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## Level 3

### Austria bans full-face veils

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# THE ARTICLE

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

A new law in Austria means there is now a ban on full-face veils. This means Muslim women will not be allowed to wear a full-face veil in public in the country. The new law says faces must be visible from the hairline to the chin. The government said the law is to protect traditional Austrian values. The law bans Muslim veils such as the burka or niqab. Muslim groups have said the law is very unfair because it goes against human rights and religious freedom. They say that just a tiny minority of Austrian Muslims wears full-face veils. They put the number at around 150. Officials say the law will damage Austria's economy. They say many Muslim tourists will decide not to visit Austria.

Austria is the third European country to ban the wearing of the veil. France and Belgium introduced similar bans in 2011. Other countries in Europe could follow. The Dutch government is currently working on passing a ban and German Chancellor Angela Merkel has said that the full-face veil should be banned in Germany "wherever it is legally possible". Carla Amina Bhagajati of the Islamic Religious Community in Austria talked about how unfair the new law is. She said the "handful" of fully veiled women in Austria are now "criminalized" and "restricted to their homes". A supporter of the ban Emma Schwaiger said: "It's not right that those living here don't show their faces."

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

# WARM-UPS

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

law / ban / full-face veil / in public / government / unfair / human rights / freedom / a third / similar / currently / legally / religious / community / criminalized / right

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

**3. CLOTHES:** Students A **strongly** believe people should be allowed to wear what they want; Students B **strongly** believe they shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. TRADITIONAL DRESS:** What do you know about the traditional dress of these people? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What they wear	What you know / want to know
Arabs		
Japanese		
Nigerians		
Scottish		
Maori		
Indian		

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

**6. BANNED:** Rank these with your partner. Put the things that are most important to ban at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- drugs
- coal
- fast food
- cars
- guns
- alcohol
- nuclear weapons
- English homework

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

- a. Muslim women in Austria aren't allowed to wear a full-face veil at home. **T / F**
- b. An Austrian law says Muslim women must show their faces. **T / F**
- c. Muslim groups said very few Austrian women wear a full-face veil. **T / F**
- d. The ban on full-face veils could hurt Austria's tourism industry. **T / F**
- e. There are now four countries in Europe to ban full-face veils. **T / F**
- f. Germany's leader does not want a full-face veil in Germany. **T / F**
- g. A Muslim group said the new law made some women criminals. **T / F**
- h. A supporter of the ban agreed women could wear the full-face veil. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- |                        |               |
|------------------------|---------------|
| <b>1. allowed</b>      | a. approving  |
| <b>2. protect</b>      | b. unjust     |
| <b>3. unfair</b>       | c. harm       |
| <b>4. tiny</b>         | d. limited    |
| <b>5. damage</b>       | e. permitted  |
| <b>6. introduced</b>   | f. backer     |
| <b>7. passing</b>      | g. started    |
| <b>8. a handful of</b> | h. keep safe  |
| <b>9. restricted</b>   | i. a few      |
| <b>10. supporter</b>   | j. very small |

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

- |  |                                |
|--|--------------------------------|
| 1. wear a full-face veil                     | a. on passing a ban            |
| 2. the law is to protect                     | b. decide not to visit Austria |
| 3. it goes against human rights              | c. the wearing of the veil     |
| 4. They put the number                       | d. in public                   |
| 5. They say many Muslim tourists will        | e. of fully veiled women       |
| 6. the third European country to ban         | f. and religious freedom       |
| 7. The Dutch government is currently working | g. of the ban                  |
| 8. wherever it is legally                    | h. at around 150               |
| 9. the "handful"                             | i. possible                    |
| 10. A supporter                              | j. traditional Austrian values |

# GAP FILL

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

A new law in Austria means there is now a ban on full-face veils. This means Muslim women will not be (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to wear a full-face veil in (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in the country. The new law says faces must be visible from the hairline to the (3) \_\_\_\_\_. The government said the law is to protect (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Austrian values. The law bans Muslim veils such as the burka or niqab. Muslim groups have said the law is very unfair because it goes (5) \_\_\_\_\_ human rights and religious freedom. They say that just a (6) \_\_\_\_\_ minority of Austrian Muslims wears full-face veils. They put the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ at around 150. Officials say the law will damage Austria's economy. They say many Muslim tourists will decide not to (8) \_\_\_\_\_ Austria.

