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**Level 4 – 5th April, 2019**

## **Saudi capital city to get \$23 billion makeover**

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**Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190405-riyadh-4.html>

Saudi Arabia will invest \$23 billion to improve its capital city, Riyadh. A project will beautify the city, create thousands of jobs, boost leisure and tourism, and create "one of the world's most livable cities". A further \$15 billion in private sector funding will finance business opportunities. Saudi's Crown Prince will oversee the ambitious project as part of his Vision 2030 initiative. This aims to diversify Saudi's revenue sources and not rely on oil.

Other world capitals can only dream of such huge money. Saudi will improve the quality of life for Riyadh's 5 million residents. A focus on leisure will see over 130km of cycling track, a huge new park and hundreds of art installations. Riyadh will be a greener city, with 16 times the amount of green space. It will have 7.5 million new trees and dozens of community gardens. Work on the project will begin later this year and will take around 10 years to complete.

Sources: <https://www.cnbc.com/2019/03/20/saudi-arabia-is-giving-its-capital-a-23-billion-makeover.html>  
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<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-saudi-economy/saudi-arabia-invests-23-billion-to-improve-living-in-riyadh-idUSKCN1R01IT>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                              |                      |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. A project will            | a. project           |
| 2. boost leisure             | b. livable cities    |
| 3. one of the world's most   | c. sources           |
| 4. private                   | d. and tourism       |
| 5. finance business          | e. beautify the city |
| 6. oversee the ambitious     | f. opportunities     |
| 7. diversify Saudi's revenue | g. on oil            |
| 8. not rely                  | h. sector funding    |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. dream of such                  | a. later this year      |
| 2. A focus                        | b. huge money           |
| 3. hundreds of art                | c. years to complete    |
| 4. Riyadh will be                 | d. installations        |
| 5. 16 times the amount of         | e. of community gardens |
| 6. dozens                         | f. on leisure           |
| 7. Work on the project will begin | g. green space          |
| 8. take around 10                 | h. a greener city       |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190405-riyadh-4.html>

Saudi Arabia will invest \$23 billion (1) \_\_\_\_\_ capital city, Riyadh. A (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the city, create thousands of jobs, boost leisure and tourism, and create "one of the world's (3) \_\_\_\_\_". A further \$15 billion in private sector funding (4) \_\_\_\_\_ opportunities. Saudi's Crown Prince will oversee the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ part of his Vision 2030 initiative. This aims to diversify Saudi's revenue sources and (6) \_\_\_\_\_ oil.

Other world capitals can only dream (7) \_\_\_\_\_ money. Saudi will improve the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ for Riyadh's 5 million residents. A focus on leisure will see over 130km of cycling track, (9) \_\_\_\_\_ park and hundreds of art installations. Riyadh will be a greener city, with 16 times (10) \_\_\_\_\_ green space. It will have 7.5 million new trees (11) \_\_\_\_\_ community gardens. Work on the project will begin later this year and (12) \_\_\_\_\_ 10 years to complete.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# CAPITAL CITIES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190405-riyadh-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about capital cities 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) \_\_\_\_\_

**WRITING**

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Write about **capital cities** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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