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Level 1 – 18th September, 2019

Oil prices rise after Saudi drone attacks

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190918-saudi-drone-attack-1.html>

Oil prices increased after the attacks on oil plants in Saudi Arabia. It was the biggest rise in ten years. Prices went up by nearly 20 per cent - the biggest one-day rise since the 1990-91 Gulf War. Saudi said the drone attacks cut the country's oil production in half, and global oil production by five per cent. It could take weeks to fix. We could pay higher gasoline prices. People may also have to pay higher prices for food and other things.

Yemen's Houthi group said it carried out the attacks because of Saudi attacks on its groups in Yemen. Iran supported this claim and called it self defense. It said: "The attack was a...response to years of Saudi aggression against Yemen." Arab countries say there is evidence that weapons used in the attack were made by Iran. U.S. officials say the attacks came from either Iraq or Iran, not Yemen. Iran called this "maximum lies".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. It was the biggest rise | a. to fix |
| 2. the biggest one- | b. other things |
| 3. since the 1990-91 | c. day rise |
| 4. cut the country's oil production | d. prices |
| 5. It could take weeks | e. Gulf War |
| 6. We could pay higher | f. in half |
| 7. pay higher | g. in ten years |
| 8. food and | h. gasoline prices |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. it carried | a. is evidence |
| 2. self | b. either Iraq or Iran |
| 3. a response to years of Saudi | c. in the attack |
| 4. Arab countries say there | d. "maximum lies" |
| 5. weapons used | e. out the attacks |
| 6. made by | f. aggression |
| 7. the attacks came from | g. defense |
| 8. Iran called this | h. Iran |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190918-saudi-drone-attack-1.html>

Oil (1) _____ the attacks on oil plants in Saudi Arabia. It was the (2) _____ ten years. Prices went up by nearly 20 per cent - the biggest (3) _____ the 1990-91 Gulf War. Saudi said the drone attacks cut the country's oil (4) _____, and global oil production by five per cent. It could take (5) _____. We could pay higher gasoline prices. People may also have to pay higher prices for food (6) _____.

Yemen's Houthi group said it (7) _____ attacks because of Saudi attacks (8) _____ in Yemen. Iran supported this (9) _____ it self defense. It said: "The attack was a... (10) _____ of Saudi aggression against Yemen." Arab countries say there is evidence that (11) _____ the attack were made by Iran. U.S. officials say the attacks came from either Iraq or Iran, not Yemen. Iran called (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SAUDI DRONE ATTACKS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190918-saudi-drone-attack-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Saudi drone attacks 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 **Saudi drone attacks** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
