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## Gunmen kidnap eight foreigners in Nigeria

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# THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1302/130219-kidnapping.html>

Armed attackers kidnapped eight foreign workers in northern Nigeria on Sunday. The abductees were taken from the residential compound of a Lebanese construction company. A security guard was killed as he tried to prevent the assailants from entering the camp. The kidnapped workers are believed to be from Britain, Greece, Italy and Lebanon. A woman and her daughter are among them. A local government official, Adamu Aliyu, said the attack occurred at 2:15am. The gunmen also attacked a police station and a prison on their way to the compound. A police chief said: "We repelled the attack...but they burnt two vehicles."

This attack is the worst ever case of foreigners being kidnapped in the north of Nigeria. Kidnappings for ransom occasionally occur in the south, especially in the areas that support the country's oil industry. Violence in the north has largely been of the nature of attacking churches and police stations, and kidnapping locals. No one has yet taken responsibility for yesterday's raid, but security experts believe one of northern Nigeria's Islamist groups is behind it. The Al Qaeda splinter group Ansaru has been active in recent months. The larger group Boko Haram, which means 'Western education is forbidden,' has been the most active in the area. It is reportedly responsible for hundreds of deaths, and church bombings.

Sources: [http://www.ngrguardiannews.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=113798:gunmen-kidnap-seven-foreigners-kill-guard&catid=1:national&Itemid=559](http://www.ngrguardiannews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=113798:gunmen-kidnap-seven-foreigners-kill-guard&catid=1:national&Itemid=559)  
<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/02/17/us-nigeria-kidnap-idUSBRE91G05K20130217>

# WARM-UPS

**1. KIDNAPPING:** Walk around the class and talk to other students about kidnapping. Change partners often 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.

*armed attackers / foreign workers / security guard / kidnapped workers / police station / worst ever / ransom / oil industry / taken responsibility / security experts / education*

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

**3. KIDNAPPED:** What should people do in these different kinds of kidnappings? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Police	The abductee(s)
Divorced husband kidnaps child		
Billionaire kidnapped for money		
U.S. President kidnapped		
Oil exec. kidnapped by environmentalists		
Foreign workers kidnapped in N. Africa		
Soldiers kidnapped for prisoner release		

**4. SECURITY:** Students A **strongly** believe North Africa will be the new Afghanistan; Students B strongly believe it won't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. THOUGHTS:** What would you think about most if you were kidnapped? Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- family
- being hurt
- freedom
- escaping
- good food
- why me?
- death
- being rescued

**6. ARMED:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'armed'. 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/1302/130219-kidnapping.html>

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

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| a. Eight foreign workers were kidnapped at an oil company in Nigeria. | T / F |
| b. Those kidnapped include a woman and a girl.                        | T / F |
| c. The kidnapping took place in broad daylight.                       | T / F |
| d. The gunmen attacked an army barracks before the kidnapping.        | T / F |
| e. This attack is the worst northern Nigeria has ever seen.           | T / F |
| f. The attackers want a ransom and oil from the south of the country. | T / F |
| g. Violence in the north does not usually involve foreigners.         | T / F |
| h. One of the biggest groups in the area opposes western education.   | T / F |

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

- |               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. kidnapped  | a. incident     |
| 2. foreign    | b. fought off   |
| 3. assailants | c. particularly |
| 4. occurred   | d. abducted     |
| 5. repelled   | e. outlawed     |
| 6. case       | f. attackers    |
| 7. especially | g. specialists  |
| 8. raid       | h. overseas     |
| 9. experts    | i. happened     |
| 10. forbidden | j. attack       |

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

- |                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. armed                  | a. the attack             |
| 2. residential            | b. be from Britain        |
| 3. prevent the assailants | c. ransom                 |
| 4. believed to            | d. compound               |
| 5. We repelled            | e. ever case              |
| 6. the worst              | f. group                  |
| 7. Kidnappings for        | g. attackers              |
| 8. No one has yet         | h. for hundreds of deaths |
| 9. splinter               | i. from entering the camp |
| 10. responsible           | j. taken responsibility   |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1302/130219-kidnapping.html>

Armed (1) \_\_\_\_\_ kidnapped eight foreign workers in northern Nigeria on Sunday. The (2) \_\_\_\_\_ were taken from the residential (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of a Lebanese construction company. A security guard was killed as he tried to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the assailants from entering the camp. The kidnapped workers are (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to be from Britain, Greece, Italy and Lebanon. A woman and her daughter are among them. A local government (6) \_\_\_\_\_, Adamu Aliyu, said the attack occurred at 2:15am. The gunmen also (7) \_\_\_\_\_ a police station and a prison on their way to the compound. A police chief said: "We (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the attack...but they burnt two vehicles."

