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**Afghan mothers' names allowed on birth certificates**

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200922-birth-certificates.html>

Women's rights campaigners in Afghanistan are celebrating a rare victory. For the first time, the names of mothers will be put on their children's birth certificates, alongside the father's name. Mothers' names will also be put on national identity cards. The Afghan government has just announced a new law to allow this. For hundreds of years, only the father's name was allowed on the birth certificate. Campaigners in Afghanistan started their campaign in 2017. They used social media to fight for the right of women to have their names on official documents. It is common in Afghanistan for a woman's name not to be included on wedding invitations.

Afghanistan's Vice-President said: "The decision to include the mother's name on the ID card is a big step forward for women's rights." The founder of the #WhereIsMyName campaign, Laleh Osmany, said the law was good. She said: "By printing her name, we give the mother power. The law now gives her certain powers to be a mother who can, without the presence of a man, get documents for her children, enroll her children in school, and travel." Another campaigner said: "My feeling of happiness may seem ridiculous for women in other countries, but when we live in a society where women are physically and spiritually excluded, achieving such basic rights is a big and difficult task."

Sources: <https://womensagenda.com.au/latest/mothers-in-afghanistan-can-now-have-their-names-included-on-their-childrens-birth-certificates/>  
<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-09-18/afghan-government-passes-law-mother-name-birth-certificate/12634162>  
<https://gandhara.rferl.org/a/afghan-president-approves-inclusion-of-mother-s-name-on-id-cards/30845572.html>

# WARM-UPS

**1. BIRTH CERTIFICATES:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about birth certificates. 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?

women's rights / campaigners / rare / victory / birth / certificate / social media / name decision / big steps / powers / documents / school / travel / happiness / excluded

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

**3. EQUALITY:** Students A **strongly** believe women will get total equality one day; Students B **strongly** believe this will not happen. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. CERTIFICATES:** How important are these? What do you need it for? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Importance	What You Need It For
Birth certificate		
Degree certificate		
IELTS certificate		
Employee of the month		
Certificate of appreciation		
Marriage certificate		

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

**6. RIGHTS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the most important at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Free speech
- Work
- Not be punched
- Follow a religion
- Legal advice
- Vote
- Education
- Fresh air

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                |  |
|----------------|--|
| 1. rights      | a. About the government and laws.  |
| 2. campaigners | b. A person who actively tries to change something.                                    |
| 3. rare        | c. Winning something in a campaign, battle, game, war, etc.                            |
| 4. victory     | d. The basic things we should all have (freedom, working, following a religion, etc.). |
| 5. announced   | e. A written request asking someone to go somewhere or to do something.                |
| 6. official    | f. Not happening very often; unusual.  |
| 7. invitation  | g. Told people something important.  |

## Paragraph 2

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 8. decision    | h. A person or thing that is there.   |
| 9. founder     | i. A rule that a government says everyone must follow.  |
| 10. law        | j. Stupid and crazy.  |
| 11. presence   | k. Something you choose after thinking about it.  |
| 12. documents  | l. A person who starts something like a company, campaign, website, etc.                                |
| 13. ridiculous | m. Kept out of a place, group or something else.  |
| 14. excluded   | n. A piece of written, printed, or electronic matter that shows information about someone or something. |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200922-birth-certificates.html>

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

- a. Women's rights campaigners celebrated a rare victory. **T / F**
- b. Mothers' names will not be put on national ID cards. **T / F**
- c. A campaign to get mothers' names on documents started in 2007. **T / F**
- d. It isn't common for women's names to be on Afghan wedding invitations. **T / F**
- e. Afghanistan's vice-president said the new law was a step backwards. **T / F**
- f. Afghan mothers can now enroll their children in schools. **T / F**
- g. A campaigner said other women might not understand her happiness. **T / F**
- h. A campaigner said achieving basic rights was difficult. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| <b>1. campaigners</b> | a. existence |
| <b>2. alongside</b>   | b. permitted |
| <b>3. announced</b>   | c. left out  |
| <b>4. allowed</b>     | d. next to   |
| <b>5. common</b>      | e. silly     |
| <b>6. step</b>        | f. declared  |
| <b>7. power</b>       | g. move      |
| <b>8. presence</b>    | h. activists |
| <b>9. ridiculous</b>  | i. control   |
| <b>10. excluded</b>   | j. normal    |

