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**Level 2 – 1st December, 2022**

## **Saudi Arabia plans to build six-runway airport**

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**Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221201-six-runway-airport-2.html>

Saudi Arabia has a plan to build a huge airport. Saudi's Crown Prince told journalists about the plan. He said his country would change Saudi's current airport into a world-beating six-runway hub. The airport will be able to accept 120 million travellers by 2030. He hopes the airport will change travel in the region. It will be the world's fifth biggest logistics hub. The airport will also boost Saudi Arabia's economy. Another big plan is to start a second national airline - Riyadh International Airlines. This will compete with regional rivals Qatar Airways and the UAE carrier Emirates.

The Saudi Press Agency said the new airport would stretch over 57 square kilometres. It said: "The airport project is part of Saudi Arabia's vision to transform Riyadh to be among the top ten city economies in the world. It will help Riyadh's population grow to 15–20 million people by 2030." The new airport will be one of the greenest in the world. It will be totally sustainable. It will also be based on cutting-edge, green designs. In addition, it will be powered by renewable energy. A project spokesperson said the hub would be more than an airport; it would be an "aerotropolis".

Sources: <https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/saudi-arabia-announces-plans-six-runway-hub-airport-riyadh-2022-11-28/>  
<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2207531/business-economy>  
<https://simpleflying.com/saudi-arabia-riyadh-mega-airport-plans/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Saudi Arabia has a plan to  | a. plan                   |
| 2. a world-beating six-runway  | b. rivals                 |
| 3. the airport will change     | c. logistics hub          |
| 4. the world's fifth biggest   | d. hub                    |
| 5. The airport will also boost | e. build a huge airport   |
| 6. Another big                 | f. airline                |
| 7. start a second national     | g. travel in the region   |
| 8. compete with regional       | h. Saudi Arabia's economy |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                  |                        |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. part of Saudi Arabia's vision | a. in the world        |
| 2. the top ten city economies    | b. by renewable energy |
| 3. It will help Riyadh's         | c. sustainable         |
| 4. The new airport will be one   | d. than an airport     |
| 5. It will be totally            | e. population grow     |
| 6. based on cutting-edge, green  | f. to transform Riyadh |
| 7. it will be powered            | g. designs             |
| 8. the hub would be more         | h. of the greenest     |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Saudi Press Agency said the new airport (7) \_\_\_\_\_ 57 square kilometres. It said: "The airport project is part of Saudi Arabia's (8) \_\_\_\_\_ Riyadh to be among the top ten city economies in the world. It will help Riyadh's (9) \_\_\_\_\_ 15-20 million people by 2030." The new airport will be one of the greenest in the world. It will be totally sustainable. It will also (10) \_\_\_\_\_ cutting-edge, green designs. In addition, it will (11) \_\_\_\_\_ renewable energy. A project spokesperson said the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ more than an airport; it would be an "aerotropolis".

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# AIRPORTS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221201-six-runway-airport-2.html>

Write five GOOD questions about airports 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221201-six-runway-airport-2.html>

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

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