*prevent*  
*official*  
*abductees*  
*repelled*  
*attackers*  
*attacked*  
*compound*  
*believed*

This attack is the worst ever (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of foreigners being kidnapped in the north of Nigeria. Kidnappings for (10) \_\_\_\_\_ occasionally occur in the south, especially in the areas that support the country's oil industry. Violence in the north has (11) \_\_\_\_\_ been of the nature of attacking churches and police stations, and kidnapping (12) \_\_\_\_\_. No one has yet taken responsibility for yesterday's (13) \_\_\_\_\_, but security experts believe one of northern Nigeria's Islamist groups is behind it. The Al Qaeda (14) \_\_\_\_\_ group Ansaru has been active in recent months. The larger group Boko Haram, which means 'Western education is (15) \_\_\_\_\_,' has been the most active in the area. It is (16) \_\_\_\_\_ responsible for hundreds of deaths, and church bombings.

*locals*  
*reportedly*  
*case*  
*splinter*  
*ransom*  
*forbidden*  
*largely*  
*raid*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1302/130219-kidnapping.html>

- 1) Armed attackers kidnapped eight foreign \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. workers in north Nigeria
  - b. workers in northerly Nigeria
  - c. workers in northernmost Nigeria
  - d. workers in northern Nigeria
- 2) The abductees were taken from \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the compound residential
  - b. the residence compound
  - c. the residential compound
  - d. the residential compounds
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ killed as he tried to \_\_\_\_\_ from entering the camp
  - a. preventing the assailants
  - b. prevent the assailants
  - c. prevention the assailants
  - d. preventable the assailants
- 4) A woman and her daughter \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. are among them
  - b. are between them
  - c. are included in them
  - d. are among these
- 5) We repelled the attack but they \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. burn two vehicles
  - b. burnt two vehicles
  - c. burning two vehicles
  - d. burns two vehicles
- 6) This attack is the \_\_\_\_\_ of foreigners being kidnapped
  - a. worst ever case
  - b. worst even case
  - c. worst ever casing
  - d. worse ever case
- 7) Kidnappings for \_\_\_\_\_ in the south
  - a. ransoming occasionally occur
  - b. ransom occasional occur
  - c. ransom occasionally occurring
  - d. ransom occasionally occur
- 8) No one has yet taken responsibility \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. for yesterday's raids
  - b. from yesterday's raid
  - c. four yesterday's raid
  - d. for yesterday's raid
- 9) The Al Qaeda \_\_\_\_\_ Ansaru has been active in recent months
  - a. splintered group
  - b. splintering group
  - c. splinters group
  - d. splinter group
- 10) It is \_\_\_\_\_ hundreds of deaths, and church bombings
  - a. reported it's responsible for
  - b. report idly responsible for
  - c. reportedly responsible for
  - d. reportedly responsibility for

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1302/130219-kidnapping.html>

Armed attackers kidnapped eight foreign workers in northern Nigeria on Sunday. The (1) \_\_\_\_\_ from the residential compound of a Lebanese construction company. A security guard was killed as he tried (2) \_\_\_\_\_ from entering the camp. The kidnapped workers (3) \_\_\_\_\_ from Britain, Greece, Italy and Lebanon. A woman and her (4) \_\_\_\_\_ them. A local government official, Adamu Aliyu, said the attack occurred at 2:15am. The gunmen also attacked a police station and a prison on their (5) \_\_\_\_\_. A police chief said: "We repelled the attack...but (6) \_\_\_\_\_."

This attack is (7) \_\_\_\_\_ foreigners being kidnapped in the north of Nigeria. Kidnappings for (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in the south, especially in the areas that support the country's oil industry. Violence in the north has largely (9) \_\_\_\_\_ attacking churches and police stations, and kidnapping locals. No one has yet taken responsibility for yesterday's raid, but (10) \_\_\_\_\_ one of northern Nigeria's Islamist groups is behind it. The Al Qaeda splinter group Ansaru has been (11) \_\_\_\_\_. The larger group Boko Haram, which means 'Western education is forbidden,' has been the most active in the area. It is (12) \_\_\_\_\_ hundreds of deaths, and church bombings.

