunni
  - b. largely Sunni
  - c. lively Sunni
  - d. leisurely Sunni
- 7) It was linked to Al Qaeda when it first started but those \_\_\_\_\_ cut
  - a. links have being
  - b. links has been
  - c. links has being
  - d. links have been
- 8) ...in February of that year, after an eight-month \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. powered struggle
  - b. power stragggle
  - c. power struggle
  - d. powers struggle
- 9) Reports are that Al Qaeda did not agree with \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. attacks on civilians
  - b. attacks in civilians
  - c. attacks on civilian
  - d. attack is on civilians
- 10) Iraq has received several military \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. jets from Russia
  - b. jacks from Russia
  - c. jabs from Russia
  - d. jet from Russia

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Wikipedia says ISIS leaders think their (7) \_\_\_\_\_. They also want parts of Jordan, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, southern Turkey, and Cyprus. Its members are largely Sunni Muslims (8) \_\_\_\_\_ disliked by the governments of Iraq and Syria. It was linked to Al Qaeda when it first started but (9) \_\_\_\_\_ been cut. Wikipedia said: "ISIS had close links with al-Qaeda until 2014, but in February of that year, after an eight-month (10) \_\_\_\_\_, al-Qaeda cut all ties with the group." Reports are that Al Qaeda did not (11) \_\_\_\_\_ on civilians that have led to thousands of deaths. Iraq has received several (12) \_\_\_\_\_ Russia to help fight the rebels.

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1407/140702-rebels.html>

1. Who are the rebels fighting?

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2. The rebel group is called ISIS. What else are they called?

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3. What is the northernmost city of the area under rebel control?

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4. Where did the rebels make a statement on Sunday?

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5. What is the official name of the head of the new state?

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6. What does Wikipedia say that ISIS leaders want?

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7. Which governments dislike ISIS?

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8. When did al-Qaeda cut ties with ISIS?

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9. For how long was there a power struggle?

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10. What did Iraq buy from Russia?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1407/140702-rebels.html>

1. Who are the rebels fighting?
  - a) each other
  - b) Syria and Iraq
  - c) U.N. troops
  - d) spies
2. The rebel group is called ISIS. What else are they called?
  - a) LISI
  - b) SISI
  - c) SILL
  - d) ISIL
3. What is the northernmost city of the area under rebel control?
  - a) Aleppo
  - b) Tikrit
  - c) Baghdad
  - d) Helsinki
4. Where did the rebels make a statement on Sunday?
  - a) Damascus
  - b) in the streets
  - c) online
  - d) a national newspaper
5. What is the official name of the head of the new state?
  - a) boss
  - b) caliph
  - c) president
  - d) sultan
6. What does Wikipedia say that ISIS leaders want?
  - a) more land
  - b) guns
  - c) U.N. recognition
  - d) a new flag
7. Which governments dislike ISIS?
  - a) Jordan and Lebanon
  - b) Turkey and Cyprus
  - c) Syria and Iraq
  - d) Iran and Syria
8. When did al-Qaeda cut ties with ISIS?
  - a) February, 2014
  - b) 2 months ago
  - c) April 11th
  - d) last week
9. For how long was there a power struggle?
  - a) 8 months
  - b) 4 years
  - c) it hasn't finished
  - d) a few hours
10. What did Iraq buy from Russia?
  - a) dolls
  - b) rice
  - c) oil
  - d) airplanes

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Strong leader**

You think a strong leader is most important for a new state. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are not so necessary about their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): money, United Nations support or an army.

## **Role B – Money**

You think money is most important for a new state. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are not so necessary about their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a strong leader, United Nations support or an army.

## **Role C – United Nations support**

You think United Nations support is most important for a new state. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are not so necessary about their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): money, a strong leader or an army.

## **Role D – An army**

You think an army is most important for a new state. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are not so necessary about their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): money, United Nations support or a strong leader.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1407/140702-rebels.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'rebel' and 'state'.

|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| <b>rebel</b> | <b>state</b> |
|              |              |

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• set up</li><li>• called</li><li>• north</li><li>• both</li><li>• online</li><li>• everywhere</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• bigger</li><li>• parts</li><li>• disliked</li><li>• cut</li><li>• power</li><li>• jets</li></ul> |
|--|--|

# IRAQ SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1407/140702-rebels.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Iraq 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<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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.

