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## Level 6

### Laptop ban goes into effect in certain countries

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# THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1703/170329-laptop-ban.html>

A number of airports in the Middle East have started implementing the ban on taking laptop computers into the airplane cabin on flights to the USA and the UK. A new directive from the USA and UK now requires electronic devices larger than a smartphone to be checked in to be stored in the hold of the aircraft. The US ban has affected airlines from eight Middle Eastern countries, while similar UK restrictions apply to six countries. Officials said the reason for the ban was that larger digital devices could contain explosives. They did not give any indication as to how long the ban would be in place. However, the Dubai-based Emirates airlines said it had received instructions to enforce it until at least October 14.

There has been mixed reaction to the ban. Airlines were unhappy about being given just 96 hours to comply with it or risk losing their license to fly into the USA. Some called it an operational nightmare. They are unsure whether or not to pass the financial burden of the additional layer of security checks onto passengers. Some of the affected countries are questioning why the ban affects only Muslim-majority countries. Passengers, meanwhile, seem resigned to it. Rakan Mohammed from Qatar said: "It's a rule. I follow the rules. The bigger problem for my family is the no smoking." Maryam Hassad from Dubai was more concerned about how to keep her children occupied on a long flight without their laptops.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. LAPTOP BAN:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about laptop ban. 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?

airports / ban / cabin / flights / electronic devices / Middle Eastern / explosives / mixed reaction / license / nightmare / financial burden / security checks / rules

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

**3. ELECTRONIC DEVICES:** Students A **strongly** believe all electronic devices should be banned from airplane cabins, including smartphones; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. SECURITY:** How can airports increase security? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Measures	Would they work?
Airport employees		
Passenger checks		
Check-in		
Immigration		
X-ray machines		
Pre-takeoff		

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

**6. 12-HOUR FLIGHT:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best things to do on a 12-hour flight at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Watch movies
- Read novels
- Write letters
- Work / study
- Talk to other passengers
- Exercise
- Sleep
- Listen to music

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1703/170329-laptop-ban.html>

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

- a. Airports in the Middle and Far East have implemented a laptop ban. **T / F**
- b. Laptops can be stored in the hold of the aircraft. **T / F**
- c. The UK's ban affects more countries than the USA's ban. **T / F**
- d. A Dubai-based airline said the ban will end on October 14. **T / F**
- e. Airlines were given 96 hours to comply with the ban. **T / F**
- f. Some airlines said their passengers had nightmares. **T / F**
- g. One passenger was more concerned about not being allowed to smoke. **T / F**
- h. A passenger was more worried about what her children would do. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>1. a number of</b>  | a. stowed       |
| <b>2. implementing</b> | b. limitations  |
| <b>3. restrictions</b> | c. several      |
| <b>4. stored</b>       | d. chance       |
| <b>5. indication</b>   | e. ordeal       |
| <b>6. reaction</b>     | f. busy         |
| <b>7. risk</b>         | g. sign         |
| <b>8. nightmare</b>    | h. querying     |
| <b>9. questioning</b>  | i. carrying out |
| <b>10. occupied</b>    | j. response     |

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

- |  |                              |
|--|------------------------------|
| 1. started implementing                  | a. hold of the aircraft      |
| 2. A new directive                       | b. would be in place         |
| 3. stored in the                         | c. her children occupied     |
| 4. any indication as to how long the ban | d. reaction to the ban       |
| 5. instructions to enforce it            | e. the ban                   |
| 6. There has been mixed                  | f. to comply with it         |
| 7. given just 96 hours                   | g. from the USA and UK       |
| 8. financial                             | h. resigned to it            |
| 9. Passengers, meanwhile, seem           | i. until at least October 14 |
| 10. more concerned about how to keep     | j. burden                    |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1703/170329-laptop-ban.html>

A (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of airports in the Middle East have started implementing the ban on taking laptop computers into the airplane cabin on (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to the USA and the UK. A new (3) \_\_\_\_\_ from the USA and UK now requires electronic devices larger than a smartphone to be checked in to be stored in the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of the aircraft. The US ban has affected airlines from eight Middle Eastern countries, while (5) \_\_\_\_\_ UK restrictions apply to six countries. Officials said the reason for the ban was that larger digital devices could contain (6) \_\_\_\_\_. They did not give any (7) \_\_\_\_\_ as to how long the ban would be in place. However, the Dubai-based Emirates airlines said it had received instructions to (8) \_\_\_\_\_ it until at least October 14.

