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## Level 3

### Israel backs bill to make mosques quieter

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# THE ARTICLE

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Israel's government has approved a bill to make mosques quieter. If the bill is passed into law, Israel's mosques will not be able to use loudspeakers during the call to prayer. The call to prayer happens five times a day across the Muslim world. The first time is at dawn and the last is after sunset. The bill has to pass several more stages in Israel's parliament to become law. The bill says the volume of loudspeakers at mosques is too high and damages the quality of life for people who live near mosques. Israeli politician Moti Yogev proposed the bill and said that hundreds of thousands of Israelis, "suffer regularly and daily from noise caused by the [prayer] calls from mosques".

Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he supported the bill. He said: "Israel is committed to freedom of religion, but it must also protect citizens from the noise of the announcements." An Arab member of Israel's government said the bill was racist. He said it was, "another law in a series of racist...laws that only aim to create an atmosphere of hatred...against the Arab public". Another critic said: "The real aim of the bill is not to prevent noise, but rather to create noise that will hurt all of society and the efforts to establish [harmony] between Jews and Arabs." Arabs make up roughly 20 per cent of Israel's population. Most Arabs are Muslim. Jews constitute around 75 per cent of Israel's population.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. PRAYER:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about prayer. 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?

government / bill / mosques / loudspeakers / dawn / quality of life / suffer / noise / freedom / religion / citizens / racist / atmosphere / society / harmony / population

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

**3. PLACE TO PRAY:** Students A **strongly** believe a place of worship is the best place to pray; Students B **strongly** believe one's home is the best place. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. PLACES OF WORSHIP:** What do you know about these places of worship? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote. Ask other students about what you want to know.

	What we know	What we want to know
Mosque		
Synagogue		
Church		
Shrine		
Temple		
Gurdwara		

**5. MOSQUE:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "mosque". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. QUIET:** Rank these with your partner. Put the things that need quiet the most at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- a place of worship
- a library
- your bedroom
- the countryside
- a museum
- a train carriage
- a classical concert
- a hospital

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161115-call-to-prayer.html>

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

- a. A new law in Israel bans loudspeakers at mosques. **T / F**
- b. The first call to prayer is after dusk. **T / F**
- c. An Israeli politician says loudspeakers at mosques are too loud. **T / F**
- d. The politician said over a million Israelis suffer every day. **T / F**
- e. The Prime Minister of Israel said he supports banning loudspeakers. **T / F**
- f. An Arab politician said the call to ban loudspeakers was racist. **T / F**
- g. A critic said the bill was to create harmony between Jews and Arabs. **T / F**
- h. Arabs make up around 20% of the population of Israel. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| <b>1. approved</b>   | a. daybreak    |
| <b>2. happens</b>    | b. stop        |
| <b>3. dawn</b>       | c. point       |
| <b>4. aim</b>        | d. agreed to   |
| <b>5. damages</b>    | e. climate     |
| <b>6. supported</b>  | f. about       |
| <b>7. series</b>     | g. backed      |
| <b>8. atmosphere</b> | h. takes place |
| <b>9. prevent</b>    | i. sequence    |
| <b>10. roughly</b>   | j. harms       |

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

- |                                   |                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. If the bill is passed          | a. more stages           |
| 2. The call to prayer happens     | b. dawn                  |
| 3. The first time is at           | c. from the noise        |
| 4. The bill has to pass several   | d. of religion           |
| 5. hundreds of                    | e. into law              |
| 6. Israel is committed to freedom | f. roughly 20 per cent   |
| 7. protect citizens               | g. thousands of Israelis |
| 8. The real aim                   | h. Jews and Arabs        |
| 9. establish harmony between      | i. five times a day      |
| 10. Arabs make up                 | j. of the bill           |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161115-call-to-prayer.html>

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*dawn*  
*proposed*  
*approved*  
*volume*  
*regularly*  
*during*  
*quality*  
*several*

Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he supported the bill. He said: "Israel is committed to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of religion, but it must also protect (10) \_\_\_\_\_ from the noise of the announcements." An Arab member of Israel's government said the bill was (11) \_\_\_\_\_. He said it was, "another law in a series of racist...laws that only aim to create an (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of hatred...against the Arab public". Another critic said: "The real aim of the bill is not to prevent (13) \_\_\_\_\_, but rather to create noise that will hurt all of society and the (14) \_\_\_\_\_ to establish [harmony] between Jews and Arabs." Arabs make up roughly 20 per cent of Israel's (15) \_\_\_\_\_. Most Arabs are Muslim. Jews (16) \_\_\_\_\_ around 75 per cent of Israel's population.