*tiny*  
*public*  
*visit*  
*traditional*  
*allowed*  
*number*  
*against*  
*chin*

Austria is the third European country to ban the wearing of the veil. France and Belgium introduced (9) \_\_\_\_\_ bans in 2011. Other countries in Europe could (10) \_\_\_\_\_. The Dutch government is currently working on (11) \_\_\_\_\_ a ban and German Chancellor Angela Merkel has said that the full-face veil should be banned in Germany "wherever it is (12) \_\_\_\_\_ possible". Carla Amina Bhagajati of the Islamic Religious Community in Austria talked about how (13) \_\_\_\_\_ the new law is. She said the "(14) \_\_\_\_\_" of fully veiled women in Austria are (15) \_\_\_\_\_ "criminalized" and "restricted to their homes". A (16) \_\_\_\_\_ of the ban Emma Schwaiger said: "It's not right that those living here don't show their faces."

*passing*  
*unfair*  
*similar*  
*supporter*  
*legally*  
*now*  
*follow*  
*handful*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) The new law says faces must be visible from the hairline \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. of the chin
  - b. too the chin
  - c. at the chin
  - d. to the chin
- 2) The government said the law is to protect traditional \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Austrian values
  - b. Austrian valves
  - c. Austrian vales
  - d. Austrian valuables
- 3) the law is very unfair because it goes against human rights and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. religiously freedom
  - b. religion freedom
  - c. religions freedom
  - d. religious freedom
- 4) Officials say the law will damage \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Austria's economic
  - b. Austria's economy
  - c. Austria's economical
  - d. Austria's economically
- 5) They say many Muslim tourists will decide not \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to visits Austria
  - b. to visit Austria
  - c. to visited Austria
  - d. to visiting Austria
- 6) Austria is the third European country to ban the \_\_\_\_\_ veil
  - a. wear ring of the
  - b. wearing of the
  - c. wear in off the
  - d. wearing off the
- 7) The Dutch government is currently working on \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. pass in a ban
  - b. passing in a ban
  - c. passed in a ban
  - d. passing a ban
- 8) the full-face veil should be banned in Germany "wherever it is \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. legalize possible
  - b. legally possible
  - c. legality possible
  - d. legal lie possible
- 9) the "handful" of fully veiled women in Austria are \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. now "criminalized"
  - b. now "criminalizes"
  - c. now "criminalize"
  - d. now "criminalizing"
- 10) It's not right that those living here don't \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. shown their faces
  - b. shows their faces
  - c. show their faces
  - d. showed their faces

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

A new law in Austria means there is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ full-face veils. This means Muslim women will (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to wear a full-face veil in public in the country. The new law says faces must be visible from the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ chin. The government said the law is to protect traditional Austrian values. The law bans Muslim veils such as the burka or niqab. Muslim groups have said the law (4) \_\_\_\_\_ because it goes against human rights and religious freedom. They say that just (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of Austrian Muslims wears full-face veils. They put the number at around 150. Officials say the law will damage Austria's economy. They say many Muslim tourists will (6) \_\_\_\_\_ visit Austria.

Austria is the third European country to ban (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the veil. France and Belgium introduced (8) \_\_\_\_\_ 2011. Other countries in Europe could follow. The Dutch government is currently working (9) \_\_\_\_\_ ban and German Chancellor Angela Merkel has said that the full-face veil should be banned in Germany "wherever it is (10) \_\_\_\_\_". Carla Amina Bhagajati of the Islamic Religious Community in Austria talked about how (11) \_\_\_\_\_ law is. She said the "handful" of fully veiled women in Austria are now "criminalized" and "restricted to their homes". A supporter of the ban Emma Schwaiger said: "It's not right that those living (12) \_\_\_\_\_ their faces."

