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Level 4

Laptop ban goes into effect in certain countries

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THE READING

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Airports in the Middle East have started the new laptop ban on flights to the USA and the UK. Electronic devices larger than a smartphone must now be checked in. The US ban has affected airlines from eight countries, while the UK ban applies to six countries. The ban is because larger digital devices can contain explosives. Dubai's Emirates airlines said it was told to keep the ban in place until October 14.

There has been mixed reaction to the ban. Airlines had 96 hours to enforce it or lose their license to fly to the US. They called it a "nightmare". Passengers may have to pay for the security checks. Some governments wondered why the ban affects only Muslim-majority countries. A passenger from Qatar said: "It's a rule. I follow the rules. The bigger problem...is the no smoking." Another passenger worried about her kids having no laptop on a long flight.

Sources: <http://www.dw.com/en/laptop-ban-comes-into-effect-on-some-middle-eastern-flights/a-38119048>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Airports | a. explosives |
| 2. flights to | b. in the Middle East |
| 3. Electronic devices larger | c. the USA |
| 4. must now | d. in place |
| 5. The US ban has | e. to six countries |
| 6. the UK ban applies | f. than a smartphone |
| 7. digital devices can contain | g. affected airlines |
| 8. keep the ban | h. be checked in |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. There has been mixed | a. for the security checks |
| 2. Airlines had 96 hours | b. "nightmare" |
| 3. lose their license to | c. the rules |
| 4. They called it a | d. to enforce it |
| 5. Passengers may have to pay | e. -majority countries |
| 6. the ban affects only Muslim | f. reaction to the ban |
| 7. I follow | g. on a long flight |
| 8. no laptop | h. fly to the US |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Airports in the Middle East have started the new laptop (1) _____ the USA and the UK. Electronic (2) _____ a smartphone must now (3) _____. The US ban (4) _____ from eight countries, while the UK ban applies to six countries. The (5) _____ larger digital devices can contain explosives. Dubai's Emirates airlines said it was told to keep the (6) _____ October 14.

There has been (7) _____ the ban. Airlines had 96 hours to (8) _____ their license to fly to the US. They called it a "nightmare". Passengers may (9) _____ the security checks. Some governments wondered why (10) _____ Muslim-majority countries. A passenger from Qatar said: "It's a rule. (11) _____. The bigger problem...is the no smoking." Another passenger worried (12) _____ having no laptop on a long flight.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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LAPTOP BAN SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about laptop ban 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) _____