# IRAQ DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'Iraq'?
- c) What is happening in Iraq?
- d) Why is there so much fighting?
- e) What do you think of the new state?
- f) Should the UN make new borders / countries in Iraq?
- g) Should the UN make new borders in the Middle East?
- h) Do you think the new state will survive?
- i) How interested are you in news of Iraq?
- j) What do you know about the recent history of Iraq?

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# IRAQ DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) What do you know about ISIS?
- c) What do you think of what is happening in Iraq?
- d) What would happen if ISIS went into other countries?
- e) Do you think ISIS is here to stay or will it disappear?
- f) What are the differences between ISIS and Iraq's government?
- g) What advice would you give to an average Iraqi?
- h) What can the world do to help people caught in the fighting?
- i) What do you think Iraq will be like in 10 years from now?
- j) What questions would you like to ask the head of ISIS?

## DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1407/140702-rebels.html>

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**Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.**

- |     |                |               |              |              |
|-----|----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) down       | (b) in        | (c) on       | (d) up       |
| 2.  | (a) so         | (b) been      | (c) as       | (d) also     |
| 3.  | (a) new        | (b) newly     | (c) newish   | (d) news     |
| 4.  | (a) above      | (b) below     | (c) under    | (d) before   |
| 5.  | (a) recording  | (b) records   | (c) recorded | (d) record   |
| 6.  | (a) everywhere | (b) somewhere | (c) wherever | (d) anywhere |
| 7.  | (a) places     | (b) parts     | (c) location | (d) maps     |
| 8.  | (a) largely    | (b) biggish   | (c) hugely   | (d) width    |
| 9.  | (a) sliced     | (b) cut       | (c) chopped  | (d) carved   |
| 10. | (a) powerful   | (b) powered   | (c) power    | (d) powers   |
| 11. | (a) scarves    | (b) strings   | (c) ties     | (d) cords    |
| 12. | (a) med        | (b) fed       | (c) wed      | (d) led      |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. Rebels that are ngithgfi
2. an Islamic onadni
3. The newly eedralcd state
4. Diyala in taseenr Iraq
5. government topors
6. a recorded eemtnats online

## Paragraph 2

7. rthusone Turkey
8. Its members are lglaey Sunni Muslims
9. they are skiledi
10. an eight-month power guserltg
11. attacks on vsiaiincl
12. lraiitym jets



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1407/140702-rebels.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) of Jordan, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, southern Turkey, and Cyprus. Its members are largely Sunni Muslims who say they are
- ( ) Syria). The group is also called ISIL (the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant). The newly declared state stretches
- ( ) from Aleppo in the north of Syria to Diyala in eastern Iraq. That is the area under the control of
- ( **1** ) Rebels that are fighting the governments of Iraq and Syria have set up their own state. It is called a
- ( ) month power struggle, al-Qaeda cut all ties with the group." Reports are that Al Qaeda
- ( ) caliph" (the head of the state) and that he would also be "leader for Muslims everywhere".
- ( ) disliked by the governments of Iraq and Syria. It was linked to Al Qaeda when it first started but those links have been
- ( ) Wikipedia says ISIS leaders think their state should be bigger. They also want parts
- ( ) deaths. Iraq has received several military jets from Russia to help fight the rebels.
- ( ) statement online on Sunday announcing the new state. It said ISIL's leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi would be "the
- ( ) the rebels who have been fighting government troops in both countries. ISIL put a recorded
- ( ) cut. Wikipedia said: "ISIS had close links with al-Qaeda until 2014, but in February of that year, after an eight-
- ( ) did not agree with attacks on civilians that have led to thousands of
- ( ) caliphate, an Islamic nation. The rebels are from the group ISIS (the Islamic State of Iraq and

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1407/140702-rebels.html>

1. fighting the governments of Iraq and Syria Rebels that are.