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

- |                                  |                       |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. celebrating a rare            | a. rights             |
| 2. alongside the father's        | b. for women's rights |
| 3. national                      | c. invitations        |
| 4. fight for the right           | d. name               |
| 5. wedding                       | e. in school          |
| 6. a big step forward            | f. of women           |
| 7. The law now gives her certain | g. a man              |
| 8. without the presence of       | h. victory            |
| 9. enroll her children           | i. powers             |
| 10. achieving such basic         | j. identity cards     |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200922-birth-certificates.html>

Women's rights (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in Afghanistan are celebrating a rare victory. For the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ time, the names of mothers will be put on their children's birth certificates, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the father's name. Mothers' names will also be put on national (4) \_\_\_\_\_ cards. The Afghan government has just announced a new law to allow this. For (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of years, only the father's name was allowed on the birth certificate. Campaigners in Afghanistan started their campaign in 2017. They used (6) \_\_\_\_\_ media to fight for the right of women to have their names on official documents. It is (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in Afghanistan for a woman's name not to be included on wedding (8) \_\_\_\_\_.

*first*  
*hundreds*  
*invitations*  
*campaigners*  
*identity*  
*common*  
*alongside*  
*social*

Afghanistan's Vice-President said: "The (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to include the mother's name on the ID card is a big (10) \_\_\_\_\_ forward for women's rights." The founder of the #WhereIsMyName campaign, Laleh Osmany, said the law was good. She said: "By (11) \_\_\_\_\_ her name, we give the mother power. The law now gives her certain (12) \_\_\_\_\_ to be a mother who can, without the presence of a man, get documents for her children, (13) \_\_\_\_\_ her children in school, and travel." Another campaigner said: "My feeling of happiness may seem (14) \_\_\_\_\_ for women in other countries, but when we live in a (15) \_\_\_\_\_ where women are physically and spiritually excluded, achieving such basic rights is a big and difficult (16) \_\_\_\_\_."

*powers*  
*task*  
*step*  
*enroll*  
*society*  
*printing*  
*decision*  
*ridiculous*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200922-birth-certificates.html>

- 1) Women's rights campaigners in Afghanistan are celebrating \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a roar victory
  - b. a rare victory
  - c. a rear victory
  - d. arrears victory
- 2) Mothers' names will also be put on national \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. identify cards
  - b. identify cares
  - c. identity cords
  - d. identity cards
- 3) The Afghan government has just announced a new law \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. tour low this
  - b. too a law this
  - c. two allow this
  - d. to allow this
- 4) For hundreds of years, only the father's \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. names was allowed
  - b. name was allowed
  - c. named was allow
  - d. name was allow
- 5) common in Afghanistan for a woman's name not to be included on \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. weeding invitations
  - b. welding invitations
  - c. wedding invitations
  - d. wending invitations
- 6) The decision to include the mother's name on \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the IE card
  - b. the ID card
  - c. the IC card
  - d. the IP card
- 7) By printing her name, we give \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the other power
  - b. the father power
  - c. the mother power
  - d. the others power
- 8) without the presence of a man, get documents for her children, \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and roll her children
  - b. end roll her children
  - c. enroll her children
  - d. roll her children
- 9) we live in a society where women are physically and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. spiritually excluding
  - b. spiritually excludes
  - c. spiritually exclude it
  - d. spiritually excluded
- 10) achieving such basic rights is a big \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and difficult task
  - b. and difficult tusk
  - c. and difficult tsk
  - d. and difficult ask

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200922-birth-certificates.html>

