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Level 1 – 10th August, 2018

UK politician says burka is 'bank robber' clothing

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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/1808/180810-burka-1.html>

The UK's ex-Foreign Minister Boris Johnson has made comments about women wearing the burka. He said women who wear burkas "look like letter boxes". He also suggested that women who wear burkas "look like a bank robber". He would ask her to remove it so that he "could talk to her properly". He also said women who wore burkas "look absolutely ridiculous". Johnson wrote that full-face veils should not be banned in the UK.

The UK's prime minister asked Mr Johnson to apologize. She said "We all have to be very careful about...language and...some of the terms Boris used...have offended." A senior British politician asked Mr Johnson to resign. Other politicians said the comments were Islamophobic, racist and a hate crime. They say he knew his comments would offend Muslims because he was London's mayor and the UK Foreign Minister. He met thousands of Muslims.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-45096519>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180810-burka-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Johnson has made comments | a. wear burkas |
| 2. look like letter | b. to her properly |
| 3. women who | c. ridiculous |
| 4. look like | d. boxes |
| 5. He would ask her to | e. be banned |
| 6. he could talk | f. a bank robber |
| 7. burkas look absolutely | g. remove it |
| 8. full-face veils should not | h. about women |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. She said we | a. mayor |
| 2. be very careful | b. Boris used |
| 3. some of the terms | c. offend Muslims |
| 4. A senior British politician asked | d. about language |
| 5. a hate | e. of Muslims |
| 6. his comments would | f. crime |
| 7. he was London's | g. Mr Johnson to resign |
| 8. He met thousands | h. all have |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180810-burka-1.html>

The UK's ex-Foreign Minister Boris Johnson
(1) _____ about women wearing the burka. He
said (2) _____ burkas "look like letter boxes". He
also suggested that women who wear burkas
"(3) _____ bank robber". He would ask her to
remove it so that he "could talk (4) _____". He
also said women who wore (5) _____ ridiculous".
Johnson wrote that full-face veils should
(6) _____ in the UK.

The UK's prime minister asked Mr Johnson
(7) _____ said "We all have
(8) _____ careful about...language and...some of
the terms Boris used... (9) _____ senior British
politician asked Mr Johnson (10) _____ politicians
said the comments were Islamophobic, racist
(11) _____ crime. They say he knew his
comments would offend Muslims because he was London's mayor
and the UK Foreign Minister. He (12) _____
Muslims.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180810-burka-1.html>

The UK's ex-Foreign Minister Boris Johnson has made comments about two women wearing the burka. He said women who wear burkas "look like letterboxes". He also suggested that women who wear burkas "look like a bank robber". He would ask her to remove it so that he "could talk to her properly". He also said women who wore burkas "look absolutely ridiculous". Johnson wrote that full-face veils should not be banned in the UK. The UK's prime minister asked Mr Johnson to apologize. She said "We all have to be very careful about... language and... some of the terms Boris used... have offended." A senior British politician asked Mr Johnson to resign. Other politicians said the comments were Islamophobic, racist and a hate crime. They say he knew his comments would offend Muslims because he was London's mayor and the UK Foreign Minister. He met thousands of Muslims.

THE BURKA SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180810-burka-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about the burka 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) _____