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1302/130219-kidnapping.html>

1. What were the attackers carrying?

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2. At what kind of place did the workers work?

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3. Who did the attackers kill?

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4. How many countries are the abductees from?

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5. What did the attackers set on fire?

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6. What kind of kidnappings sometimes happen in Nigeria's south?

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7. What are often attacked in the north of Nigeria?

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8. Who has taken responsibility for the kidnappings?

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9. Who do security experts believe carried out the kidnappings?

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10. What is Boko Haram supposedly responsible for?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1302/130219-kidnapping.html>

1. What were the attackers carrying when they kidnapped the workers?
  - a) books
  - b) bags of money
  - c) guns
  - d) nothing
2. What kind of place were the workers abducted from?
  - a) a residential compound
  - b) high-rise apartments
  - c) a workers' camp
  - d) a tented area
3. Who did the gunmen kill?
  - a) the workers' boss
  - b) a security guard
  - c) a policeman
  - d) a worker who fought back
4. How many different nationalities are among those abducted?
  - a) seven
  - b) six
  - c) five
  - d) four
5. What did the gunmen attack before the kidnapping?
  - a) a convenience store and a checkpoint
  - b) a petrol station and prison
  - c) a prison and a police station
  - d) an army barracks and a checkpoint
6. What kind of kidnappings often happen in the south?
  - a) political kidnappings
  - b) kidnappings for money
  - c) kidnappings for prisoner releases
  - d) vendetta kidnappings
7. Who do militants usually abduct in the north?
  - a) church officials
  - b) police officers
  - c) people from near the border
  - d) locals
8. Who said they carried out Sunday's kidnappings?
  - a) Al Qaeda
  - b) no one
  - c) an Al Qaeda splinter group
  - d) a new Islamist group
9. Who believes Islamist groups carried out the kidnappings?
  - a) Nigeria's president Goodluck Jonathan
  - b) security experts
  - c) police officers at the scene
  - d) the CIA
10. What is Boko Haram reportedly responsible for bombing?
  - a) churches
  - b) police stations
  - c) residential compounds
  - d) oil installations

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1302/130219-kidnapping.html>

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

<b>foreign</b>	<b>worker</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>• armed</li><li>• security</li><li>• believed</li><li>• among</li><li>• police</li><li>• vehicles</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• worst</li><li>• support</li><li>• largely</li><li>• taken</li><li>• behind</li><li>• forbidden</li></ul>
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# KIDNAPPING SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1302/130219-kidnapping.html>

Write five GOOD questions about kidnapping 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.

# KIDNAPPING 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 'kidnap'?
- c) What do you think of kidnappings?
- d) Do most kidnappings end with the abductee(s) being freed?
- e) What kinds of kidnappings are there?
- f) Are kidnappings common in your country?
- g) Should foreign workers be better protected in unstable countries?
- h) Would you work in an area that has a history of insurgency?
- i) Why is it that local people are always the ones killed in cases like this?
- j) Will the kidnappings damage Nigeria in any way?

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# KIDNAPPING DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Why are Islamist groups kidnapping foreign workers?
- c) Why do Islamist groups kidnap people when they know their aims will never be met?
- d) What would you do if you knew someone was about to kidnap you?
- e) How would you cope mentally during a kidnapping?
- f) Would you try to escape if you were kidnapped or would you be too afraid?
- g) What would you think about if you were held captive?
- h) Will Islamist groups ever stop trying to get what they want?
- i) What do you think the situation in North Africa will be like in five years?
- j) What questions would you like to ask the kidnappers?

## **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. \_\_\_\_\_

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - LANGUAGE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1302/130219-kidnapping.html>

Armed attackers kidnapped eight foreign workers in (1) \_\_\_\_ Nigeria on Sunday. The abductees were taken from the residential (2) \_\_\_\_ of a Lebanese construction company. A security guard was killed as he tried to prevent the (3) \_\_\_\_ from entering the camp. The kidnapped workers are (4) \_\_\_\_ to be from Britain, Greece, Italy and Lebanon. A woman and her daughter are among them. A local government official, Adamu Aliyu, said the attack (5) \_\_\_\_ at 2:15am. The gunmen also attacked a police station and a prison on their way to the compound. A police chief said: "We (6) \_\_\_\_ the attack...but they burnt two vehicles."