Women's rights campaigners in Afghanistan are celebrating (1) \_\_\_\_\_. For the first time, the names of mothers will be put on their children's birth certificates, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ name. Mothers' names will also be put on national identity cards. The Afghan government has just announced a new law (3) \_\_\_\_\_. For hundreds of years, only the father's name (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the birth certificate. Campaigners in Afghanistan started their campaign in 2017. They used social media to fight (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of women to have their names on official documents. It is common in Afghanistan for a woman's name not to be included (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Afghanistan's Vice-President said: "The (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the mother's name on the ID card is a big step forward for women's rights." The (8) \_\_\_\_\_ #WhereIsMyName campaign, Laleh Osmany, said the law was good. She said: "By printing her name, we give the mother power. The law now gives her (9) \_\_\_\_\_ be a mother who can, without (10) \_\_\_\_\_ a man, get documents for her children, enroll her children in school, and travel." Another campaigner said: "My feeling of happiness may (11) \_\_\_\_\_ women in other countries, but when we live in a society where women are physically and spiritually excluded, achieving such basic rights is a big (12) \_\_\_\_\_."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200922-birth-certificates.html>

1. What are women's rights campaigners celebrating?
2. Where will the mother's name be put alongside?
3. On what other document will mother's name be put on?
4. When did a social media campaign start?
5. What is it uncommon for women's names to be put on in Afghanistan?
6. What kind of step did the Afghanistan vice-president call the new law?
7. What did a campaigner say the law gave women?
8. What can Afghan women now enroll their children in?
9. What feeling did a campaigner say might seem ridiculous to others?
10. What did a campaigner say was difficult to achieve?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200922-birth-certificates.html>

- 1) What are women's rights campaigners celebrating?
  - a) a huge victory
  - b) an unexpected victory
  - c) a rare victory
  - d) a loss
- 2) Where will the mother's name be put alongside?
  - a) the father's name
  - b) the child's name
  - c) the grandparents' names
  - d) the city of birth
- 3) On what other document will mother's name be put on?
  - a) driving licenses
  - b) school reports
  - c) marriage certificates
  - d) national ID cards
- 4) When did a social media campaign start?
  - a) 2016
  - b) 2017
  - c) 2018
  - d) 2015
- 5) What is it uncommon for women's names to be put on in Afghanistan?
  - a) grave stones
  - b) websites
  - c) wedding invitations
  - d) credit cards
- 6) What kind of step did the Afghanistan vice-president call the new law?
  - a) a big step
  - b) a forward step
  - c) a backward step
  - d) a brave step
- 7) What did a campaigner say the law gave women?
  - a) confidence
  - b) happiness
  - c) equality
  - d) power
- 8) What can Afghan women now enroll their children in?
  - a) English lessons
  - b) school
  - c) the ID card system
  - d) youth clubs
- 9) What feeling did a campaigner say might seem ridiculous to others?
  - a) happiness
  - b) sadness
  - c) boredom
  - d) excitement
- 10) What did a campaigner say was difficult to achieve?
  - a) a well-paying job
  - b) a good score at school
  - c) their goals
  - d) basic rights

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200922-birth-certificates.html>

## **Role A – Free Speech**

You think the right to free speech is most important. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what isn't so important about with their rights. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these rights (and why): legal advice, vote or fresh air.

## **Role B – Legal Advice**

You think the right to legal advice is most important. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what isn't so important about with their rights. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these rights (and why): free speech, vote or fresh air.

## **Role C – Vote**

You think the right to vote is most important. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what isn't so important about with their rights. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these rights (and why): legal advice, free speech or fresh air.

## **Role D – Fresh Air**

You think the right to fresh air is most important. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what isn't so important about with their rights. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these rights (and why): legal advice, vote or free speech.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200922-birth-certificates.html>

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

birth	certificate

- 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>• rare</li><li>• alongside</li><li>• just</li><li>• hundreds</li><li>• fight</li><li>• common</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• step</li><li>• founder</li><li>• power</li><li>• children</li><li>• ridiculous</li><li>• difficult</li></ul>
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# BIRTH CERTIFICATES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200922-birth-certificates.html>

Write five GOOD questions about birth certificates 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.