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. Where can't Muslims in Austria wear a full-face veil?
2. What did Austria's government say the law protected?
3. What kind of minority of Austrian women wear a full-face veil?
4. How many Muslim women might be wearing a full-face veil in Austria?
5. Who might decide not to visit Austria because of the ban?
6. How many countries have now banned the full-face veil?
7. When did Belgium start its ban on full-face veils?
8. Which government did the article say is currently working on a ban?
9. How many fully-veiled women did the article report were criminalized?
10. What did a supporter of the ban say people should show?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) Where can't Muslims in Austria wear a full-face veil?
  - a) at private parties
  - b) in airplanes
  - c) at home
  - d) in public
- 2) What did Austria's government say the law protected?
  - a) human rights
  - b) traditional values
  - c) women
  - d) religious freedom
- 3) What kind of minority of Austrian women wear a full-face veil?
  - a) a big majority
  - b) a good majority
  - c) a tiny minority
  - d) a sizeable minority
- 4) How many Muslim women might be wearing a full-face veil in Austria?
  - a) about 150
  - b) about 1,500
  - c) about 15,000
  - d) about 150,000
- 5) Who might decide not to visit Austria because of the ban?
  - a) supporters
  - b) women
  - c) Muslim tourists
  - d) a chancellor
- 6) How many countries have now banned the full-face veil?
  - a) 2
  - b) 3
  - c) 4
  - d) 5
- 7) When did Belgium start its ban on full-face veils?
  - a) 2009
  - b) 2012
  - c) 2010
  - d) 2011
- 8) Which government did the article say is currently working on a ban?
  - a) the Dutch government
  - b) the British government
  - c) the German government
  - d) the French government
- 9) How many fully-veiled women did the article report were criminalized?
  - a) thousands
  - b) tens of thousands
  - c) a handful
  - d) an unknown number
- 10) What did a supporter of the ban say people should show?
  - a) their passport
  - b) their face
  - c) their veil
  - d) their home

# ROLE PLAY

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

## **Role A – Drugs**

You think drugs are the most important thing to ban. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things shouldn't be banned. Also, tell the others which is the last of these that should be banned (and why): coal, guns or English homework.

## **Role B – Coal**

You think coal is the most important thing to ban. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things shouldn't be banned. Also, tell the others which is the last of these that should be banned (and why): drugs, guns or English homework.

## **Role C – Guns**

You think guns are the most important thing to ban. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things shouldn't be banned. Also, tell the others which is the last of these that should be banned (and why): coal, drugs or English homework.

## **Role D – English homework**

You think English homework is the most important thing to ban. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things shouldn't be banned. Also, tell the others which is the last of these that should be banned (and why): coal, guns or drugs.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

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

<b>veil</b>	<b>ban</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>• means</li><li>• visible</li><li>• values</li><li>• unfair</li><li>• number</li><li>• visit</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• similar</li><li>• currently</li><li>• passing</li><li>• legally</li><li>• handful</li><li>• show</li><li>•</li></ul>
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# VEILS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171003-veils.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.

# VEILS 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 word 'veil'?
3. Why are European countries banning the full-face veil?
4. What do you think of the ban?
5. Should people be allowed to wear what they want in public?
6. How might a full-face veil hurt a country's 'traditional values'?
7. Is the ban against human rights?
8. Is the law against the full-face veil unfair?
9. Are countries who ban the veil intolerant?
10. How could the ban hurt Austria's economy?

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# VEILS 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 word 'ban'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Should countries allow anyone to follow their religion?
15. What advice do you have for Muslim women in Austria?
16. Is the world becoming more intolerant?
17. How can different cultures live together better?
18. How do you think Muslim Austrians feel about the ban?
19. Why do people have to show their faces?
20. What questions would you like to ask Austria's leader?