This attack is the worst ever (7) \_\_\_\_ of foreigners being kidnapped in the north of Nigeria. Kidnappings for (8) \_\_\_\_ occasionally occur in the south, especially in the areas that support the country's oil industry. Violence in the north has (9) \_\_\_\_ been of the nature of attacking churches and police stations, and kidnapping locals. No one has yet (10) \_\_\_\_ responsibility for yesterday's raid, but security experts believe one of northern Nigeria's Islamist groups is (11) \_\_\_\_ it. The Al Qaeda splinter group Ansaru has been active in recent months. The larger group Boko Haram, which means 'Western education is forbidden,' has been the most active in the area. It is reportedly responsible (12) \_\_\_\_ hundreds of deaths, and church bombings.

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

- |     |                |              |                  |                |
|-----|----------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) northerly  | (b) northern | (c) northernmost | (d) north      |
| 2.  | (a) constant   | (b) compound | (c) composite    | (d) compost    |
| 3.  | (a) guarantors | (b) auditors | (c) descendants  | (d) assailants |
| 4.  | (a) believers  | (b) believed | (c) beliefs      | (d) believes   |
| 5.  | (a) occult     | (b) occurred | (c) occidental   | (d) occasioned |
| 6.  | (a) repellant  | (b) repel    | (c) repelled     | (d) repelling  |
| 7.  | (a) bag        | (b) brief    | (c) case         | (d) carton     |
| 8.  | (a) dividends  | (b) windfall | (c) ransom       | (d) perjury    |
| 9.  | (a) deeply     | (b) hugely   | (c) awesomely    | (d) largely    |
| 10. | (a) confessed  | (b) attacked | (c) done         | (d) taken      |
| 11. | (a) behind     | (b) rear     | (c) back         | (d) beyond     |
| 12. | (a) of         | (b) from     | (c) for          | (d) by         |

# SPELLING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1302/130219-kidnapping.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. eight grofeni workers
2. eirialtsden compound
3. prevent the asanasistl from entering
4. the attack rcoduecr at 2:15am
5. We dleeerpl the attack
6. two ievslehc

## Paragraph 2

7. syaccoinolal occur
8. the country's oil tnduiysr
9. oenilcev in the north
10. security xterpes
11. Western education is drdnfieob
12. church sbbnogim.

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1302/130219-kidnapping.html>

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

- ( ) taken from the residential compound of a Lebanese construction company. A security
- ( ) at 2:15am. The gunmen also attacked a police station and a prison on their way
- ( ) locals. No one has yet taken responsibility for yesterday's raid, but security
- ( ) guard was killed as he tried to prevent the assailants from entering the camp. The kidnapped workers are
- ( ) to the compound. A police chief said: "We repelled the attack...but they burnt two vehicles."
- ( ) This attack is the worst ever case of foreigners being kidnapped in the north of Nigeria. Kidnappings for
- ( ) forbidden,' has been the most active in the area. It is reportedly responsible for hundreds of deaths, and church bombings.
- ( ) industry. Violence in the north has largely been of the nature of attacking churches and police stations, and kidnapping
- ( ) experts believe one of northern Nigeria's Islamist groups is behind it. The Al Qaeda splinter
- ( ) group Ansaru has been active in recent months. The larger group Boko Haram, which means 'Western education is
- ( ) ransom occasionally occur in the south, especially in the areas that support the country's oil
- ( ) among them. A local government official, Adamu Aliyu, said the attack occurred
- ( **1** ) Armed attackers kidnapped eight foreign workers in northern Nigeria on Sunday. The abductees were
- ( ) believed to be from Britain, Greece, Italy and Lebanon. A woman and her daughter are



# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1302/130219-kidnapping.html>

1. kidnapped foreign attackers eight workers Armed.

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2. from The the abductees residential were compound taken.

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3. the Prevent camp the entering from assailants.

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4. The attacked station prison also police a gunmen a and.

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5. burnt the they vehicles repelled but two We attack.

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6. case of The foreigners worst being ever kidnapped.

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7. the ransom south occasionally occur Kidnappings in for.