*flights*  
*indication*  
*hold*  
*enforce*  
*number*  
*explosives*  
*directive*  
*similar*

There has been mixed (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to the ban. Airlines were unhappy about being given just 96 hours to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ with it or risk losing their license to fly into the USA. Some called it an operational (11) \_\_\_\_\_. They are unsure whether or not to pass the financial burden of the additional (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of security checks onto passengers. Some of the affected countries are questioning why the ban affects only Muslim-majority countries. Passengers, (13) \_\_\_\_\_, seem resigned to it. Rakan Mohammed from Qatar said: "It's a rule. I (14) \_\_\_\_\_ the rules. The bigger problem for my family is the no smoking." Maryam Hassad from Dubai was more (15) \_\_\_\_\_ about how to keep her children (16) \_\_\_\_\_ on a long flight without their laptops.

*nightmare*  
*follow*  
*reaction*  
*occupied*  
*comply*  
*meanwhile*  
*concerned*  
*layer*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) A number of airports in the Middle East have started \_\_\_\_\_ ban
  - a. complementing the
  - b. implanting the
  - c. imply lamenting the
  - d. implementing the
- 2) electronic devices larger than a smartphone to be checked in to be stored \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. in the hood
  - b. on the hood
  - c. in the hold
  - d. on the hold
- 3) the reason for the ban was that larger digital devices could \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. contain explosions
  - b. can tin explosives
  - c. contain explosives
  - d. content explosives
- 4) They did not give any indication as to how long the ban \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. would be on place
  - b. would be in place
  - c. would being place
  - d. would been in place
- 5) Emirates airlines said it had received instructions to enforce it \_\_\_\_\_ October 14
  - a. until late least
  - b. until at least
  - c. until at last
  - d. until at lest
- 6) Airlines were unhappy about being given just 96 \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. hours two comply
  - b. hours to comply
  - c. hours too comply
  - d. hours stew comply
- 7) Some called it an \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. operational nightmare
  - b. operation all nightmare
  - c. operational nightmares
  - d. operational nightly mare
- 8) affected countries are questioning why the ban affects only Muslim-\_\_\_\_\_
  - a. majorities countries
  - b. major city countries
  - c. majorly countries
  - d. majority countries
- 9) Passengers, meanwhile, seem \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. designed to it
  - b. resigns to it
  - c. designs to it
  - d. resigned to it
- 10) Maryam Hassad from Dubai was more concerned about how to keep \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. her children preoccupied
  - b. her children occupied
  - c. her children occupy it
  - d. her children preoccupy it

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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There has been (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the ban. Airlines were unhappy about being given just 96 hours to (8) \_\_\_\_\_ losing their license to fly into the USA. Some called it an operational nightmare. They are unsure whether or not to pass the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the additional layer of security checks onto passengers. Some of the affected countries are questioning why the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ Muslim-majority countries. Passengers, meanwhile, seem resigned to it. Rakan Mohammed from Qatar said: "It's a rule. (11) \_\_\_\_\_. The bigger problem for my family is the no smoking." Maryam Hassad from Dubai was more concerned about how to keep her children (12) \_\_\_\_\_ flight without their laptops.

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1703/170329-laptop-ban.html>

1. How many Middle Eastern airports must enforce the ban?
2. Where do laptops now have to be stored?
3. How many countries has the UK ban affected?
4. What did an official say larger digital devices could contain?
5. When did a Dubai-based airline say it was told to enforce the ban until?
6. What kind of reaction has there been to the ban?
7. How long did airlines have to enforce the ban?
8. Who might airlines pass the financial burden of extra security on to?
9. What was the bigger problem for Rukan Mohammed?
10. Who was Maryam Hassad worried about not having laptops on a flight?



# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1703/170329-laptop-ban.html>

- 1) How many Middle Eastern airports must enforce the ban?
  - a) most
  - b) a number of them
  - c) 26
  - d) 3
- 2) Where do laptops now have to be stored?
  - a) in the tail
  - b) in the cabin
  - c) in the cockpit
  - d) in the hold
- 3) How many countries has the UK ban affected?
  - a) 6
  - b) 7
  - c) 8
  - d) 9
- 4) What did an official say larger digital devices could contain?
  - a) illegal material
  - b) viruses
  - c) explosives
  - d) drugs
- 5) When did a Dubai-based airline say it was told to enforce the ban until?
  - a) October 15
  - b) October 14
  - c) October 17
  - d) October 16
- 6) What kind of reaction has there been to the ban?
  - a) shocked
  - b) noisy
  - c) mixed
  - d) none
- 7) How long did airlines have to enforce the ban?
  - a) 24 hours
  - b) a week
  - c) 3 days
  - d) 96 hours
- 8) Who might airlines pass the financial burden of extra security on to?
  - a) passengers
  - b) governments
  - c) airports
  - d) advertisers
- 9) What was the bigger problem for Rukan Mohammed?
  - a) no smoking
  - b) leg room
  - c) airplane food
  - d) air sickness
- 10) Who was Maryam Hassad worried about not having laptops on a flight?
  - a) business people
  - b) children
  - c) pilots
  - d) flight attendants

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Watch Movies**

You think the best thing to do on a 12-hour flight is to watch movies. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): work / study, talk to other passengers or exercise.

