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## Level 1

#### Austria bans full-face veils

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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#### THE READING

From <a href="https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171003-veils-1.html">https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171003-veils-1.html</a>

Austria has banned full-face veils. Muslim women cannot wear a full-face veil in public. Their face must be showing from the hair to the chin. Austria said the law is to protect its values. Muslim groups said the law is unfair. It is against human rights and religious freedom. A small minority of Austrians wears full-face veils. Officials say the law might damage Austria's economy. Many Muslim tourists might decide not to visit Austria.

Other European countries banned the veil. France and Belgium had bans in 2011. Holland is working on passing a ban. Germany's leader said the full-face veil should be banned, "wherever it is legally possible". The Islamic community in Austria said the new law was unfair. It said veiled women in Austria are now "criminals". They have to stay in their home. A supporter of the ban said: "It's not right that those living here don't show their faces."

Sources: https://www.alaraby.co.uk/english/news/2017/9/30/austria-burqa-ban-comes-into-force

http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-41457427

http://www. telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/10/01/austrias-burka-ban-comes-force-prohibiting-face-prohibiting

veils-public/

### PHRASE MATCHING

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#### **PARAGRAPH ONE:**

- 1. Austria has banned
- 2. wear a full-face veil
- 3. Their face must
- 4. from the hair
- 5. the law is to protect its
- 6. the law might damage
- 7. Many Muslim tourists
- 8. decide not

- a. Austria's economy
- b. values
- c. to visit Austria
- d. be showing
- e. might
- f. full-face veils
- q. to the chin
- h. in public

#### **PARAGRAPH TWO:**

- 1. Other European countries
- 2. France and Belgium had bans
- 3. Holland is working on
- 4. the full-face veil should
- 5. wherever it is legally
- 6. They have to stay
- 7. A supporter
- 8. those living here don't

- a. show their faces
- b. be banned
- c. of the ban
- d. in 2011
- e. in their home
- f. banned the veil
- g. possible
- h. passing a ban

## **LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS**

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## PUT A SLASH ( / )WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## **VEILS SURVEY**

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171003-veils-4.html

Write five GOOD questions about veils 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).

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## **WRITING**

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Write about <b>veils</b> f	or 10 minutes. Re	ad and talk about y	our partner's paper.