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8. areas oil the In industry that the country's support.

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9. has responsibility raid one taken yesterday's No yet for.

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10. hundreds is of reportedly deaths responsible for It.

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1302/130219-kidnapping.html>

Armed attackers kidnapped eight foreign workers in *northerly* / *northern* Nigeria on Sunday. The *abductees* / *abduction* were taken from the *residual* / *residential* compound of a Lebanese construction company. A security guard was killed as he tried to prevent the *assailants* / *avails* from entering the camp. The kidnapped workers are *believed* / *believers* to be from Britain, Greece, Italy and Lebanon. A woman and her daughter are *among* / *belonging* them. A local government official, Adamu Aliyu, said the *attackers* / *attack* occurred at 2:15am. The gunmen also attacked a police station and a prison *on* / *at* their way to the compound. A police *chef* / *chief* said: "We repelled the attack...but they burnt two *vehicular* / *vehicles*."

This attack is the *worse* / *worst* ever case of foreigners being kidnapped in the north of Nigeria. Kidnappings for *ransom* / *damsel* occasionally occur in the south, especially in the areas that *supportive* / *support* the country's oil industry. Violence in the north has *largely* / *largesse* been of the nature of attacking churches and police stations, and kidnapping *localities* / *locals*. No one has yet *done* / *taken* responsibility for yesterday's *raid* / *ride*, but security experts believe one of northern Nigeria's Islamist groups is *behind* / *beyond* it. The Al Qaeda *splinter* / *chipping* group Ansaru has been active in recent months. The larger group Boko Haram, which means 'Western education is forbidden,' has been the most active in the area. It is reportedly responsible *of* / *for* hundreds of deaths, and church bombings.

**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)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1302/130219-kidnapping.html>

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gr\_\_p \_ns\_r\_ h\_s b\_\_n \_ct\_v\_ \_n r\_c\_nt m\_nths. Th\_  
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d\_\_ths, \_nd ch\_rch b\_mb\_ngs.

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1302/130219-kidnapping.html>

armed attackers kidnapped eight foreign workers in northern nigeria on sunday the abductees were taken from the residential compound of a lebanese construction company a security guard was killed as he tried to prevent the assailants from entering the camp the kidnapped workers are believed to be from britain greece italy and lebanon a woman and her daughter are among them a local government official adamu aliyu said the attack occurred at 215am the gunmen also attacked a police station and a prison on their way to the compound a police chief said "we repelled the attackbut they burnt two vehicles"

this attack is the worst ever case of foreigners being kidnapped in the north of nigeria kidnappings for ransom occasionally occur in the south especially in the areas that support the country's oil industry violence in the north has largely been of the nature of attacking churches and police stations and kidnapping locals no one has yet taken responsibility for yesterday's raid but security experts believe one of northern nigeria's islamist groups is behind it the al qaeda splinter group ansaru has been active in recent months the larger group boko haram which means 'western education is forbidden' has been the most active in the area it is reportedly responsible for hundreds of deaths and church bombings

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## FREE WRITING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1302/130219-kidnapping.html>

Write about **kidnapping** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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## ACADEMIC WRITING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1302/130219-kidnapping.html>

*Foreign national should stay away from countries with a history of attacks on non-residents. Discuss.*

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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 kidnapping. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

**4. NIGERIA:** Write a magazine article about the kidnapping in Nigeria. Include imaginary interviews with experts on how to resolve 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. 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 a security expert. Ask him/her three questions about the kidnapping. Give him/her three of your opinions on the situation in North Africa. 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 T      c F      d F      e T      f F      g T      h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. kidnapped  | a. abducted     |
| 2. foreign    | b. overseas     |
| 3. assailants | c. attackers    |
| 4. occurred   | d. happened     |
| 5. repelled   | e. fought off   |
| 6. case       | f. incident     |
| 7. especially | g. particularly |
| 8. raid       | h. attack       |
| 9. experts    | i. specialists  |
| 10. forbidden | j. outlawed     |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Arms
2. A construction company
3. A security guard
4. Four
5. Two vehicles
6. Kidnappings for ransom
7. Churches and police stations
8. No one
9. Islamist groups
10. Hundreds of deaths, and church bombings

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. c    2. a    3. b    4. d    5. c    6. b    7. d    8. b    9. b    10. a

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)