*citizens*  
*efforts*  
*atmosphere*  
*constitute*  
*freedom*  
*population*  
*racist*  
*noise*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161115-call-to-prayer.html>

- 1) Israel's government has approved a bill to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. make mosques quitter
  - b. make mosques quilter
  - c. make mosques quieter
  - d. make mosques quite
- 2) If the bill is passed into law, Israel's mosques will not be able to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. use loudspeakers
  - b. speak loudspeakers
  - c. lose loudspeakers
  - d. fuse loudspeakers
- 3) The call to prayer happens five times a day \_\_\_\_\_ world
  - a. across all Muslim
  - b. across a Muslim
  - c. across the Muslim
  - d. across Muslim
- 4) The bill says the volume of loudspeakers at mosques \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. is too height
  - b. is too high
  - c. is too highly
  - d. is too highs
- 5) politician Moti Yogev proposed the bill and said that \_\_\_\_\_ of Israelis suffer
  - a. hundreds for thousands
  - b. hundreds so thousands
  - c. hundreds off thousands
  - d. hundreds of thousands
- 6) Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. support it a bill
  - b. support tide the bill
  - c. supported a bill
  - d. supported the bill
- 7) He said Israel is committed to freedom of religion, but it must \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. also protects citizens
  - b. also protect citizens
  - c. also protect citizen
  - d. also protects citizen
- 8) another law in a series of racist...laws that only aim to create an \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. atmosphere of hated
  - b. atmosphere of hate it
  - c. atmosphere of hatred
  - d. atmosphere of hate red
- 9) but rather to create noise that will hurt all of society and the efforts to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. establishes harmony
  - b. establish harmonies
  - c. establish harmonise
  - d. establish harmony
- 10) Arabs make up roughly 20 per cent \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. off Israel's population
  - b. at Israel's population
  - c. of Israel's population
  - d. to Israel's population

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Israel's government has (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to make mosques quieter. If the bill is passed into law, Israel's mosques will not be able to use loudspeakers (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to prayer. The call to prayer happens five times a day across the Muslim world. The first time is at dawn and the last (3) \_\_\_\_\_. The bill has to pass several more stages in Israel's parliament to become law. The bill (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of loudspeakers at mosques is too high and damages the quality of life for people (5) \_\_\_\_\_ mosques. Israeli politician Moti Yogev proposed the bill and said that hundreds of thousands of Israelis, "(6) \_\_\_\_\_ daily from noise caused by the [prayer] calls from mosques".

Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the bill. He said: "Israel (8) \_\_\_\_\_ freedom of religion, but it must also protect citizens from the noise of the announcements." An Arab member of Israel's government said (9) \_\_\_\_\_. He said it was, "another law in a series of racist...laws that only aim to create an (10) \_\_\_\_\_ ...against the Arab public". Another critic said: "The real aim of the bill is not to prevent noise, but (11) \_\_\_\_\_ noise that will hurt all of society and the efforts to establish [harmony] between Jews and Arabs." Arabs make up roughly 20 per cent of Israel's population. Most Arabs are Muslim. Jews (12) \_\_\_\_\_ 75 per cent of Israel's population.

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161115-call-to-prayer.html>

1. What will mosques not be able to use if a bill becomes law?
2. When is the first call to prayer?
3. How many stages must the bill pass through to become law?
4. Whose quality of life did a politician say the loudspeakers damage?
5. How many people did Moti Yogev say suffer?
6. What did Benjamin Netanyahu say Israel is committed to?
7. What did an Arab member of parliament say the bill was?
8. What kind of atmosphere did the politician say the bill aimed to create?
9. What percentage of Israel's population are Arabs?
10. What percentage of Israel's population are Jews?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161115-call-to-prayer.html>

- 1) What will mosques not be able to use if a bill becomes law?
  - a) airspace
  - b) loudspeakers
  - c) carpets
  - d) water
- 2) When is the first call to prayer?
  - a) at 5.53am
  - b) at midnight
  - c) at dusk
  - d) at dawn
- 3) How many stages must the bill pass through to become law?
  - a) several
  - b) seven
  - c) just one
  - d) over six
- 4) Whose quality of life did a politician say the loudspeakers damage?
  - a) babies
  - b) the hard of hearing
  - c) people living near mosques
  - d) DJs
- 5) How many people did Moti Yogev say suffer?
  - a) hundreds of millions
  - b) hundreds of thousands
  - c) tens of thousands
  - d) tens of millions
- 6) What did Benjamin Netanyahu say Israel is committed to?
  - a) freedom of religion
  - b) noise
  - c) announcements
  - d) harmony
- 7) What did an Arab member of parliament say the bill was?
  - a) historic
  - b) important
  - c) racist
  - d) long
- 8) What kind of atmosphere did the politician say the bill aimed to create?
  - a) one of hatred
  - b) a bad one
  - c) a toxic one
  - d) one with thin air
- 9) What percentage of Israel's population are Arabs?
  - a) about 20%
  - b) less than 20%
  - c) exactly 20%
  - d) more than 20%
- 10) What percentage of Israel's population are Jews?
  - a) 55%
  - b) 65%
  - c) 85%
  - d) 75%

# ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161115-call-to-prayer.html>

## **Role A – A Place of Worship**

You think a place of worship is the place that needs quiet the most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their places don't really need quiet. Also, tell the others in which of these is it OK to make noise (and why): the countryside, a museum or a hospital.

## **Role B – The Countryside**

You think the countryside is the place that needs quiet the most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their places don't really need quiet. Also, tell the others in which of these is it OK to make noise (and why): a place of worship, a museum or a hospital.

## **Role C – A Museum**

You think a museum is the place that needs quiet the most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their places don't really need quiet. Also, tell the others in which of these is it OK to make noise (and why): the countryside, a place of worship or a hospital.

## **Role D – A Hospital**

You think a hospital is the place that needs quiet the most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their places don't really need quiet. Also, tell the others in which of these is it OK to make noise (and why): the countryside, a museum or a place of worship.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161115-call-to-prayer.html>

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

<b>call</b>	<b>prayer</b>
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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"><li>• into</li><li>• across</li><li>• sunset</li><li>• stages</li><li>• live</li><li>• daily</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• freedom</li><li>• protect</li><li>• racist</li><li>• public</li><li>• efforts</li><li>• 75</li></ul>
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# PRAYER SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161115-call-to-prayer.html>

Write five GOOD questions about prayer 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.

## PRAYER 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 'prayer'?
3. What do you think about what you read?
4. How important is prayer?
5. Is there a certain way we should pray?
6. Do your prayers ever get answered?
7. Do you think the Israeli bill should become law?
8. Would it be better to lower the volume rather than ban loudspeakers?
9. What do you think of people who "suffer regularly" from noise?
10. What advice do you have for Benjamin Netanyahu?

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## PRAYER 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 know about the Muslim call to prayer?
13. How important is freedom of religion?
14. Is the bill racist?
15. What did a critic mean by, "create noise that will hurt all of society"?
16. What will this bill do for relations between Arab Muslims and Jews?
17. What do you know about Israel-Palestinian relations?
18. What is your solution to this?
19. What is the world's most beautiful place of prayer?
20. What questions would you like to ask Benjamin Netanyahu?

# 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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Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he supported the bill. He said: "Israel is committed to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of religion, but it must also protect citizens (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the noise of the announcements." An Arab member of Israel's government said the bill was racist. He said it was, "(9) \_\_\_\_\_ law in a series of racist...laws that only aim to create an atmosphere of hatred...against the Arab public". Another critic said: "The real aim of the bill is (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to prevent noise, but rather to create noise that will hurt all of society and the efforts to establish [harmony] (11) \_\_\_\_\_ Jews and Arabs." Arabs make up (12) \_\_\_\_\_ 20 per cent of Israel's population. Most Arabs are Muslim. Jews constitute around 75 per cent of Israel's population.

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

- |     |              |               |              |              |
|-----|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) approval | (b) approving | (c) approved | (d) approves |
| 2.  | (a) during   | (b) between   | (c) while    | (d) on       |
| 3.  | (a) dawn     | (b) fawn      | (c) lawn     | (d) pawn     |
| 4.  | (a) stages   | (b) locks     | (c) stairs   | (d) holes    |
| 5.  | (a) quantify | (b) quantity  | (c) qualify  | (d) quality  |
| 6.  | (a) millions | (b) thousands | (c) tens     | (d) hundreds |
| 7.  | (a) freedom  | (b) freely    | (c) free     | (d) freed    |
| 8.  | (a) as       | (b) of        | (c) for      | (d) from     |
| 9.  | (a) another  | (b) other     | (c) others   | (d) or other |
| 10. | (a) no       | (b) not       | (c) now      | (d) non      |
| 11. | (a) during   | (b) between   | (c) among    | (d) while    |
| 12. | (a) roughly  | (b) rough     | (c) rougher  | (d) rougths  |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. Israel's government has adropve a bill
2. pass svraeel more stages
3. the emlouy of loudspeakers
4. damages the iqualyt of life
5. Israeli iitpaclino Moti Yogev proposed the bill
6. suffer uirleryag