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

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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

A new law in Austria means there is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a ban on full-face veils. This means Muslim women will not be allowed to wear a full-face veil (2) \_\_\_\_\_ public in the country. The new law says faces must be (3) \_\_\_\_\_ from the hairline to the chin. The government said the law is to protect traditional Austrian values. The law bans Muslim veils such (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the burka or niqab. Muslim groups have said the law is very unfair because it goes against human rights and (5) \_\_\_\_\_ freedom. They say that just a tiny minority of Austrian Muslims wears full-face veils. They put the number at around 150. Officials say the law will damage Austria's (6) \_\_\_\_\_. They say many Muslim tourists will decide not to visit Austria.

Austria is the third European country to ban the wearing (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the veil. France and Belgium introduced similar bans in 2011. Other countries in Europe could follow. The Dutch government is (8) \_\_\_\_\_ working on passing a ban and German Chancellor Angela Merkel has said that the full-face veil should (9) \_\_\_\_\_ banned in Germany "wherever it is legally possible". Carla Amina Bhagajati of the Islamic Religious Community in Austria talked about how unfair the new law is. She said the "(10) \_\_\_\_\_" of fully veiled women in Austria are now "criminalized" and "(11) \_\_\_\_\_ to their homes". A supporter of the ban Emma Schwaiger said: "It's not right that (12) \_\_\_\_\_ living here don't show their faces."

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

- |     |                 |                  |                  |                  |
|-----|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1.  | (a) know        | (b) knowing      | (c) now          | (d) none         |
| 2.  | (a) in          | (b) on           | (c) at           | (d) by           |
| 3.  | (a) visible     | (b) visibly      | (c) visibility   | (d) invisibility |
| 4.  | (a) as          | (b) is           | (c) was          | (d) has          |
| 5.  | (a) religiously | (b) religious    | (c) religions    | (d) religion     |
| 6.  | (a) economic    | (b) economically | (c) economize    | (d) economy      |
| 7.  | (a) for         | (b) off          | (c) of           | (d) from         |
| 8.  | (a) currants    | (b) currency     | (c) currents     | (d) currently    |
| 9.  | (a) be          | (b) being        | (c) been         | (d) was          |
| 10. | (a) heart full  | (b) handful      | (c) stomach full | (d) headful      |
| 11. | (a) restricts   | (b) restricted   | (c) restriction  | (d) restricting  |
| 12. | (a) them        | (b) they         | (c) those        | (d) these        |

# SPELLING

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

## Paragraph 1

1. faces must be blsivie
2. protect Intdaioaitr Austrian values
3. isrioegul freedom
4. just a tiny nyrmtiio
5. the law will damage Austria's yneocm.
6. otsursti will decide not to visit

## Paragraph 2

7. Belgium introduced rsalmii bans in 2011
8. crtelnyru working on passing a ban
9. wherever it is gayelll possible
10. how iafurn the new law is
11. rserietcdt to their homes
12. A puorspert of the ban

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

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

- ( ) economy. They say many Muslim tourists will decide not to visit Austria.
- ( ) in Germany "wherever it is legally possible". Carla Amina Bhagajati of the Islamic Religious Community in Austria
- ( ) bans in 2011. Other countries in Europe could follow. The Dutch government is currently working
- ( **1** ) A new law in Austria means there is now a ban on full-face veils. This means Muslim women will not be allowed
- ( ) talked about how unfair the new law is. She said the "handful" of fully veiled women in Austria are now
- ( ) said: "It's not right that those living here don't show their faces."
- ( ) on passing a ban and German Chancellor Angela Merkel has said that the full-face veil should be banned
- ( ) rights and religious freedom. They say that just a tiny minority of Austrian Muslims wears full-face veils. They put
- ( ) as the burka or niqab. Muslim groups have said the law is very unfair because it goes against human
- ( ) to the chin. The government said the law is to protect traditional Austrian values. The law bans Muslim veils such
- ( ) the number at around 150. Officials say the law will damage Austria's
- ( ) Austria is the third European country to ban the wearing of the veil. France and Belgium introduced similar
- ( ) "criminalized" and "restricted to their homes". A supporter of the ban Emma Schwaiger
- ( ) to wear a full-face veil in public in the country. The new law says faces must be visible from the hairline