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2. ISIS group the from are rebels The.

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3. stretches state declared newly The Aleppo from.

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4. rebels the the the is under of That area control.

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5. leader He for would Muslims also everywhere be.

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6. leaders be think bigger their state ISIS should.

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7. say the disliked Muslims governments they who by are.

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8. was linked to Al Qaeda when it first started It.

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9. have led to thousands of deaths Attacks on civilians that.

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10. Military Russia fight from help rebels jets to the.

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1407/140702-rebels.html>

Rebels that are *fought / fighting* the governments of Iraq and Syria have set up their *own / down* state. It is called a caliphate, an Islamic *national / nation*. The rebels are from the group ISIS (the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria). The group is also *called / naming* ISIL (the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant). The *new / newly* declared state stretches from Aleppo in the north of Syria to Diyala in eastern Iraq. That is the *areas / area* under the control of the rebels who have *done / been* fighting government troops in both countries. ISIL put a *recorded / recording* statement online on Sunday *announcing / announced* the new state. It said ISIL's leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi would be "the caliph" (the head of the state) and that he would also be "leader *for / from* Muslims everywhere".

Wikipedia says ISIS leaders *thinking / think* their state should be bigger. They also want *parts / parties* of Jordan, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, southern Turkey, and Cyprus. Its members are *large / largely* Sunni Muslims who say they are disliked *of / by* the governments of Iraq and Syria. It was linked to Al Qaeda when it first started but those *linking / links* have been cut. Wikipedia said: "ISIS had *near / close* links with al-Qaeda until 2014, but in February of that year, after an eight-month power *straggle / struggle*, al-Qaeda cut all ties with the group." Reports are that Al Qaeda did not *argue / agree* with attacks on civilians that have *led / fed* to thousands of deaths. Iraq has received *several / numeral* military jets from Russia to help fight the rebels.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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R\_b\_ls th\_t \_r\_ f\_ght\_ng th\_ g\_v\_rnm\_nts \_f \_r\_q \_nd Syr\_\_ h\_v\_ s\_t \_p th\_\_r \_wn st\_t\_. \_t \_s c\_ll\_d \_c\_l\_ph\_t\_, \_n \_sl\_m\_c n\_t\_\_n. Th\_ r\_b\_ls \_r\_ fr\_m th\_ gr\_\_p \_S\_S (th\_ \_sl\_m\_c St\_t\_ \_f \_r\_q \_nd Syr\_\_). Th\_ gr\_\_p \_s\_ls\_ c\_ll\_d \_S\_L (th\_ \_sl\_m\_c St\_t\_ \_n \_r\_q \_nd th\_ L\_v\_nt). Th\_ n\_wly d\_cl\_r\_d st\_t\_ str\_tch\_s fr\_m \_l\_pp\_ \_n th\_ n\_rth \_f Syr\_\_ t\_ D\_y\_l\_ \_n \_\_st\_rn \_r\_q. Th\_t \_s th\_ \_r\_\_ \_nd\_r th\_ c\_ntr\_l \_f th\_ r\_b\_ls wh\_ h\_v\_ b\_\_n f\_ght\_ng g\_v\_rnm\_nt tr\_\_ps \_n b\_th c\_\_ntr\_\_s. \_S\_L p\_t \_r\_c\_r\_d\_d st\_t\_m\_nt \_n\_l\_n\_ \_n S\_nd\_y \_nn\_\_nc\_ng th\_ n\_w st\_t\_. \_t s\_\_d \_S\_L's l\_\_d\_r \_b\_ B\_kr \_l-B\_ghd\_d\_ w\_\_ld b\_ "th\_ c\_l\_ph" (th\_ h\_\_d \_f th\_ st\_t\_) \_nd th\_t h\_ w\_\_ld \_ls\_ b\_ "l\_\_d\_r f\_r M\_sl\_ms \_v\_rywh\_r\_".

