

# www.**Breaking News English**.com

Ready-to-Use English Lessons by Sean Banville

**"1,000 IDEAS & ACTIVITIES  
FOR LANGUAGE TEACHERS"**

[www.breakingnewsenglish.com/book.html](http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/book.html)

**Thousands more free lessons  
from Sean's other websites**

[www.freematerials.com/sean\\_banville\\_lessons.html](http://www.freematerials.com/sean_banville_lessons.html)

## **Level 3**

### **Arab nations cut ties with Qatar**

**7th June, 2017**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1707/170607-qatar.html>

## **Contents**

The Article	2	Discussion (Student-Created Qs)	14
Warm-Ups	3	Language Work (Cloze)	15
Before Reading / Listening	4	Spelling	16
Gap Fill	5	Put The Text Back Together	17
Match The Sentences And Listen	6	Put The Words In The Right Order	18
Listening Gap Fill	7	Circle The Correct Word	19
Comprehension Questions	8	Insert The Vowels (a, e, i, o, u)	20
Multiple Choice - Quiz	9	Punctuate The Text And Add Capitals	21
Role Play	10	Put A Slash ( / ) Where The Spaces Are	22
After Reading / Listening	11	Free Writing	23
Student Survey	12	Academic Writing	24
Discussion (20 Questions)	13	Homework	25
		Answers	26

**Please try Levels 0, 1 and 2 (they are easier).**

**Twitter**



[twitter.com/SeanBanville](https://twitter.com/SeanBanville)

**Facebook**



[www.facebook.com/pages/BreakingNewsEnglish/155625444452176](https://www.facebook.com/pages/BreakingNewsEnglish/155625444452176)

**Google +**



<https://plus.google.com/+SeanBanville>

# THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170607-qatar.html>

Six Arab countries have cut ties with the tiny nation of Qatar. Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Libya and Yemen have all cut relations with Qatar because they say Qatar gives money to and supports terrorist groups. Saudi Arabia said it has cut ties to protect its own national security. It said Qatar was home to many "terrorist and sectarian groups that aim to create instability in the region". The Qatar government said this was not true and that there are no facts that show there are terrorist groups in Qatar. It said the other Arab countries are acting unfairly towards Qatar. It also said that the decisions of Arab countries would, "not affect the normal lives of citizens and residents" in Qatar.

Qatar is now facing an uncertain and difficult future, unless normal relations are restored. Air, land and sea links have been closed to Qatar from Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Egypt and Bahrain. This will cause a lot of trouble for people living in the tiny Gulf Arab country. Most of its food enters by truck from Saudi Arabia and there is already a rush to buy food in supermarkets. Qatar Airways will also be badly affected because it has to change its routes, so flights will take much longer. The construction of eight stadiums for the 2022 soccer World Cup could also slow down as building materials have to enter Qatar via Saudi. Citizens from Saudi, the UAE and Bahrain have been banned from going to Qatar and have 14 days to leave.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/business-40156029>  
<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2017/06/qatar-justification-cutting-diplomatic-ties-170605073154112.html>  
<http://www.thenational.ae/world/middle-east/uae-and-saudi-arabia-cut-ties-with-qatar--live-updates>

# WARM-UPS

**1. QATAR:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Qatar. 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?

tiny / nation / relations / terrorist / national security / instability / unfairly / decisions / uncertain / air / land / sea / truck / rush / routes / flights / construction / banned

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

**3. UNFAIR:** Students A **strongly** believe the Gulf Arab nations are being unfair to Qatar; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. GULF STATES:** What do you know about these Gulf states? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	History	Now
Saudi Arabia		
UAE		
Qatar		
Bahrain		
Oman		
Kuwait		

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

**6. LINKS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the most important links for a country to have with other countries at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- air
- trade
- cultural
- security
- military
- rail
- religious
- intelligence

