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Level 5

Laptop ban goes into effect in certain countries

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THE READING

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Several airports in the Middle East have implemented the recently-ordered laptop ban on flights to the USA and the UK. A new order requires electronic devices larger than a smartphone to be checked in and stored in the aircraft's hold. The US ban has affected airlines from eight Middle Eastern countries, while similar UK restrictions apply to six countries. Officials said the ban was because larger digital devices could contain explosives. They did not say how long the ban would be in place. The Dubai-based Emirates airlines said it had received instructions to keep it until October 14.

There has been mixed reaction to the ban. Airlines were unhappy about having 96 hours to enforce it or lose their license to fly into the USA. Some called it a nightmare. They may pass the cost of the additional layer of security checks onto passengers. Some of the affected countries are questioning why the ban affects only Muslim-majority countries. Passengers seem resigned to it. A passenger from Qatar said: "It's a rule. I follow the rules. The bigger problem for my family is the no smoking." Another passenger was worried about what her children would do without their laptop on a long flight.

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<http://www.businessinsider.com/us-government-laptop-ban-effect-today-what-we-know-2017-3>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. implemented the recently- | a. ban would be in place |
| 2. stored in the aircraft's | b. apply to six countries |
| 3. The US ban has | c. it until October 14 |
| 4. similar UK restrictions | d. hold |
| 5. larger digital devices could | e. based Emirates airlines |
| 6. They did not say how long the | f. ordered laptop ban |
| 7. The Dubai- | g. affected airlines |
| 8. received instructions to keep | h. contain explosives |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. There has been mixed | a. of security checks |
| 2. having 96 hours | b. to fly |
| 3. lose their license | c. to it |
| 4. Some called it | d. to enforce it |
| 5. the additional layer | e. without their laptop |
| 6. the ban affects only Muslim- | f. reaction to the ban |
| 7. Passengers seem resigned | g. majority countries |
| 8. what her children would do | h. a nightmare |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Several airports in the Middle East have implemented the recently-ordered laptop (1) _____ the USA and the UK. A new order requires electronic devices larger than a smartphone (2) _____ and stored in the aircraft's hold. The US ban (3) _____ airlines from eight Middle Eastern countries, while similar UK restrictions apply to six countries. Officials said the ban was because (4) _____ could contain explosives. They did not say how long the ban (5) _____. The Dubai-based Emirates airlines said it had received instructions to (6) _____ October 14.

There has been (7) _____ the ban. Airlines were unhappy about having 96 hours (8) _____ lose their license to fly into the USA. Some called it a nightmare. They may (9) _____ the additional layer of security checks onto passengers. Some of the affected countries are questioning why the ban affects only (10) _____ countries. Passengers seem resigned to it. A passenger from Qatar said: "It's a rule. (11) _____. The bigger problem for my family is the no smoking." Another passenger was worried about what her children would do without (12) _____ long flight.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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LAPTOP BAN SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about laptop ban 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **laptop ban** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