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. new Austria now A in is ban law there a means .
2. public full- be in a not veil wear will face to Women allowed .
3. Muslim law groups is have very said unfair the .
4. will law the say Officials economy Austria's damage .
5. to tourists visit will Austria decide Many not Muslim .
6. veil the country the is European ban Austria third to .
7. currently The working Dutch on government a is ban .
8. in Banned possible legally is it wherever Germany .
9. Austria The women fully handful in veiled of .
10. faces living don't their Those here show .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

A new law in Austria means there is *now* / *know* a ban on full-face veils. This means Muslim women will not be allowed to wear a full-face veil *on* / *in* public in the country. The new law says faces must be *visibly* / *visible* from the hairline *to* / *up* the chin. The government said the law is to protect *traditional* / *traditionally* Austrian values. The law bans Muslim veils such *was* / *as* the burka or niqab. Muslim groups have said the law is very *unfairly* / *unfair* because it goes against human rights and religious freedom. They say that just a *tinny* / *tiny* minority of Austrian Muslims wears full-face veils. They put the *number* / *numbered* at around 150. Officials say the law will damage Austria's economy. They say many Muslim tourists will *decision* / *decide* not to visit Austria.

Austria is the third European country *for* / *to* ban the wearing of the veil. France and Belgium introduced similar bans *at* / *in* 2011. Other countries in Europe could *follow* / *following*. The Dutch government is *currently* / *currency* working on passing a ban and German Chancellor Angela Merkel has said that the full-face veil should *being* / *be* banned in Germany "wherever it is legally *possible* / *possibly*". Carla Amina Bhagajati of the Islamic Religious Community in Austria talked about *what* / *how* unfair the new law is. She said the "handful" of *filling* / *fully* veiled women in Austria are now "criminalized" and "restricted to *their* / *them* homes". A supporter of the ban Emma Schwaiger said: "It's not right that those living here don't *show* / *showing* their faces."

**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 <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171003-veils.html>

\_ n\_w l\_w \_n \_\_str\_\_ m\_\_ns th\_r\_ \_s n\_w \_ b\_n \_n  
f\_ll-f\_c\_ v\_\_ls. Th\_s m\_\_ns M\_sl\_m w\_m\_n w\_ll n\_t b\_  
\_ll\_w\_d t\_ w\_\_r \_ f\_ll-f\_c\_ v\_\_l \_n p\_bl\_c \_n th\_  
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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

a new law in austria means there is now a ban on full-face veils this means muslim women will not be allowed to wear a full-face veil in public in the country the new law says faces must be visible from the hairline to the chin the government said the law is to protect traditional australian values the law bans muslim veils such as the burka or niqab muslim groups have said the law is very unfair because it goes against human rights and religious freedom they say that just a tiny minority of australian muslims wears full-face veils they put the number at around 150 officials say the law will damage austria's economy they say many muslim tourists will decide not to visit austria

austria is the third european country to ban the wearing of the veil france and belgium introduced similar bans in 2011 other countries in europe could follow the dutch government is currently working on passing a ban and german chancellor angela merkel has said that the full-face veil should be banned in germany "wherever it is legally possible" carla amina bhagajati of the islamic religious community in austria talked about how unfair the new law is she said the "handful" of fully veiled women in austria are now "criminalized" and "restricted to their homes" a supporter of the ban emma schwaiger said "it's not right that those living here don't show their faces"

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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

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

**4. DRESS:** Write a magazine article about people being allowed to wear anything they want in public. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against 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 an expert on veils. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on bans on veils. 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. allowed      | a. permitted  |
| 2. protect      | b. keep safe  |
| 3. unfair       | c. unjust     |
| 4. tiny         | d. very small |
| 5. damage       | e. harm       |
| 6. introduced   | f. started    |
| 7. passing      | g. approving  |
| 8. a handful of | h. a few      |
| 9. restricted   | i. limited    |
| 10. supporter   | j. backer     |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. In public
2. Traditional Austrian values
3. A tiny majority
4. Around 150
5. Muslim tourists
6. Three
7. 2011
8. The Dutch government
9. A handful
10. Their faces

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. d    2. b    3. c    4. a    5. c    6. b    7. d    8. a    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 ;-)