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**Level 5 – 3rd February, 2021**

## **UAE to offer citizenship to 'talented' foreigners**

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**Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210203-uae-citizenship-5.html>

The UAE has announced it will give citizenship to foreign residents who "add value" to the nation. It is rare for a Gulf state to bestow citizenship on foreign nationals and is a bold revision of the UAE's immigration policy. UAE Vice-President and ruler of Dubai Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum wants people with "specialised talents" to "contribute to our development journey". He said artists, engineers, entrepreneurs, intellectuals, inventors and scientists could be eligible for a UAE passport. All successful people and their families would be allowed to hold dual nationality.

The procedure for citizenship depends on recommendations and nominations from members of the UAE royal family or government officials. The UAE cabinet will then approve or reject the nomination. Sheikh Mohammed said there are "clear criteria" in the selection process. Doctors must be specialised in high-priority scientific fields. They must have conducted significant research. Scientists must be active researchers and have an international award or research grant. Inventors need patented inventions registered by an internationally recognised organisation.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-55869674>  
<https://gulfbusiness.com/uae-opens-citizenship-for-investors-professionals-special-talents/>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210203-uae-citizenship-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                  |                         |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. it will give citizenship      | a. talents              |
| 2. bestow                        | b. nationals            |
| 3. foreign                       | c. nationality          |
| 4. the UAE's immigration         | d. citizenship on       |
| 5. people with specialised       | e. for a UAE passport   |
| 6. contribute to our development | f. to foreign residents |
| 7. eligible                      | g. journey              |
| 8. be allowed to hold dual       | h. policy               |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| 1. members of the UAE royal             | a. award             |
| 2. clear criteria in the selection      | b. scientific fields |
| 3. be specialised in high-priority      | c. organisation      |
| 4. They must have conducted significant | d. process           |
| 5. Scientists must be active            | e. inventions        |
| 6. have an international                | f. family            |
| 7. Inventors need patented              | g. researchers       |
| 8. an internationally recognised        | h. research          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The UAE has announced it will give citizenship (1) \_\_\_\_\_ who "add value" to the nation. It is rare for a Gulf (2) \_\_\_\_\_ citizenship on foreign nationals and is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of the UAE's immigration policy. UAE Vice-President and ruler of Dubai Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum (4) \_\_\_\_\_ "specialised talents" to "contribute to our development journey". He said artists, engineers, entrepreneurs, intellectuals, inventors and scientists could (5) \_\_\_\_\_ a UAE passport. All successful people and their families would be allowed to (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

(7) \_\_\_\_\_ citizenship depends on recommendations and nominations from members of the UAE (8) \_\_\_\_\_ government officials. The UAE cabinet will then approve or reject the nomination. Sheikh Mohammed said there are (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the selection process. Doctors must be specialised in high-(10) \_\_\_\_\_. They must have conducted significant research. Scientists must be active researchers and have an international (11) \_\_\_\_\_ grant. Inventors need patented inventions (12) \_\_\_\_\_ internationally recognised organisation.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# CITIZENSHIP SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210203-uae-citizenship-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about citizenship 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) \_\_\_\_\_