# **BIRTH CERTIFICATES DISCUSSION**

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'birth'?
3. What do you know about Afghanistan?
4. What do you think of birth certificates?
5. What information is on your birth certificate?
6. How important is this "victory" for women in Afghanistan?
7. Why was only the father's name put on birth certificates?
8. What official documents is your name on?
9. What are birth certificates for?
10. What advice do you have for women in Afghanistan?

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# **BIRTH CERTIFICATES 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 think of when you hear the word 'certificate'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How much of a step forward is this for Afghan women?
15. Where are women less equal in your country?
16. How does a society suffer when women are excluded?
17. What was the last thing that made you happy?
18. What three adjectives best describe this story?
19. How would you feel if you didn't have equal rights?
20. What questions would you like to ask the Afghan government?

## **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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200922-birth-certificates.html>

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Afghanistan's Vice-President said: "The decision (7) \_\_\_\_\_ include the mother's name on the ID card is a big (8) \_\_\_\_\_ forward for women's rights." The founder of the #WhereIsMyName campaign, Laleh Osmany, said the law was good. She said: "By printing her name, we give the mother power. The law now gives her (9) \_\_\_\_\_ powers to be a mother who can, without the presence of a man, get documents for her children, (10) \_\_\_\_\_ her children in school, and travel." Another campaigner said: "My feeling of happiness may seem (11) \_\_\_\_\_ for women in other countries, but when we live in a society where women are physically and spiritually excluded, achieving (12) \_\_\_\_\_ basic rights is a big and difficult task."

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

- |     |                |                    |                |                |
|-----|----------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) be         | (b) are            | (c) were       | (d) am         |
| 2.  | (a) write      | (b) put            | (c) name       | (d) give       |
| 3.  | (a) long term  | (b) along the line | (c) longing    | (d) alongside  |
| 4.  | (a) respected  | (b) announced      | (c) given      | (d) direction  |
| 5.  | (a) at         | (b) for            | (c) to         | (d) on         |
| 6.  | (a) do         | (b) have           | (c) be         | (d) marry      |
| 7.  | (a) for        | (b) of             | (c) to         | (d) as         |
| 8.  | (a) ladder     | (b) stair          | (c) step       | (d) shuffle    |
| 9.  | (a) curtains   | (b) certainly      | (c) curtain    | (d) certain    |
| 10. | (a) rollover   | (b) embroil        | (c) roll       | (d) enroll     |
| 11. | (a) ridiculous | (b) spacious       | (c) miraculous | (d) meticulous |
| 12. | (a) touch      | (b) much           | (c) such       | (d) so         |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. sgnerpmaaic in Afghanistan
2. celebrating a rare ictvory
3. national dentiity cards
4. lolawed on the birth certificate
5. names on official ocmdneuts
6. wedding aviinittons

## Paragraph 2

7. The ecisidon to include the mother's name
8. The law now gives her etrcaïn powers
9. without the resenpce of a man
10. My feeling of happiness may seem duicilorus
11. physically and spiritually xulcdeed
12. achieving such basic igrths

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200922-birth-certificates.html>

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

- ( ) gives her certain powers to be a mother who can, without the presence of a man, get documents for
- ( ) women are physically and spiritually excluded, achieving such basic rights is a big and difficult task."
- ( ) her children, enroll her children in school, and travel." Another campaigner said: "My feeling of
- ( ) said the law was good. She said: "By printing her name, we give the mother power. The law now
- ( ) announced a new law to allow this. For hundreds of years, only the father's name was
- ( ) Afghanistan's Vice-President said: "The decision to include the mother's name on the ID card is a big
- ( ) media to fight for the right of women to have their names on official documents. It is common
- ( ) time, the names of mothers will be put on their children's birth certificates, alongside the
- ( ) allowed on the birth certificate. Campaigners in Afghanistan started their campaign in 2017. They used social
- ( ) step forward for women's rights." The founder of the #WhereIsMyName campaign, Laleh Osmany,
- ( ) in Afghanistan for a woman's name not to be included on wedding invitations.
- ( ) happiness may seem ridiculous for women in other countries, but when we live in a society where
- ( **1** ) Women's rights campaigners in Afghanistan are celebrating a rare victory. For the first
- ( ) father's name. Mothers' names will also be put on national identity cards. The Afghan government has just