## Paragraph 2

7. freedom of ioreling
8. create an tmeaseorhp of hatred
9. hurt all of cesyiot
10. efforts to establish rhonyam
11. Arabs make up yrolugh 20 per cent
12. 75 per cent of Israel's nalipotpou

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161115-call-to-prayer.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) politician Moti Yogev proposed the bill and said that hundreds of thousands of Israelis, "suffer regularly
- ( **1** ) Israel's government has approved a bill to make mosques quieter. If the bill is passed into
- ( ) several more stages in Israel's parliament to become law. The bill says the volume of loudspeakers at mosques is too
- ( ) create an atmosphere of hatred...against the Arab public". Another critic said: "The real aim of the bill
- ( ) between Jews and Arabs." Arabs make up roughly 20 per cent of Israel's
- ( ) high and damages the quality of life for people who live near mosques. Israeli
- ( ) Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he supported the bill. He said: "Israel is committed to freedom
- ( ) times a day across the Muslim world. The first time is at dawn and the last is after sunset. The bill has to pass
- ( ) law, Israel's mosques will not be able to use loudspeakers during the call to prayer. The call to prayer happens five
- ( ) population. Most Arabs are Muslim. Jews constitute around 75 per cent of Israel's population.
- ( ) and daily from noise caused by the [prayer] calls from mosques".
- ( ) is not to prevent noise, but rather to create noise that will hurt all of society and the efforts to establish [harmony]
- ( ) government said the bill was racist. He said it was, "another law in a series of racist...laws that only aim to
- ( ) of religion, but it must also protect citizens from the noise of the announcements." An Arab member of Israel's

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161115-call-to-prayer.html>

1. has government Israel's quieter mosques make to bill a approved .
2. mosques to will use not loudspeakers be Israel's able .
3. last the and dawn at is time first The sunset after is .
4. volume the says bill The high too is mosques at loudspeakers of .
5. suffer Hundreds thousands Israelis regularly of of .
6. is "Israel said: He .religion of freedom" to committed
7. noise the from citizens protect also must It .
8. create of that to atmosphere Laws aim an hatred only .
9. to prevent noise The real aim of the bill is not .
10. population up per Israel's make 20 of Arabs roughly cent .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161115-call-to-prayer.html>

Israel's government has *approved* / *approval* a bill to make mosques quieter. If the bill is *past* / *passed* into law, Israel's mosques will not *be* / *have* able to use loudspeakers during the call to prayer. The call to prayer happens five times *the* / *a* day across the Muslim world. The first *time* / *times* is at dawn and the last is after sunset. The bill has to pass *numeral* / *several* more stages in Israel's parliament to become law. The bill says the *volume* / *amount* of loudspeakers at mosques is too high and *damage* / *damages* the quality of life for people who live *near* / *nearly* mosques. Israeli politician Moti Yogev proposed the bill and said that hundreds of thousands of Israelis, "suffer regularly and *day* / *daily* from noise caused by the [prayer] calls from mosques".

Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he supported the bill. He said: "Israel is *committed* / *commit* to freedom of religion, but it must also protect *citizen* / *citizens* from the noise of the *announcements* / *announce*." An Arab member of Israel's government said the bill was racist. He said it was, "another law in a *serious* / *series* of racist...laws that only *target* / *aim* to create *an* / *a* atmosphere of hatred...against the Arab public". Another critic said: "The real aim of the bill is *not* / *now* to prevent noise, but *rather* / *prefer* to create noise that will hurt all of society and the efforts to establish [harmony] between Jews and Arabs." Arabs make up *roughly* / *rough* 20 per cent of Israel's population. Most Arabs are Muslim. Jews *constitution* / *constitute* around 75 per cent of Israel's population.