## **Role B – Work / Study**

You think the best thing to do on a 12-hour flight is to work / study. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): watch movies, talk to other passengers or exercise.

## **Role C – Talk to Other Passengers**

You think the best thing to do on a 12-hour flight is to talk to other passengers. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): work / study, watch movies or exercise.

## **Role D – Exercise**

You think the best thing to do on a 12-hour flight is to exercise. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): work / study, talk to other passengers or watch movies.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1703/170329-laptop-ban.html>

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

<b>laptop</b>	<b>ban</b>
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- 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>• number</li><li>• cabin</li><li>• hold</li><li>• similar</li><li>• contain</li><li>• until</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• mixed</li><li>• risk</li><li>• pass</li><li>• questioning</li><li>• follow</li><li>• long</li></ul>
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# LAPTOP BAN SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1703/170329-laptop-ban.html>

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.

# LAPTOP BAN DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What springs to mind when you hear the word 'laptop'?
3. What do you think of the laptop ban?
4. How good is airport security?
5. Why is the ban on flights from so few countries?
6. Is the laptop any less of a security risk in the hold?
7. Should smartphones also be banned?
8. Won't terrorists simply put explosives in other things instead?
9. How long do you think the ban should last?
10. How worried are you about security when flying?

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# LAPTOP BAN DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'ban'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Why has there been mixed reaction to the ban?
15. What kind of operational nightmare do you think airlines had?
16. Who should pay for the additional layer of security?
17. Do people really need laptops on airplanes?
18. What would you do on a 12-hour flight?
19. How can you keep children occupied on a long flight?
20. What questions would you like to ask an airline boss?

# 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/1703/170329-laptop-ban.html>

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

- |     |               |                |               |                 |
|-----|---------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) numeral   | (b) numeracy   | (c) number    | (d) numerical   |
| 2.  | (a) cabin     | (b) cockpit    | (c) galley    | (d) hold        |
| 3.  | (a) requires  | (b) lets       | (c) warrants  | (d) has         |
| 4.  | (a) to        | (b) by         | (c) of        | (d) on          |
| 5.  | (a) is        | (b) as         | (c) was       | (d) has         |
| 6.  | (a) lost      | (b) lest       | (c) last      | (d) least       |
| 7.  | (a) mixture   | (b) mixing     | (c) mixed     | (d) mixes       |
| 8.  | (a) of        | (b) at         | (c) on        | (d) with        |
| 9.  | (a) nightmare | (b) nightcap   | (c) nightly   | (d) night night |
| 10. | (a) affect    | (b) affected   | (c) affects   | (d) affection   |
| 11. | (a) chase     | (b) follow     | (c) pursue    | (d) stalk       |
| 12. | (a) concerns  | (b) concerning | (c) concerned | (d) concern     |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. started mitpmignlnee the ban
2. The US ban has fafecetd airlines
3. UK rtsnriictose apply to six countries
4. digital devices could contain sesvelpxoi
5. They did not give any ticainoind
6. received instructions to onfeecr it

## Paragraph 2

7. There has been mixed iortncae
8. an operational hinemargt
9. the financial rbedun
10. the ban affects only Muslim-yamotjir countries
11. Passengers, meanwhile, seem eingrsde to it
12. keep her children diopuecc on a long flight



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1703/170329-laptop-ban.html>

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

- ( ) place. However, the Dubai-based Emirates airlines said it had received instructions to enforce it until at least October 14.
- ( ) similar UK restrictions apply to six countries. Officials said the reason for the ban was that larger digital
- ( ) devices could contain explosives. They did not give any indication as to how long the ban would be in
- ( ) with it or risk losing their license to fly into the USA. Some called it an operational nightmare. They are unsure whether
- ( ) taking laptop computers into the airplane cabin on flights to the USA and the UK. A new directive
- ( ) Dubai was more concerned about how to keep her children occupied on a long flight without their laptops.
- ( ) stored in the hold of the aircraft. The US ban has affected airlines from eight Middle Eastern countries, while
- ( ) rules. The bigger problem for my family is the no smoking." Maryam Hassad from
- ( ) There has been mixed reaction to the ban. Airlines were unhappy about being given just 96 hours to comply
- ( **1** ) A number of airports in the Middle East have started implementing the ban on
- ( ) from the USA and UK now requires electronic devices larger than a smartphone to be checked in to be
- ( ) countries are questioning why the ban affects only Muslim-majority countries. Passengers,
- ( ) or not to pass the financial burden of the additional layer of security checks onto passengers. Some of the affected
- ( ) meanwhile, seem resigned to it. Rakan Mohammed from Qatar said: "It's a rule. I follow the