W\_k\_p\_d\_\_ s\_ys \_S\_S l\_\_d\_rs th\_nk th\_\_r st\_t\_ sh\_\_ld b\_ b\_gg\_r. Th\_y \_ls\_ w\_nt p\_rts \_f J\_rdn, \_sr\_\_l, P\_l\_st\_n\_, L\_b\_n\_n, s\_\_th\_rn T\_rk\_y, \_nd Cypr\_s. \_ts m\_mb\_rs \_r\_ l\_rg\_ly S\_nn\_ M\_sl\_ms wh\_ s\_y th\_y \_r\_ d\_sl\_k\_d by th\_ g\_v\_rnm\_nts \_f \_r\_q \_nd Syr\_\_. \_t w\_s l\_nk\_d t\_ \_l Q\_\_d\_ wh\_n \_t f\_rst st\_rt\_d b\_t th\_s\_ l\_nks h\_v\_ b\_\_n c\_t. W\_k\_p\_d\_\_ s\_\_d: "\_S\_S h\_d cl\_s\_ l\_nks w\_th \_l-Q\_\_d\_ \_nt\_l 2014, b\_t \_n F\_br\_\_ry \_f th\_t y\_\_r, \_ft\_r \_n \_\_ght-m\_nth p\_w\_r str\_ggl\_, \_l-Q\_\_d\_ c\_t \_ll t\_\_s w\_th th\_ gr\_\_p." R\_p\_rts \_r\_ th\_t \_l Q\_\_d\_ d\_d n\_t \_gr\_\_ w\_th \_tt\_cks \_n c\_v\_l\_\_ns th\_t h\_v\_ l\_d t\_ th\_\_s\_nds \_f d\_\_ths. \_r\_q h\_s r\_c\_\_v\_d s\_v\_r\_l m\_l\_t\_ry j\_ts fr\_m R\_ss\_\_ t\_ h\_lp f\_ght th\_ r\_b\_ls.

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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rebels that are fighting the governments of iraq and syria have set up their own state it is called a caliphate an islamic nation the rebels are from the group isis (the islamic state of iraq and syria) the group is also called isil (the islamic state in iraq and the levant) the newly declared state stretches from aleppo in the north of syria to diyala in eastern iraq that is the area under the control of the rebels who have been fighting government troops in both countries isil put a recorded statement online on sunday announcing the new state it said isil's leader abu bakr al-baghdadi would be "the caliph" (the head of the state) and that he would also be "leader for muslims everywhere"

wikipedia says isis leaders think their state should be bigger they also want parts of jordan israel palestine lebanon southern turkey and cyprus its members are largely sunni muslims who say they are disliked by the governments of iraq and syria it was linked to al qaeda when it first started but those links have been cut wikipedia said "isis had close links with al-qaeda until 2014 but in february of that year after an eight-month power struggle al-qaeda cut all ties with the group" reports are that al qaeda did not agree with attacks on civilians that have led to thousands of deaths iraq has received several military jets from russia to help fight the rebels

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## FREE WRITING

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Write about **Iraq** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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## ACADEMIC WRITING

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It is better to let Iraq solve its own problems. Other countries should stay out. Discuss.

[illegible]



# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about ISIS / ISIL. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. IRAQ:** Make a poster about what is happening in Iraq. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. ISIS:** Write a magazine article about ISIS. Include imaginary interviews with people living in Iraq.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on Iraq. Ask him/her three questions about ISIS. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to bring peace to Iraq. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a T      b T      c T      d F      e T      f F      g F      h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| 1. fighting | a. battling    |
| 2. set up   | b. established |
| 3. declared | c. announced   |
| 4. area     | d. region      |
| 5. head     | e. leader      |
| 6. parts    | f. bits        |
| 7. largely  | g. mainly      |
| 8. linked   | h. connected   |
| 9. struggle | i. fight       |
| 10. jets    | j. planes      |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. The Syrian and Iraqi governments
2. ISIL
3. Aleppo
4. Online
5. Caliph
6. More land
7. Syria and Iraq
8. February 2014
9. 8 months
10. Military jets

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. b    2. d    3. a    4. c    5. b    6. a    7. c    8. a    9. a    10. d

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)