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## **Level 0**

### **Arab League agrees to make Arab "army"**

**1st April**

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1504/150401-arab-league.html>

The Arab League will make an "army" with 40,000 soldiers. If one country is in trouble, the other countries will help it. The Arab League said the new army will help with the problems in the Middle East. Arab countries will talk about ideas for the army. Then defence ministers of Arab countries will look at them.

Not all countries like the idea. Iraq said one Arab country should not fight in another Arab country. It said countries should talk if there are problems. The Arab League also talked about the problems in the Arab countries today. It wants rebels in Yemen to stop fighting. It also wants peace and stability in Syria.

Sources: <http://english.alarabiya.net/en/News/middle-east/2015/03/29/Arab-League-Summit-.html>  
<http://www.timesofoman.com/News/49577/Article-Arab-League-leaders-reach-consensus-on-unified-force>  
<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2015/03/sisi-arab-nations-create-joint-military-force-150329103508213.html>

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1504/150401-arab-league.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. make an "army" with      | a. in trouble      |
| 2. If one country is        | b. East            |
| 3. the other countries will | c. for the army    |
| 4. the new army             | d. 40,000 soldiers |
| 5. problems in the Middle   | e. will help       |
| 6. Arab                     | f. ministers       |
| 7. talk about ideas         | g. help it         |
| 8. defence                  | h. countries       |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                      |                            |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Not all countries                 | a. in another Arab country |
| 2. one Arab country should not fight | b. peace                   |
| 3. countries should talk             | c. countries today         |
| 4. The Arab                          | d. Syria                   |
| 5. the problems in the Arab          | e. like the idea           |
| 6. It wants rebels in Yemen          | f. if there are problems   |
| 7. It also wants                     | g. League                  |
| 8. stability in                      | h. to stop fighting        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Arab League (1) \_\_\_\_\_ with 40,000 soldiers. If one country (2) \_\_\_\_\_, the other countries will help it. The Arab League (3) \_\_\_\_\_ army will help with (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the Middle East. Arab countries will (5) \_\_\_\_\_ for the army. Then defence ministers of Arab countries (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Not all countries (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Iraq said one Arab country should not (8) \_\_\_\_\_ Arab country. It said countries should (9) \_\_\_\_\_ are problems.

The Arab League also talked (10) \_\_\_\_\_ in the Arab countries today. It (11) \_\_\_\_\_ Yemen to stop fighting. It also wants (12) \_\_\_\_\_ in Syria.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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aboutideasforthearmy.ThedefenceministersofArabcountrieswilllo  
okattthem.Notalcountriesliketheidea.IraqsaidoneArabcountryshoul  
dnotfightinanotherArabcountry.Itsaidcountriesshouldtalkifthereare  
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untriestoday.ItwantsrebelsinYementostopfighting.Italsowantspeac  
eandstabilityinSyria.

## 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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Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