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170607-qatar.html>

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

- a. Yemen is not one of the countries that cut ties with Qatar. **T / F**
- b. Saudi Arabia said it needed to protect its own national security. **T / F**
- c. Qatar asked Saudi Arabia for facts to show terrorist groups were in Qatar. **T / F**
- d. Qatar said life in the country would go on as normal. **T / F**
- e. Air and sea links to Qatar are closed but land links are open. **T / F**
- f. Most of Qatar's food arrives from Bahrain. **T / F**
- g. Qatar is building eight soccer stadiums for the 2022 World Cup. **T / F**
- h. Citizens of the UAE can stay in Qatar for another month. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                        |                |
|------------------------|----------------|
| 1. <b>cut</b>          | a. hurry       |
| 2. <b>national</b>     | b. change      |
| 3. <b>instability</b>  | c. put back    |
| 4. <b>facts</b>        | d. state       |
| 5. <b>affect</b>       | e. building    |
| 6. <b>restored</b>     | f. information |
| 7. <b>rush</b>         | g. severed     |
| 8. <b>enters</b>       | h. prohibited  |
| 9. <b>construction</b> | i. comes in    |
| 10. <b>banned</b>      | j. uncertainty |

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

- |  |                         |
|--|-------------------------|
| 1. cut ties with the tiny                | a. of citizens          |
| 2. gives money to and supports           | b. in the region        |
| 3. protect its own national              | c. eight stadiums       |
| 4. groups that aim to create instability | d. security             |
| 5. affect the normal lives               | e. trouble for people   |
| 6. facing an uncertain                   | f. nation of Qatar      |
| 7. This will cause a lot of              | g. in supermarkets      |
| 8. a rush to buy food                    | h. going to Qatar       |
| 9. The construction of                   | i. terrorist groups     |
| 10. banned from                          | j. and difficult future |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170607-qatar.html>

Six Arab countries have cut ties with the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ nation of Qatar. Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Libya and Yemen have all cut (2) \_\_\_\_\_ with Qatar because they say Qatar gives money to and supports terrorist groups. Saudi Arabia said it has cut ties to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ its own national security. It said Qatar was home to many "terrorist and sectarian groups that (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to create instability in the (5) \_\_\_\_\_". The Qatar government said this was not true and that there are no (6) \_\_\_\_\_ that show there are terrorist groups in Qatar. It said the other Arab countries are acting (7) \_\_\_\_\_ towards Qatar. It also said that the decisions of Arab countries would, "not affect the normal lives of citizens and (8) \_\_\_\_\_ " in Qatar.

*protect*  
*facts*  
*tiny*  
*residents*  
*region*  
*relations*  
*unfairly*  
*aim*

Qatar is now facing an (9) \_\_\_\_\_ and difficult future, unless normal relations are restored. Air, (10) \_\_\_\_\_ and sea links have been closed to Qatar from Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Egypt and Bahrain. This will cause a (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of trouble for people living in the tiny Gulf Arab country. Most of its food enters by truck from Saudi Arabia and there is already a (12) \_\_\_\_\_ to buy food in supermarkets. Qatar Airways will also be (13) \_\_\_\_\_ affected because it has to change its routes, so flights will take much longer. The construction of eight (14) \_\_\_\_\_ for the 2022 soccer World Cup could also slow down as building (15) \_\_\_\_\_ have to enter Qatar via Saudi. Citizens from Saudi, the UAE and Bahrain have been (16) \_\_\_\_\_ from going to Qatar and have 14 days to leave.

*lot*  
*materials*  
*uncertain*  
*badly*  
*banned*  
*land*  
*stadiums*  
*rush*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170607-qatar.html>

