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Saudi women to vote for first time

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THE ARTICLE

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Saudi Arabian women have been registering to vote for the first time in their history. Women will be able to vote in the city council elections later this year. They now have a 21-day period to register. The Saudi Gazette newspaper said the first woman to register was Safinaz Abu Al-Shamat. She said she wanted to be, "the first woman to arrive at the centre" and the first woman to register. She also said it was a national duty to take part in elections. Another woman to register early was Jamal Al-Saadi. She told reporters that: "The participation of Saudi women in the municipal elections as voters and candidates was a dream for us. We are just at the beginning of the road."

Letting women vote was one of the plans of King Abdullah, who died earlier this year. The Saudi government said giving women the vote was an important step. It added that it was, "a significant milestone in progress". As well as being able to vote, many women also want to run for office and take up government positions. At least 70 women want to run for office, and more than 80 have registered as campaign managers. One of the women who wants to be a candidate in the December elections is 36-year-old Haifa al-Hababi. She said she would campaign with a message for change. She said that: "Change is life. The government has given us this tool and I intend to use it."

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WARM-UPS

1. VOTING: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about voting. 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?

registering / vote / first time / history / council / elections / newspaper / duty / road / plans / government / significant / progress / office / campaign / managers / message

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

3. ELECTION: If you were a candidate in an election, what would you tell people about these things? Complete this table and share what you wrote with your partner(s). Change partners often.

	Problems now	How I would fix them
Economy		
Security		
Environment		
Jobs		
Education		
Health care		

4. 16: Students A **strongly** believe all people should vote from the age of 16; Students B **strongly** believe the voting age should be 21. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. ISSUES: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important issues in an election at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- jobs
- environment
- defence
- policing
- health care
- pensions
- immigration
- education

6. HISTORY: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "history". 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/1508/150824-voting.html>

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

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. Saudi women are registering to vote in national elections. | T / F |
| b. The women have three weeks in which to register to vote. | T / F |
| c. A lady called Jamal was the first woman to register. | T / F |
| d. A woman said voting was a dream for her. | T / F |
| e. Giving women the vote was the idea of King Abdullah. | T / F |
| f. Fewer than 70 women want to run for office. | T / F |
| g. Around 800 women have registered to be campaign managers. | T / F |
| h. A lady called Haifa wants to change a message. | T / F |

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

- | | |
|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. registering | a. passed away |
| 2. period | b. get to |
| 3. arrive | c. jobs |
| 4. duty | d. start |
| 5. beginning | e. time |
| 6. died | f. serious |
| 7. significant | g. push |
| 8. positions | h. signing up |
| 9. campaign | i. plan |
| 10. intend | j. responsibility |

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

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Saudi Arabian women have been | a. of the road |
| 2. the first time | b. council elections |
| 3. vote in the city | c. managers |
| 4. it was a national | d. for change |
| 5. We are just at the beginning | e. duty to take part |
| 6. an important | f. us this tool |
| 7. women also want to run | g. registering to vote |
| 8. campaign | h. for office |
| 9. campaign with a message | i. in their history |
| 10. The government has given | j. step |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1508/150824-voting.html>

Saudi Arabian women have been registering to vote for the first time in their (1) _____. Women will be able to vote in the (2) _____ council elections (3) _____ this year. They now have a 21-day period to register. The Saudi Gazette newspaper said the first woman to (4) _____ was Safinaz Abu Al-Shamat. She said she wanted to be, "the first woman to arrive at the centre" and the first woman to register. She also said it was a (5) _____ duty to take part in elections. Another woman to register early was Jamal Al-Saadi. She told reporters that: "The (6) _____ of Saudi women in the municipal elections as voters and candidates was a (7) _____ for us. We are just at the beginning of the (8) _____."

register
history
dream
city
national
road
later
participation

Letting women vote was one of the (9) _____ of King Abdullah, who died earlier this year. The Saudi government said giving women the vote was an important (10) _____. It added that it was, "a significant milestone in (11) _____". As well as being able to vote, many women also want to run for (12) _____ and take up government positions. At least 70 women want to run for office, and more than 80 have registered as (13) _____ managers. One of the women who wants to be a candidate in the December (14) _____ is 36-year-old Haifa al-Hababi. She said she would campaign with a message for (15) _____. She said that: "Change is life. The government has given us this (16) _____ and I intend to use it."