**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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\_sr\_\_l's g\_v\_rnm\_nt h\_s \_ppr\_v\_d \_ b\_ll t\_ m\_k\_ m\_sq\_\_s q\_\_\_t\_r. \_f th\_ b\_ll \_s p\_ss\_d \_nt\_ l\_w, \_sr\_\_l's m\_sq\_\_s w\_ll n\_t b\_ \_bl\_ t\_ \_s\_ l\_\_dsp\_\_k\_rs d\_r\_ng th\_ c\_ll t\_ pr\_y\_r. Th\_ c\_ll t\_ pr\_y\_r h\_pp\_ns f\_v\_ t\_m\_s \_ d\_y \_cr\_ss th\_ M\_sl\_m w\_rld. Th\_ f\_rst t\_m\_ \_s\_ t\_d\_wn \_nd th\_ l\_st \_s\_ ft\_r\_s\_ns\_t. Th\_ b\_ll h\_s t\_ p\_ss\_ s\_v\_r\_l m\_r\_ st\_g\_s \_n \_sr\_\_l's p\_rl\_\_m\_nt t\_ b\_c\_m\_ l\_w. Th\_ b\_ll s\_ys th\_ v\_l\_m\_ \_f l\_\_dsp\_\_k\_rs t\_m\_sq\_\_s \_s\_t\_ h\_gh \_nd d\_m\_g\_s th\_ q\_\_l\_ty \_f l\_f\_ f\_r p\_\_pl\_ wh\_ l\_v\_ n\_\_r m\_sq\_\_s. \_sr\_\_l\_ p\_l\_t\_c\_\_n M\_t\_ Y\_g\_v pr\_p\_s\_d th\_ b\_ll \_nd s\_\_d th\_t h\_ndr\_ds \_f th\_ \_s\_nds \_f \_sr\_\_l\_s, "s\_ff\_r r\_g\_l\_rly \_nd d\_\_ly fr\_m n\_\_s\_ c\_\_s\_d by th\_ [pr\_y\_r] c\_lls fr\_m m\_sq\_\_s."

\_sr\_\_l's Pr\_m\_ M\_n\_st\_r B\_nj\_m\_n N\_t\_ny\_h\_ s\_\_d h\_ s\_pp\_rt\_d th\_ b\_ll. H\_ s\_\_d: "\_sr\_\_l\_ s\_c\_mm\_tt\_d t\_ fr\_d\_m\_f\_r\_l\_g\_\_n, b\_t\_t\_m\_st\_ls\_ pr\_t\_ct\_c\_t\_z\_ns fr\_m th\_ n\_\_s\_ \_f th\_ \_nn\_\_nc\_m\_nts." \_n \_r\_b m\_mb\_r \_f \_sr\_\_l's g\_v\_rnm\_nt s\_\_d th\_ b\_ll w\_s r\_c\_st. H\_ s\_\_d \_t\_w\_s, "\_n\_th\_r\_l\_w \_n \_s\_r\_\_s \_f r\_c\_st...l\_ws th\_t \_nly \_\_m\_t\_cr\_\_t\_ \_n\_tm\_sph\_r\_ \_f h\_tr\_d...g\_\_nst th\_ \_r\_b\_p\_bl\_c." \_n\_th\_r\_cr\_t\_c\_s\_\_d: "Th\_r\_\_l\_\_m\_ \_f th\_ b\_ll \_s\_n\_t\_t\_ pr\_v\_nt\_n\_\_s\_, b\_t\_r\_th\_r\_t\_cr\_\_t\_n\_\_s\_ th\_t\_w\_ll\_h\_rt\_ll\_f\_s\_c\_\_ty \_nd th\_ \_ff\_rts t\_ \_st\_bl\_sh [h\_rm\_ny] b\_tw\_\_n J\_ws \_nd \_r\_bs". \_r\_bs m\_k\_ \_p\_r\_\_ghly 20 p\_r\_c\_nt \_f \_sr\_\_l's p\_p\_l\_t\_\_n. M\_st \_r\_bs \_r\_ M\_sl\_m. J\_ws c\_nst\_t\_t\_ \_r\_\_nd 75 p\_r\_c\_nt \_f \_sr\_\_l's p\_p\_l\_t\_\_n.

# 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 the Muslim call to prayer. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. NOISE POLLUTION:** Make a poster about noise pollution. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. CALL TO PRAYER:** Write a magazine article about banning loudspeakers on mosques for the call to prayer. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 prayer. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how we can pray more comfortably. 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 F    c T    d F    e T    f T    g F    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| 1. approved   | a. agreed to   |
| 2. happens    | b. takes place |
| 3. dawn       | c. daybreak    |
| 4. aim        | d. point       |
| 5. damages    | e. harms       |
| 6. supported  | f. backed      |
| 7. series     | g. sequence    |
| 8. atmosphere | h. climate     |
| 9. prevent    | i. stop        |
| 10. roughly   | j. about       |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Loudspeakers
2. At dawn
3. Several
4. Those who live near mosques
5. Hundreds of thousands
6. Freedom of religion
7. Racist
8. One of hatred
9. Roughly 20%
10. 75%

## 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 ;-)