- 1) because they say Qatar gives money to and \_\_\_\_\_ groups
  - a. support terrorist
  - b. supportive terrorist
  - c. supports terrorist
  - d. supported terrorist
- 2) home to many terrorist and sectarian groups that aim to create instability \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. in the regions
  - b. in then region
  - c. on the region
  - d. in the region
- 3) The Qatar government said this was not true and that there \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. are known facts
  - b. are non facts
  - c. are no facts
  - d. are now facts
- 4) It said the other Arab countries are acting \_\_\_\_\_ Qatar
  - a. unfair towards
  - b. not fairly towards
  - c. un-fairy towards
  - d. unfairly towards
- 5) Arab countries would not affect the normal lives of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. citizen and residents
  - b. citizens and residents
  - c. citizens and resident
  - d. citizen and resident
- 6) facing an uncertain and difficult future, unless normal \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. relation are restore
  - b. relations are restored
  - c. relation are restored
  - d. relations are restore
- 7) Most of its food enters by truck from Saudi Arabia and there is already \_\_\_\_\_ food
  - a. a rush to buy
  - b. a rush too buy
  - c. a rush two buy
  - d. a rush through buy
- 8) badly affected because it has to change its routes, so flights will \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. takes much longer
  - b. taken much longer
  - c. taking much longer
  - d. take much longer
- 9) the 2022 soccer World Cup could also slow down as building materials \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. has to enter Qatar
  - b. having to enter Qatar
  - c. half to enter Qatar
  - d. have to enter Qatar
- 10) Citizens from Saudi, the UAE and Bahrain have been \_\_\_\_\_ to Qatar
  - a. banned from goes in
  - b. banned from going in
  - c. banned from go in
  - d. banned from going

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170607-qatar.html>

Six Arab countries have (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the tiny nation of Qatar. Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Libya and Yemen (2) \_\_\_\_\_ relations with Qatar because they say Qatar gives money (3) \_\_\_\_\_ terrorist groups. Saudi Arabia said it has cut ties to protect its own national security. It said Qatar was home to many "terrorist and sectarian groups (4) \_\_\_\_\_ create instability in the region". The Qatar government said this was not true and that there are no facts that (5) \_\_\_\_\_ terrorist groups in Qatar. It said the other Arab countries are acting unfairly towards Qatar. It also said that the decisions of Arab countries would, "(6) \_\_\_\_\_ normal lives of citizens and residents" in Qatar.

Qatar is now (7) \_\_\_\_\_ and difficult future, unless normal relations are restored. Air, land and sea links (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to Qatar from Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Egypt and Bahrain. This will cause a lot of trouble for people (9) \_\_\_\_\_ tiny Gulf Arab country. Most of its food enters by truck from Saudi Arabia and (10) \_\_\_\_\_ a rush to buy food in supermarkets. Qatar Airways will also be badly affected because it has to change its routes, so flights (11) \_\_\_\_\_ longer. The construction of eight stadiums for the 2022 soccer World Cup could also slow down as building materials (12) \_\_\_\_\_ Qatar via Saudi. Citizens from Saudi, the UAE and Bahrain have been banned from going to Qatar and have 14 days to leave.

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170607-qatar.html>

1. How many countries cut relations with Qatar?
2. What did Saudi Arabia say it wanted to protect?
3. What did Saudi Arabia say terrorists wanted to create in the region?
4. How did Qatar say other nations were acting towards it?
5. Whose lives did Qatar say would not be affected by this situation?
6. What needs to be restored for Qatar not to face an uncertain future?
7. What links have been closed to Qatar?
8. What is there a rush to buy in Qatar?
9. How many soccer stadiums is Qatar building?
10. How long do Saudis, Emiratis and Bahrainis have to leave Qatar?



# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170607-qatar.html>

- 1) How many countries cut relations with Qatar?
  - a) 6
  - b) 5
  - c) 8
  - d) 4
- 2) What did Saudi Arabia say it wanted to protect?
  - a) its investments
  - b) borders
  - c) its national interests
  - d) its oil
- 3) What did Saudi Arabia say terrorists wanted to create in the region?
  - a) chaos
  - b) instability
  - c) weapons factories
  - d) new cities
- 4) How did Qatar say other nations were acting towards it?
  - a) respectfully
  - b) improperly
  - c) evenly
  - d) unfairly
- 5) Whose lives did Qatar say would not be affected by this situation?
  - a) normal citizens
  - b) ex-pats
  - c) construction workers
  - d) Gulf Arabs
- 6) What needs to be restored for Qatar not to face an uncertain future?
  - a) oil and gas
  - b) the Internet
  - c) electricity supplies
  - d) normal relations
- 7) What links have been closed to Qatar?
  - a) rail, road and sea
  - b) air, sea and land
  - c) rail, sea and land
  - d) air, sea and rail
- 8) What is there a rush to buy in Qatar?
  - a) computers
  - b) gas
  - c) oil
  - d) food
- 9) How many soccer stadiums is Qatar building?
  - a) 10
  - b) 6
  - c) 8
  - d) 7
- 10) How long do Saudis, Emiratis and Bahrainis have to leave Qatar?
  - a) 10 days
  - b) two weeks
  - c) a week
  - d) a month

# ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170607-qatar.html>

## **Role A – Trade**

You think trade is the most important kind of links for a country to have with other countries. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their links. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): cultural, intelligence or religious.