campaign
progress
change
plans
tool
office
step
elections

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Saudi Arabian women have been registering to vote for the first time _____
 - a. on their history
 - b. in their history
 - c. in the history
 - d. on the history
- 2) Women will be able to vote in the city council elections _____
 - a. later that year
 - b. later these year
 - c. later those year
 - d. later this year
- 3) She said she wanted to be the first woman to _____
 - a. arrive at the centre
 - b. arrive in the centre
 - c. arriving the centre
 - d. arrive at a centre
- 4) She also said it was a national duty to take _____
 - a. part in elections
 - b. parting elections
 - c. party in elections
 - d. partying elections
- 5) The participation of Saudi women in the municipal elections as voters and candidates _____
 - a. was the dream
 - b. was a dreamer
 - c. was the dreamer
 - d. was a dream
- 6) The Saudi government said giving women the vote was _____
 - a. an importance step
 - b. an importantly step
 - c. an important step
 - d. and important step
- 7) As well as being able to vote, many women also want _____
 - a. to ruin for office
 - b. to run for office
 - c. to run from office
 - d. two run for office
- 8) At least 70 women want to run for office, and more than _____
 - a. 80 has registered
 - b. 18 have registered
 - c. 80 have registered
 - d. 80 have register it
- 9) She said she would campaign with a _____
 - a. message of change
 - b. message for changed
 - c. message for changes
 - d. message for change
- 10) She said that: "Change is life. The government has given us this tool and _____
 - a. I intend to use it
 - b. I intend too use it
 - c. I intend to used it
 - d. I intend two use it

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Saudi Arabian women have been registering (1) _____ first time in their history. Women will (2) _____ in the city council elections later this year. They now have a (3) _____ to register. The Saudi Gazette newspaper said the first woman to register was Safinaz Abu Al-Shamat. She said she wanted to be, "the first woman to arrive at the centre" and the first woman to register. She also said it was a (4) _____ take part in elections. Another woman to register early was Jamal Al-Saadi. She told reporters that: "The participation of Saudi women in the municipal elections as (5) _____ was a dream for us. We (6) _____ beginning of the road."

Letting women (7) _____ plans of King Abdullah, who died earlier this year. The Saudi government said giving women the vote was an important step. It added that it was, "(8) _____ in progress". As well as being able to vote, many women also want to run for (9) _____ government positions. At least 70 women want to run for office, and (10) _____ registered as campaign managers. One of the women who wants (11) _____ in the December elections is 36-year-old Haifa al-Hababi. She said she would campaign with a message for change. She said that: "Change is life. The government has given us this tool (12) _____."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1508/150824-voting.html>

1. What have women in Saudi Arabia been registering to do?

2. How long do women have to sign up to vote?

3. Where did Safinaz Abu Al-Shamat want to be first to arrive at?

4. What kind of duty did Safinaz Abu Al-Shamat say voting was?

5. What part of the road did a woman say all women were at?

6. Whose plan was the idea of women voting in Saudi Arabia?

7. What kind of milestone did the government say women voting was?

8. How many women want to run for office?

9. How many women have registered to be campaign managers?

10. What did Haifa al-Hababi say change was?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1508/150824-voting.html>

1. What have women in Saudi Arabia been registering to do?
 - a) register
 - b) vote
 - c) do a course
 - d) go to a city
2. How long do women have to sign up to vote?
 - a) no time limit
 - b) until the end of the year
 - c) 4 weeks
 - d) 21 days
3. Where did Safinaz Abu Al-Shamat want to be first to arrive at?
 - a) the voting centre
 - b) the city
 - c) home
 - d) her company
4. What kind of duty did Safinaz Abu Al-Shamat say voting was?
 - a) a notional one
 - b) a natural one
 - c) a national one
 - d) a nurturing one
5. What part of the road did a woman say all women were at?
 - a) the middle
 - b) the beginning
 - c) the end
 - d) a curve
6. Whose plan was the idea of women voting in Saudi Arabia?
 - a) King Abdullah
 - b) Haifa al-Hababi
 - c) the Saudi Gazette
 - d) Jamal Al-Saadi
7. What kind of milestone did the government say women voting was?
 - a) one made from rock
 - b) one that was 1.6km long
 - c) a significant one
 - d) a hard one
8. How many women want to run for office?
 - a) 70 or more
 - b) over 80
 - c) up to 70
 - d) exactly 70
9. How many women have registered to be campaign managers?
 - a) at least 80
 - b) just under 80
 - c) around 80
 - d) exactly 80
10. What did Haifa al-Hababi say change was?
 - a) boring
 - b) important
 - c) hard
 - d) life