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1703/170329-laptop-ban.html>

1. laptop the The taking into cabin on computers airplane ban .
2. to in larger smartphone checked devices a be Electronic than .
3. devices digital Larger explosives contain could .
4. ban the long how to as indication Any place in be would .
5. it said received enforce airlines had to Emirates it instructions .
6. has There ban the to reaction mixed been .
7. it Unhappy about being given just 96 hours to comply with .
8. are countries affected the of Some why questioning .
9. the The for is smoking problem family no bigger my .
10. about Concerned occupied children her keep to how .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1703/170329-laptop-ban.html>

A *number / numeral* of airports in the Middle East have started implementing the ban *on / in* taking laptop computers into the airplane cabin *on / in* flights to the USA and the UK. A new *corrective / directive* from the USA and UK now *requires / require* electronic devices larger than a smartphone to be checked in to be stored in the *holding / hold* of the aircraft. The US ban has *affected / affection* airlines from eight Middle Eastern countries, while similar UK restrictions apply to six countries. Officials said the reason for the ban was that larger *digitally / digital* devices could contain explosives. They did not give any indication *has / as* to how long the ban would be in place. However, the Dubai-based Emirates airlines said it had received instructions to *enforce / farce* it until at least October 14.

There has been *mixed / mixing* reaction to the ban. Airlines were unhappy about *been / being* given just 96 hours to comply with *ban / it* or risk losing their license to fly *into / onto* the USA. Some called it an operational nightmare. They are *reassure / unsure* whether or not to pass the financial burden of the additional *layer / payer* of security checks onto passengers. Some of the affected countries are questioning why the ban affects only Muslim-majority countries. Passengers, *whiling / meanwhile*, seem resigned *to / for* it. Rakan Mohammed from Qatar said: "It's a rule. I *follow / chase* the rules. The bigger problem for my family is the no smoking." Maryam Hassad from Dubai was more concerned *about / around* how to keep her children occupied on a long flight without their laptops.

**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)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1703/170329-laptop-ban.html>

\_ n \_ mb \_ r \_ f \_ \_ rp \_ rts \_ n th \_ M \_ ddl \_ \_ \_ st h \_ v \_ st \_ rt \_ d  
\_ mpl \_ m \_ nt \_ ng th \_ b \_ n \_ n t \_ k \_ ng l \_ pt \_ p \_ c \_ mp \_ t \_ rs  
\_ nt \_ th \_ \_ \_ rpl \_ n \_ c \_ b \_ n \_ n fl \_ ghts t \_ th \_ \_ S \_ \_ nd th \_  
\_ K . \_ n \_ w \_ d \_ r \_ ct \_ v \_ fr \_ m th \_ \_ S \_ \_ nd \_ K \_ n \_ w  
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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1703/170329-laptop-ban.html>

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there has been mixed reaction to the ban airlines were unhappy about being given just 96 hours to comply with it or risk losing their license to fly into the usa some called it an operational nightmare they are unsure whether or not to pass the financial burden of the additional layer of security checks onto passengers some of the affected countries are questioning why the ban affects only muslim-majority countries passengers meanwhile seem resigned to it rakan mohammed from qatar said "it's a rule i follow the rules the bigger problem for my family is the no smoking" maryam hassad from dubai was more concerned about how to keep her children occupied on a long flight without their laptops

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# ACADEMIC WRITING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1703/170329-laptop-ban.html>

The laptop ban should be on all flights worldwide. Discuss.

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# 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 the laptop ban. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. AIRPORT SECURITY:** Make a poster about airport security. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. LAPTOP BAN:** Write a magazine article about the laptop ban and it being in Muslim-majority countries. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

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 laptop ban. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make airports and air travel safer. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. a number of  | a. several      |
| 2. implementing | b. carrying out |
| 3. restrictions | c. limitations  |
| 4. stored       | d. stowed       |
| 5. indication   | e. sign         |
| 6. reaction     | f. response     |
| 7. risk         | g. chance       |
| 8. nightmare    | h. ordeal       |
| 9. questioning  | i. querying     |
| 10. occupied    | j. busy         |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. A number of them
2. In the aircraft hold
3. Six
4. Explosives
5. October 14
6. A mixed reaction
7. 96 hours
8. Passengers
9. No smoking
10. Her children

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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