## **Role B – Cultural**

You think cultural is the most important kind of links for a country to have with other countries. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their links. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): trade, intelligence or religious.

## **Role C – Intelligence**

You think intelligence is the most important kind of links for a country to have with other countries. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their links. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): cultural, trade or religious.

## **Role D – Religious**

You think religious is the most important kind of links for a country to have with other countries. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their links. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): cultural, intelligence or trade.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170607-qatar.html>

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

<b>tiny</b>	<b>nation</b>
-------------	---------------

- 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>• all</li><li>• own</li><li>• home</li><li>• true</li><li>• acting</li><li>• affect</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• difficult</li><li>• closed</li><li>• truck</li><li>• badly</li><li>• eight</li><li>• 14</li></ul>
---	---

# QATAR SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170607-qatar.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Qatar 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.

## **QATAR 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 country 'Qatar'?
3. How serious is this situation?
4. What do you know about Qatar?
5. What kind of relations does Qatar have with its neighbours?
6. What should each country do to restore relations?
7. Should Saudi Arabia show the facts about Qatar and links to terrorism?
8. Are the six Arab countries acting unfairly towards Qatar?
9. What other problems are there in the Gulf region?
10. How will people in Qatar be able to live normal lives?

*Arab nations cut ties with Qatar – 7th June, 2017*  
Thousands more free lessons at [www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com)

---

## **QATAR 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 country name 'Saudi Arabia'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How can Qatar survive if it has no access to land, sea or air links?
15. Where will Qatar get its food from?
16. What happens when the supermarkets run out of food?
17. How badly will Qatar Airways be damaged?
18. Will the soccer World Cup be affected?
19. Why do citizens of Saudi, Bahrain and the UAE have to leave Qatar?
20. What questions would you like to ask the leaders of the six countries?

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

Copyright © www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com 2017

---

# 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 <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170607-qatar.html>

Six Arab countries have cut ties with the tiny nation (1) \_\_\_\_ Qatar. Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Libya and Yemen have all cut relations with Qatar because they say Qatar gives money (2) \_\_\_\_ and supports terrorist groups. Saudi Arabia said it has cut ties to protect its (3) \_\_\_\_ national security. It said Qatar was home to many "terrorist and sectarian groups that aim to create instability in the (4) \_\_\_\_". The Qatar government said this was not true and that there are no facts that show there are terrorist groups in Qatar. It said the other Arab countries are (5) \_\_\_\_ unfairly towards Qatar. It also said that the decisions of Arab countries would, "not affect the (6) \_\_\_\_ lives of citizens and residents" in Qatar.

Qatar is now facing an (7) \_\_\_\_ and difficult future, unless normal relations are restored. Air, land and sea links have been closed to Qatar from Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Egypt and Bahrain. This will (8) \_\_\_\_ a lot of trouble for people living in the tiny Gulf Arab country. Most of its food (9) \_\_\_\_ by truck from Saudi Arabia and there is already a rush to buy food in supermarkets. Qatar Airways will also be badly affected because it has to change (10) \_\_\_\_ routes, so flights will take much longer. The construction of eight stadiums for the 2022 soccer World Cup could also (11) \_\_\_\_ down as building materials have to enter Qatar via Saudi. Citizens from Saudi, the UAE and Bahrain have been (12) \_\_\_\_ from going to Qatar and have 14 days to leave.