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Jobs

You think jobs is the biggest issue in an election. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so important with their issues. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): the environment, education or health care.

Role B – Environment

You think the environment is the biggest issue in an election. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so important with their issues. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): jobs, education or health care.

Role C – Education

You think education is the biggest issue in an election. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so important with their issues. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): the environment, jobs or health care.

Role D – Health care

You think health care is the biggest issue in an election. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so important with their issues. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): the environment, education or jobs.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1508/150824-voting.html>

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

first	time
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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">• history• 21• arrive• national• early• road	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• plans• step• able• 70• 80• tool
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VOTING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about voting 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.

VOTING 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 'vote'?
- 3) How important is voting?
- 4) When did women get the vote in your country?
- 5) How does voting change things?
- 6) Would you like to vote for a leader of the world?
- 7) Do people understand all the issues when they vote?
- 8) Is it better to vote online or at a voting centre?
- 9) From what age should people be allowed to vote?
- 10) Who are better leaders – women or men? Why?

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VOTING 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 about what you read?
- 13) Why is voting so important?
- 14) Who would you vote for?
- 15) Would you be a good person to vote for? Why?
- 16) What government position would you like?
- 17) If you were leader of your country, what would you change?
- 18) Would you like to be a candidate in an election?
- 19) Why do some people decide not to vote?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask female voters in Saudi?

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

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Letting women vote was one of the plans of King Abdullah, who (7) _____ earlier this year. The Saudi government said giving women the vote was an important (8) _____. It added that it was, "a significant milestone in progress". As well (9) _____ being able to vote, many women also want to run for office and take up government positions. At least 70 women want to (10) _____ for office, and more than 80 have registered as campaign managers. One of the women who wants to be a candidate in the December elections is 36-year-old Haifa al-Hababi. She said she would campaign (11) _____ a message for change. She said that: "Change is life. The government has given us this tool and I (12) _____ to use it."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. | (a) on | (b) at | (c) by | (d) for |
| 2. | (a) latest | (b) late | (c) lately | (d) later |
| 3. | (a) point | (b) period | (c) timely | (d) length |
| 4. | (a) duly | (b) jury | (c) duty | (d) curly |
| 5. | (a) of | (b) off | (c) in | (d) and |
| 6. | (a) road | (b) sidewalk | (c) highway | (d) avenue |
| 7. | (a) dead | (b) died | (c) death | (d) pass |
| 8. | (a) step | (b) ladder | (c) stair | (d) foot |
| 9. | (a) was | (b) as | (c) ease | (d) has |
| 10. | (a) walk | (b) jog | (c) run | (d) crawl |
| 11. | (a) but | (b) so | (c) with | (d) because |
| 12. | (a) intent | (b) intention | (c) intends | (d) intend |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. women have been neriggirste to vote
2. the city council nceeislt
3. a 21-day dreiop
4. it was a oaitlna duty
5. The ntaitripioacp of Saudi women
6. voters and cdsentadia

Paragraph 2

7. an ntoatrpmi step
8. a fiaiingcnst milestone
9. take up government issnoitpo
10. magicapn managers
11. a amseegs for change
12. I eidnnt to use it