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200922-birth-certificates.html>

a victory . Campaigners are celebrating Afghanistan in rare

will identity Names be on cards . put also

the The on certificate . allowed name father's was

have their to Women on official names documents .

invitations . woman's isn't name on included A wedding

to name . The mother's the include decision

gives The powers . certain law her now

of feeling may happiness seem ridiculous . My

women Live a excluded . are where in society

task . such Achieving big a is rights basic

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200922-birth-certificates.html>

Women's rights campaigners in Afghanistan are celebrating a *rear / rare* victory. For the first time, the names of mothers will be *put / write* on their children's birth certificates, *along / alongside* the father's name. Mothers' names will *also / and* be put on national identity cards. The Afghan government has just *announced / announcement* a new law to allow this. For hundreds of years, only the father's name was *allowing / allowed* on the birth certificate. Campaigners in Afghanistan *started / starred* their campaign in 2017. They used social media to fight for the *right / left* of women to have their names on *official / officially* documents. It is common in Afghanistan for a woman's name not to be included *on / at* wedding invitations.

Afghanistan's Vice-President said: "The decision *at / to* include the mother's name on the ID card is a big step forward *at / for* women's rights." The founder of the #WhereIsMyName campaign, Laleh Osmany, said the law was *well / good*. She said: "By printing her name, we give the mother *power / powerful*. The law now gives her *certainly / certain* powers to be a mother who can, without the *presence / presents* of a man, get documents for her children, *roll / enroll* her children in school, and travel." Another campaigner said: "My feeling of *happy / happiness* may seem ridiculous for women in other countries, but when we live *in / on* a society where women are physically and spiritually excluded, achieving such basic rights is a big and difficult *chore / task*."

**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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W\_m\_n 's r\_g\_h\_t\_s c\_m\_p\_\_g\_n\_r\_s \_n A f g h\_n\_s\_t\_n  
\_r\_ c\_l\_b\_r\_t\_n\_g \_ r\_r\_ v\_c\_t\_r\_y . F\_r t\_h\_ f\_r\_s\_t  
t\_m\_, t\_h\_ n\_m\_s \_f m\_t\_h\_r\_s w\_l\_l b\_ p\_t \_n t  
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t\_h\_ f\_t\_h\_r 's n\_m\_. M\_t\_h\_r\_s ' n\_m\_s w\_l\_l \_l\_s\_  
b\_ p\_t \_n n\_t\_\_n\_l \_d\_n\_t\_t\_y c\_r\_d\_s . T\_h\_ A f g  
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t\_\_l\_l\_w t\_h\_s . F\_r h\_n\_d\_r\_d\_s \_f y\_\_r\_s , \_n\_l\_y t  
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c\_m\_m\_n \_n A f g h\_n\_s\_t\_n f\_r \_ w\_m\_n 's n\_m\_  
n\_t t\_ b\_ \_n\_c\_l\_d\_d \_n w\_d\_d\_n\_g \_n v\_t\_t\_\_n\_s .

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D c\_r\_d \_s \_ b\_g s\_t\_p f\_r\_w\_r\_d f\_r w\_m\_n 's  
r\_g\_h\_t\_s . " T\_h\_ f\_\_n\_d\_r \_f t\_h\_ # W\_h\_r\_I\_s\_M\_y  
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w\_s g\_\_d . S\_h\_ s\_\_d : " B\_y p\_r\_n\_t\_n\_g h\_r  
n\_m\_, w\_ g\_v\_ t\_h\_ m\_t\_h\_r p\_w\_r . T\_h\_ l\_w n\_w  
g\_v\_s h\_r c\_r\_t\_\_n p\_w\_r\_s t\_ b\_ \_ m\_t\_h\_r w\_h\_  
c\_n , w\_t\_h\_\_t t\_h\_ p\_r\_s\_n\_c\_ \_f \_ m\_n , g\_t  
d\_c\_m\_n\_t\_s f\_r h\_r c\_h\_l\_d\_r\_n , \_n\_r\_l\_l h\_r c\_h\_l\_d  
r\_n \_n s\_c\_h\_\_l , \_n\_d t\_r\_v\_l . " A\_n\_t\_h\_r c\_m\_p\_\_  
g\_n\_r s\_\_d : " M\_y f\_\_l\_n\_g \_f h\_p\_p\_n\_s\_s m\_y  
s\_\_m r\_d\_c\_l\_\_s f\_r w\_m\_n \_n t\_h\_r c\_\_n\_t\_r\_\_s  
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\_r\_ p\_h\_y\_s\_c\_l\_l\_y \_n\_d s\_p\_r\_t\_\_l\_l\_y \_x\_c\_l\_d\_d , \_c  
h\_\_v\_n\_g s\_c\_h b\_s\_c r\_g\_h\_t\_s \_s \_ b\_g \_n\_d d\_f  
f\_c\_l\_t t\_s\_k . "