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

- |     |               |               |                 |               |
|-----|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) in        | (b) at        | (c) of          | (d) from      |
| 2.  | (a) to        | (b) from      | (c) at          | (d) by        |
| 3.  | (a) owns      | (b) own       | (c) owner       | (d) owned     |
| 4.  | (a) legion    | (b) regions   | (c) legions     | (d) region    |
| 5.  | (a) acting    | (b) action    | (c) action      | (d) active    |
| 6.  | (a) normality | (b) normal    | (c) normalcy    | (d) normalize |
| 7.  | (a) uncertain | (b) certainty | (c) uncertainty | (d) certain   |
| 8.  | (a) causes    | (b) causing   | (c) caused      | (d) cause     |
| 9.  | (a) entry     | (b) entrance  | (c) enters      | (d) enter     |
| 10. | (a) this      | (b) that      | (c) their       | (d) its       |
| 11. | (a) speed     | (b) slow      | (c) spiral      | (d) sudden    |
| 12. | (a) banned    | (b) band      | (c) disband     | (d) disbanded |

# SPELLING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170607-qatar.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. purpsost terrorist groups
2. protect its own national tieuyscr
3. groups that aim to create byiitatisln
4. countries are acting rluafiyn towards Qatar
5. not fefact the normal lives
6. citsneiz and residents

## Paragraph 2

7. an ancenitur and difficult future
8. unless normal relations are erodrset
9. glhisft will take much longer
10. The ocinscttoun of eight stadiums
11. building lteiaasmr
12. naenbd from going to Qatar



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170607-qatar.html>

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

- ( ) would, "not affect the normal lives of citizens and residents" in Qatar.
- ( ) from Saudi, the UAE and Bahrain have been banned from going to Qatar and have 14 days to leave.
- ( ) already a rush to buy food in supermarkets. Qatar Airways will also be badly affected because it has to change
- ( **1** ) Six Arab countries have cut ties with the tiny nation of Qatar. Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Bahrain, the United Arab
- ( ) was not true and that there are no facts that show there are terrorist groups in Qatar. It said the other
- ( ) Emirates, Libya and Yemen have all cut relations with Qatar because they say Qatar gives money to and
- ( ) trouble for people living in the tiny Gulf Arab country. Most of its food enters by truck from Saudi Arabia and there is
- ( ) supports terrorist groups. Saudi Arabia said it has cut ties to protect its own national security. It said Qatar was home
- ( ) to many "terrorist and sectarian groups that aim to create instability in the region". The Qatar government said this
- ( ) sea links have been closed to Qatar from Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Egypt and Bahrain. This will cause a lot of
- ( ) soccer World Cup could also slow down as building materials have to enter Qatar via Saudi. Citizens
- ( ) Qatar is now facing an uncertain and difficult future, unless normal relations are restored. Air, land and
- ( ) its routes, so flights will take much longer. The construction of eight stadiums for the 2022
- ( ) Arab countries are acting unfairly towards Qatar. It also said that the decisions of Arab countries

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170607-qatar.html>

1. has to own It ties its security cut protect national .
2. in aim the to region create Groups instability that .
3. are There facts there groups no show terrorist are that .
4. Qatar countries acting towards Arab are unfairly .
5. lives and Qatar normal citizens in the of residents Affect .
6. now difficult facing future an Qatar uncertain is and .
7. , land have Air been and closed sea to links Qatar .
8. food truck Arabia its by Saudi of enters from Most .
9. rush food There a buy supermarkets already to in is .
10. 2022 The eight the Cup of for World construction stadiums .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170607-qatar.html>

Six Arab countries have cut ties *with / within* the tiny nation of Qatar. Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Libya and Yemen have all cut *relatives / relations* with Qatar because they say Qatar gives money to and supports terrorist *group / groups*. Saudi Arabia said it has cut ties to protect its *owns / own* national security. It said Qatar was home *to / too* many "terrorist and sectarian groups that aim to create *instability / unstable* in the region". The Qatar government said this was not *truth / true* and that there are no facts that *show / shown* there are terrorist groups in Qatar. It said the other Arab countries are acting *unfairly / unfair* towards Qatar. It also said that the decisions of Arab countries would, "not *affect / effect* the normal lives of citizens and residents" in Qatar.

