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Level 5 – 9th December

UAE passport world's 'most powerful'

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THE READING

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The United Arab Emirates passport has risen to the top spot on the list of the most powerful passports. This is according to the Passport Index - an online service that provides insights on passports and visas. UAE passport holders now enjoy the greatest freedom of movement globally of anyone in the world. UAE passport holders can travel visa-free to 167 countries. The second most powerful passports are the Singaporean and German passports. The USA passport is ranked at number four. Holders of the Afghanistan passport have the least freedom of movement.

The UAE passport reached number one on the eve of the country's 47th National Day celebrations. The UAE prime minister expressed his pride in his country's achievement. He tweeted: "A big 'thank you' goes to the working teams for their great efforts to strengthen the UAE's status, enhance its reputation, and facilitate procedures for Emirati citizens. Congratulations to the UAE leadership and people." A Passport Index spokesman said: "The Emirati passport has witnessed unprecedented progress globally in the past few years, reflecting the international stature of the country."

Sources: <https://gulfnews.com/uae/government/now-no-1-uae-passport-most-powerful-in-the-world-1.1541685198560>
<https://www.thenational.ae/uae/uae-passport-ranked-most-powerful-globally-1.798029>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. risen to | a. at number four |
| 2. the list of the | b. to the Passport Index |
| 3. This is according | c. free to 167 countries |
| 4. an online service that | d. the top spot |
| 5. travel visa- | e. freedom of movement |
| 6. The second most | f. provides insights |
| 7. The USA passport is ranked | g. powerful passports |
| 8. have the least | h. most powerful passports |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. on the | a. efforts |
| 2. expressed his pride in his | b. progress |
| 3. A big 'thank you' goes to | c. status |
| 4. for their great | d. stature of the country |
| 5. strengthen the UAE's | e. eve of |
| 6. enhance | f. country's achievement |
| 7. unprecedented | g. the working teams |
| 8. the international | h. its reputation |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The UAE passport reached number one on (7) _____ the country's 47th National Day celebrations. The UAE prime minister expressed (8) _____ his country's achievement. He tweeted: "A big 'thank you' goes to the working teams for their great (9) _____ the UAE's status, enhance its reputation, and facilitate procedures for Emirati citizens. Congratulations to the UAE (10) _____." A Passport Index spokesman said: "The Emirati passport has witnessed unprecedented progress (11) _____ past few years, reflecting the international (12) _____ country."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PASSPORTS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181209-passport-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about passports 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) _____

