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THE ARTICLE

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Friday's protest was the latest in a string of incidents of Saudi women driving without a licence and then posting videos of themselves online. Maha al-Qahtani, 39, drove through Riyadh on Friday with her husband in the passenger seat. She said: "This is my basic right. It should not be a big deal. There is nothing wrong or illegal about driving." Another woman posted a video on YouTube with the message: "All I want is to do my errands or go to work whenever I want." Many women complain that they spend a quarter of their salary on hiring a driver to take them to and from work. There is no law against female drivers in Saudi, but women cannot get issued with a driving licence to drive in cities.

WARM-UPS

1. WOMEN DRIVERS: Walk around the class and talk to other students about women drivers. Change partners often. Sit with your first partner(s) and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

protest / driving bans / motorists / arrested / posting videos / public opinion / traffic / incidents / driving / passenger seat / illegal / errands / complain / hiring a driver

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

3. MEN & WOMEN: Who does what better? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners and share what you wrote. Change and share again.

	Men (why?)	Women (why?)
Drive		
Cook		
Read maps		
Play sport		
Act		
Make decisions		

4. EQUALITY: Students A **strongly** believe equality between the races will come one day everywhere in the world; Students B **strongly** believe not. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. NO RIGHTS: Which of these rights would offend you most if taken away? Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners and share your rankings again.

- being allowed to drive
- keeping a pet
- staying at a hotel
- marrying who you want
- sitting in a public park
- owning a gun
- free healthcare
- free education

6. BAN: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'ban'. 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/1106/110618-saudi_women_drivers.html

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

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|--|-------|
| a. Hundreds of Saudi women defied their government by driving. | T / F |
| b. A woman was arrested for setting up a Facebook campaign. | T / F |
| c. No women were arrested in the campaign mentioned in the article. | T / F |
| d. The organizers of the campaign thought more women would join in. | T / F |
| e. The recent campaign is the first involving Saudi women driving. | T / F |
| f. A woman called Manal has a husband who stopped her from driving. | T / F |
| g. A Saudi woman complained that she spent half her salary on drivers. | T / F |
| h. The law in Saudi specifically forbids women from driving. | T / F |

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

- | | |
|---------------|----------------|
| 1. protest | a. uploading |
| 2. motorists | b. criticize |
| 3. posting | c. image |
| 4. inciting | d. demonstrate |
| 5. reputation | e. fundamental |
| 6. incidents | f. given |
| 7. basic | g. drivers |
| 8. errands | h. encouraging |
| 9. complain | i. tasks |
| 10. issued | j. happenings |

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

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. took part | a. of incidents |
| 2. pretty | b. released the following day |
| 3. arrested on May 21 and | c. a driving licence |
| 4. harming the country's | d. much ban them from driving |
| 5. Fewer women than expected | e. my errands |
| 6. the latest in a string | f. in a protest |
| 7. her husband in the passenger | g. big deal |
| 8. It should not be a | h. reputation |
| 9. All I want is to do | i. decided to protest |
| 10. get issued with | j. seat |

WHILE READING / LISTENING

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GAP FILL: Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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ticket
various
posting
expected
took
arrests
set
inciting

Friday's protest was the latest in a (9) _____ of incidents of Saudi women driving (10) _____ a licence and then posting videos of themselves online. Maha al-Qahtani, 39, drove through Riyadh on Friday with her husband in the (11) _____ seat. She said: "This is my basic right. It should not be a big (12) _____. There is nothing wrong or (13) _____ about driving." Another woman posted a video on YouTube with the message: "All I want is to do my (14) _____ or go to work whenever I want." Many women complain that they spend a quarter of their salary on (15) _____ a driver to take them to and from work. There is no law against female drivers in Saudi, but women cannot get (16) _____ with a driving licence to drive in cities.

illegal
without
issued
string
deal
hiring
passenger
errands

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Friday’s protest was the latest in _____ Saudi women driving without a licence and then posting videos of themselves online. Maha al-Qahtani, 39, drove through Riyadh on Friday with her husband in the passenger seat. She said: “_____. It should not be a big deal. There is nothing _____ driving.” Another woman posted a video on YouTube with the message: “All I want is to _____ work whenever I want.” Many women complain that they spend _____ on hiring a driver to take them to and from work. There is no law against female drivers in Saudi, but women _____ a driving licence to drive in cities.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

driving	ban
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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">• part• various• following• spent• opinion• decided	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• string• seat• basic• message• salary• issued
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STUDENT WOMEN DRIVERS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about women drivers 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.

WOMEN DRIVERS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'ban'?
- c) What do you think about what you read?
- d) Why is Saudi Arabia the only country that does not allow women to drive?
- e) Do you think the women2drive campaign will work?
- f) Are there things you want to do in your country that you can't?
- g) Why didn't Saudi police arrest the women who drove?
- h) What three adjectives would you use to describe the Saudi women protestors?
- i) Are the female protestors harming Saudi Arabia's reputation?
- j) Do you think more women will protest in the future?

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WOMEN DRIVERS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article?
- b) Do you think men or women are better drivers? Why?
- c) Do you think the protests will continue?
- d) Maha al-Qahtani said it shouldn't be a big deal. Why is it a big deal?
- e) Would Saudi society change if women were allowed to drive?
- f) Why can women in neighbouring Arab countries drive but those in Saudi cannot?
- g) What advice do you have for the Saudi women protestors?
- h) What would life be like without being allowed to drive?
- i) Where will this story be ten years from now?
- j) What questions would you like to ask the Saudi women protestors?

LANGUAGE – MULTIPLE CHOICE

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) cute | (b) beauty | (c) attractive | (d) pretty |
| 2. | (a) do | (b) be | (c) can | (d) is |
| 3. | (a) up | (b) in | (c) on | (d) of |
| 4. | (a) follows | (b) followed | (c) following | (d) follower |
| 5. | (a) reputable | (b) reputed | (c) reputation | (d) repute |
| 6. | (a) Smaller | (b) Fewer | (c) Less | (d) Lower |
| 7. | (a) string | (b) cotton | (c) rope | (d) cord |
| 8. | (a) mailing | (b) receiving | (c) entering | (d) posting |
| 9. | (a) wheel | (b) deal | (c) seal | (d) feel |
| 10. | (a) posts | (b) favours | (c) errors | (d) errands |
| 11. | (a) to | (b) at | (c) on | (d) of |
| 12. | (a) issued | (b) issuing | (c) issue | (d) issues |

WRITING

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Write about **women drivers** for 10 minutes. Correct your partner’s paper.

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 women drivers in Saudi Arabia. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. DRIVERS: Make a poster about man and women drivers. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. SAUDI: Write a magazine article about women driving (or not) in Saudi Arabia. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

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. LETTER: Write a letter to the head of the Saudi rule-making body. Ask him/her three questions about women drivers. Give him/her three of your opinions. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE:

- a. F b. F c. F d. F e. F f. F g. F h. F

SYNONYM MATCH:

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|---------------|------------------|
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| 3. posting | c. uploading |
| 4. inciting | d. encouraging |
| 5. reputation | e. image |
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| 7. basic | g. fundamental |
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| 7. her husband in the passenger | g. seat |
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| 9. All I want is to do | i. my errands |
| 10. get issued with | j. a driving licence |

GAP FILL:

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LANGUAGE WORK

- 1 - d 2 - b 3 - a 4 - c 5 - c 6 - b 7 - a 8 - d 9 - b 10 - d 11 - c 12 - a