Qatar is now *facing / faced* an uncertain and difficult future, *useless / unless* normal relations are restored. Air, land and sea links have *being / been* closed to Qatar from Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Egypt and Bahrain. This will cause a lot *for / of* trouble for people living in the tiny Gulf Arab country. Most of its food *enters / entrance* by truck from Saudi Arabia and there is already a *rush / rushing* to buy food in supermarkets. Qatar Airways will also be badly affected because it has to change its *routes / roots*, so flights will take much longer. The construction of eight stadiums for the 2022 soccer World Cup could also slow *down / up* as building materials have to enter Qatar via Saudi. Citizens from Saudi, the UAE and Bahrain have been *binned / banned* from going to Qatar and have 14 days to *leaf / leave*.

**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/1707/170607-qatar.html>

S\_x \_r\_b c\_\_ntr\_\_s h\_v\_ c\_t t\_\_s w\_th th\_ t\_ny n\_t\_\_n  
\_f Q\_t\_r. S\_\_d\_\_r\_b\_\_, \_gypt, B\_hr\_\_n, th\_\_n\_t\_d  
\_r\_b\_\_m\_r\_t\_s, L\_by\_\_nd Y\_m\_n h\_v\_\_ll c\_t  
r\_l\_t\_\_ns w\_th Q\_t\_r b\_c\_\_s\_ th\_y s\_y Q\_t\_r g\_v\_s  
m\_n\_y t\_\_nd s\_pp\_rts t\_rr\_r\_st gr\_\_ps. S\_\_d\_\_r\_b\_\_  
s\_\_d\_\_t h\_s c\_t t\_\_s t\_\_pr\_t\_ct\_\_ts \_wn n\_t\_\_n\_l  
s\_c\_r\_ty. \_t s\_\_d Q\_t\_r w\_s h\_m\_ t\_\_m\_ny "t\_rr\_r\_st  
\_nd s\_ct\_r\_\_n gr\_\_ps th\_t\_\_m t\_\_cr\_\_t\_\_nst\_b\_l\_ty  
\_n th\_r\_g\_\_n". Th\_ Q\_t\_r g\_v\_rnm\_nt s\_\_d th\_s w\_s  
n\_t tr\_\_\_\_nd th\_t th\_r\_\_r\_n\_f\_cts th\_t sh\_w th\_r\_\_  
\_r\_t\_rr\_r\_st gr\_\_ps \_n Q\_t\_r. \_t s\_\_d th\_\_th\_r\_r\_b  
c\_\_ntr\_\_s \_r\_\_ct\_ng \_nf\_\_rly t\_w\_rds Q\_t\_r. \_t \_ls\_\_  
s\_\_d th\_t th\_d\_c\_s\_\_ns \_f\_r\_b c\_\_ntr\_\_s w\_\_ld, "n\_t  
\_ff\_ct th\_n\_rm\_l\_l\_v\_s \_f\_c\_t\_z\_ns \_nd r\_s\_d\_nts" \_n  
Q\_t\_r.

Q\_t\_r \_\_s n\_w\_f\_c\_ng \_\_n \_\_nc\_rt\_\_n \_\_nd d\_ff\_c\_l\_t  
f\_t\_r\_\_, \_nl\_ss n\_rm\_l\_r\_l\_t\_\_ns \_r\_r\_st\_r\_d. \_\_r, l\_nd  
\_nd s\_\_l\_nks h\_v\_\_b\_\_n cl\_s\_d t\_\_Q\_t\_r fr\_m S\_\_d\_\_  
\_r\_b\_\_, th\_\_\_\_, \_gypt \_\_nd B\_hr\_\_n. Th\_s w\_ll c\_\_s\_\_  
l\_t\_f tr\_\_bl\_f\_r p\_\_pl\_l\_v\_ng \_n th\_t\_ny G\_lf\_r\_b  
c\_\_ntry. M\_st\_f\_ts f\_\_d\_\_nt\_rs by tr\_ck fr\_m S\_\_d\_\_  
\_r\_b\_\_ \_\_nd th\_r\_\_s \_lr\_\_dy \_\_r\_sh t\_\_b\_y f\_\_d\_\_n  
s\_p\_rm\_rk\_ts. Q\_t\_r \_\_rw\_ys w\_ll \_\_ls\_\_b\_\_b\_dly  
\_ff\_ct\_d b\_c\_\_s\_\_t h\_s t\_\_ch\_ng\_\_ts r\_\_t\_s, s\_\_  
fl\_ghts w\_ll t\_k\_\_m\_ch\_l\_ng\_r. Th\_c\_nstrct\_\_n \_f  
\_\_ght st\_d\_\_ms \_f\_r th\_ 2022 s\_cc\_r W\_rld C\_p\_c\_\_ld  
\_ls\_\_sl\_w\_d\_wn \_\_s b\_\_ld\_ng m\_t\_r\_\_ls h\_v\_\_t\_\_nt\_r  
Q\_t\_r v\_\_S\_\_d\_\_. C\_t\_z\_ns fr\_m S\_\_d\_\_, th\_\_ \_\_nd  
B\_hr\_\_n h\_v\_\_b\_\_n b\_nn\_d fr\_m g\_\_ng t\_\_Q\_t\_r \_\_nd  
h\_v\_\_14 d\_ys t\_\_l\_\_v\_\_.