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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womens rights campaigners in afghanistan are celebrating a rare victory for the first time the names of mothers will be put on their childrens birth certificates alongside the fathers name mothers names will also be put on national identity cards the afghan government has just announced a new law to allow this for hundreds of years only the fathers name was allowed on the birth certificate campaigners in afghanistan started their campaign in 2017 they used social media to fight for the right of women to have their names on official documents it is common in afghanistan for a womans name not to be included on wedding invitations

afghanistans vicepresident said the decision to include the mothers name on the id card is a big step forward for womens rights the founder of the whereismyname campaign laleh osmany said the law was good she said by printing her name we give the mother power the law now gives her certain powers to be a mother who can without the presence of a man get documents for her children enroll her children in school and travel another campaigner said my feeling of happiness may seem ridiculous for women in other countries but when we live in a society where women are physically and spiritually excluded achieving such basic rights is a big and difficult task

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200922-birth-certificates.html>

Women's rights campaigners in Afghanistan are celebrating a rare victory. For the first time, the names of mothers will be put on their children's birth certificates, alongside the father's name. Mothers' names will also be put on national identity cards. The Afghan government has just announced a new law to allow this. For hundreds of years, only the father's name was allowed on the birth certificate. Campaigners in Afghanistan started their campaign in 2017. They used social media to fight for the right of women to have their names on official documents. It is common in Afghanistan for a woman's name not to be included on wedding invitations. Afghanistan's Vice-President said: "The decision to include the mother's name on the ID card is a big step forward for women's rights." The founder of the #WhereIsMyName campaign, Laleh Osmany, said the law was good. She said: "By printing her name, we give the mother power. The law now gives her certain powers to be a mother who can, without the presence of a man, get documents for her children, enroll her children in school, and travel." Another campaigner said: "My feeling of happiness may seem ridiculous for women in other countries, but when we live in a society where women are physically and spiritually excluded, achieving such basic rights is a big and difficult task."







# 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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. BIRTH CERTIFICATES:** Make a poster about birth certificates. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. EQUAL RIGHTS:** Write a magazine article about everybody having the same rights one day. Include imaginary interviews with people who think this will happen and with those who think it will not.

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 birth certificates. Ask him/her three questions about birth certificates. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d    2. b    3. f    4. c    5. g    6. a    7. e  
8. k    9. l    10. i    11. h    12. n    13. j    14. m

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. h	2. d	3. f	4. b	5. j
6. g	7. i	8. a	9. e	10. c

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. A rare victory
2. The father's name
3. National identity cards
4. 2017
5. Wedding invitations
6. A forward step
7. Power
8. School
9. Happiness
10. Basic rights

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Campaigners in Afghanistan are celebrating a rare victory.
2. Names will also be put on identity cards.
3. The father's name was allowed on the certificate.
4. Women to have their names on official documents.
5. A woman's name isn't included on wedding invitations.
6. The decision to include the mother's name.
7. The law now gives her certain powers.
8. My feeling of happiness may seem ridiculous.
9. Live in a society where women are excluded.
10. Achieving such basic rights is a big task.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c    2. a    3. d    4. b    5. c    6. d    7. b    8. d    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 ;-)