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () managers. One of the women who wants to be a candidate in the December elections is 36-
- (**1**) Saudi Arabian women have been registering to vote for the first time in their history. Women will be
- () period to register. The Saudi Gazette newspaper said the first woman to register was Safinaz Abu Al-Shamat. She said
- () able to vote in the city council elections later this year. They now have a 21-day
- () reporters that: "The participation of Saudi women in the municipal elections as voters and
- () Letting women vote was one of the plans of King Abdullah, who died earlier this year. The Saudi government said giving
- () positions. At least 70 women want to run for office, and more than 80 have registered as campaign
- () year-old Haifa al-Hababi. She said she would campaign with a message for
- () women the vote was an important step. It added that it was, "a significant milestone in progress". As well
- () she wanted to be, "the first woman to arrive at the centre" and the first woman to register. She also said it was a national
- () as being able to vote, many women also want to run for office and take up government
- () change. She said that: "Change is life. The government has given us this tool and I intend to use it."
- () candidates was a dream for us. We are just at the beginning of the road."
- () duty to take part in elections. Another woman to register early was Jamal Al-Saadi. She told

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. their history Registering to vote for the first time in .

2. be will Women elections council city the in vote to able .

3. take was to it elections duty said in national also part a She .

4. participation women municipal The Saudi the of in elections .

5. the the We at of just beginning road are .

6. important the step vote was Giving an women .

7. up for government office positions and take Run .

8. candidate One of the women who wants to be a .

9. she would campaign with a message for change She said .

10. given has government The tool this us .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1508/150824-voting.html>

Saudi Arabian women have been *registration* / *registering* to vote for the first time in their *history* / *historian*. Women will be able to vote in the city council elections *lately* / *later* this year. They now have a 21-day *period* / *parade* to register. The Saudi Gazette newspaper said the first woman to register was Safinaz Abu Al-Shamat. She said she *wanted* / *want* to be, "the first woman to arrive at the centre" and the first woman to register. She also said it was a national *duly* / *duty* to take part *in* / *on* elections. Another woman to register early *be* / *was* Jamal Al-Saadi. She told reporters that: "The participation of Saudi women in the municipal elections *was* / *as* voters and candidates was a dream for us. We are just at the *beginning* / *begin* of the road."

Letting women vote was one of the *planes* / *plans* of King Abdullah, who died earlier this year. The Saudi government said *given* / *giving* women the vote was an important *step* / *foot*. It added that it was, "a *significantly* / *significant* milestone in progress". As well as being *able* / *ability* to vote, many women also want to run for office and take *out* / *up* government positions. At least 70 women want to *run* / *jog* for office, and more than 80 have registered as campaign managers. One of the women who wants to be a *candidate* / *certificate* in the December elections is 36-year-old Haifa al-Hababi. She said she would campaign with a message *by* / *for* change. She said that: "Change is life. The government has given us this tool and I *intend* / *intent* to use it."

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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S__d__r__b__n w__m__n h__v__b__n r__g__st__r__ng t__v__t__
f__r__th__f__rst t__m__n th__r__h__st__ry. W__m__n w__ll b__
__bl__t__v__t__n th__c__ty c__nc__l__l__ct__ns l__t__r__th__s
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b__g__nn__ng__f th__r__d."

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g__v__rnm__nt p__s__t__ns. __t l__st 70 w__m__n w__nt t__r__n
f__r__ff__c__, __nd m__r__th__n 80 h__v__r__g__st__r__d__s
c__mp__gn__m__n g__rs. __n__f th__w__m__n wh__w__nts t__
b__c__nd__d__t__n th__D__c__mb__r__l__ct__ns__s 36-y__r__
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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 voting. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. VOTING: Make a poster about voting. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. ELECTIONS: Write a magazine article about elections. Include imaginary interviews with voters and candidates.

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 voting. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to get more people to vote. 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 T e T f F g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- | | |
|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. registering | a. signing up |
| 2. period | b. time |
| 3. arrive | c. get to |
| 4. duty | d. responsibility |
| 5. beginning | e. start |
| 6. died | f. passed away |
| 7. significant | g. serious |
| 8. positions | h. jobs |
| 9. campaign | i. push |
| 10. intend | j. plan |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Vote
2. 21 days
3. A centre
4. A national one
5. The beginning
6. King Abdullah
7. An important one
8. At least 70
9. More than 80
10. Life

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 ;-)