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170607-qatar.html>

six arab countries have cut ties with the tiny nation of qatar saudi arabia egypt bahrain the united arab emirates libya and yemen have all cut relations with qatar because they say qatar gives money to and supports terrorist groups saudi arabia said it has cut ties to protect its own national security it said qatar was home to many "terrorist and sectarian groups that aim to create instability in the region" the qatar government said this was not true and that there are no facts that show there are terrorist groups in qatar it said the other arab countries are acting unfairly towards qatar it also said that the decisions of arab countries would "not affect the normal lives of citizens and residents" in qatar

qatar is now facing an uncertain and difficult future unless normal relations are restored air land and sea links have been closed to qatar from saudi arabia the uae egypt and bahrain this will cause a lot of trouble for people living in the tiny gulf arab country most of its food enters by truck from saudi arabia and there is already a rush to buy food in supermarkets qatar airways will also be badly affected because it has to change its routes so flights will take much longer the construction of eight stadiums for the 2022 soccer world cup could also slow down as building materials have to enter qatar via saudi citizens from saudi the uae and bahrain have been banned from going to qatar and have 14 days to leave

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170607-qatar.html>

Six Arab countries have cut ties with the tiny nation of Qatar. Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Libya and Yemen have all cut relations with Qatar because they say Qatar gives money to and supports terrorist groups. Saudi Arabia said it has cut ties to protect its own national security. It said Qatar was home to many "terrorist and sectarian groups that aim to create instability in the region". The Qatar government said this was not true and that there are no facts that show there are terrorist groups in Qatar. It said the other Arab countries are reacting unfairly towards Qatar. It also said that the decisions of Arab countries would, "not affect the normal lives of citizens and residents" in Qatar. Qatar is now facing an uncertain and difficult future, unless normal relations are restored. Air, land and sea links have been closed to Qatar from Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Egypt and Bahrain. This will cause a lot of trouble for people living in the tiny Gulf Arab country. Most of its food enters by truck from Saudi Arabia and there is already a rush to buy food in supermarkets. Qatar Airways will also be badly affected because it has to change its routes, so flights will take much longer. The construction of eight stadiums for the 2022 soccer World Cup could also slow down as building materials have to enter Qatar via Saudi. Citizens from Saudi, the UAE and Bahrain have been banned from going to Qatar and have 14 days to leave.



# ACADEMIC WRITING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170607-qatar.html>

How can Qatar and the Arab states resolve this situation? Discuss three solutions.

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---



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

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

**4. SOLUTION:** Write a magazine article about finding a solution to this problem. Include imaginary interviews with ordinary Qataris and with people who have answers.

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 Qatar. Ask him/her three questions about the Gulf nation. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to solve this problem. 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 T    d T    e F    f F    g T    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. cut          | a. severed     |
| 2. national     | b. state       |
| 3. instability  | c. uncertainty |
| 4. facts        | d. information |
| 5. affect       | e. change      |
| 6. restored     | f. put back    |
| 7. rush         | g. hurry       |
| 8. enters       | h. comes in    |
| 9. construction | i. building    |
| 10. banned      | j. prohibited  |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Six
2. Its national security
3. Instability
4. Unfairly
5. Normal citizens and residents
6. Normal relations
7. Air land and sea links
8. Food
9. Eight
10. 14 days

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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