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UAE passport world's 'most powerful'

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THE ARTICLE

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

The passport of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has risen to the top spot on the list of the world's most powerful passports. This is according to the Passport Index - an online service that provides insights on passports and required visas. UAE passport holders now enjoy the greatest freedom of movement globally of any nationality in the world. The Passport Index shows that UAE passport holders can travel visa-free to 167 countries and require an entry visa from 31 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 achieved the number-one position on the eve of the country's 47th National Day celebrations. The Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, expressed his pride in his country's achievement in a tweet. He wrote: "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 for this worthy achievement." 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>
<http://www.arabnews.com/node/1414136/middle-east>

WARM-UPS

1. PASSPORTS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about passports. 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?

passport / UAE / the top spot / insights / freedom of movement / nationality / visa / number one / eve / celebrations / pride / achievement / strengthen / reputation

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

3. VISA-FREE: Students A **strongly** believe all travel should be visa-free; Students B **strongly** believe visas are necessary. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. COUNTRIES: What do you know about these countries and what do you want to know? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I know	What I want to know
UAE		
Singapore		
Germany		
Afghanistan		
Belize		
Namibia		

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

6. ACHIEVEMENTS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best achievements for a country at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Happiest country
- Richest country
- Safest country
- Best passport
- #1 tourist destination
- World Cup Final win
- Best universities
- Best healthcare

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 1. according to | a. A deep understanding of a person or thing. |
| 2. insight | b. A number in a system or scale representing value of something compared to other things. |
| 3. visa | c. As stated or written by or in. |
| 4. index | d. Gave someone or something a position or place within a grading system. |
| 5. require | e. Need for a particular purpose. |
| 6. ranked | f. A person who has or owns something (like a passport or sporting title). |
| 7. holder | g. A stamp or sticker in a passport that allows someone to enter, leave, or stay for a specified period of time in a country. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. eve | h. Importance or reputation gained by ability or achievement. |
| 9. independence | i. Communicated a thought or feeling in words or by gestures and conduct. |
| 10. celebration | j. A feeling or deep pleasure or satisfaction from one's own achievements, or the achievements of other people or things. |
| 11. expressed | k. The day or period of time immediately before an event or occasion. |
| 12. pride | l. The state of a country being free from outside control; not depending on another. |
| 13. reputation | m. The beliefs or opinions that are generally held about someone or something. |
| 14. stature | n. The action of marking one's pleasure at an important event or occasion by engaging in enjoyable, typically social, activity. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

- a. A website called Visa Index said the UAE passport was the world's best. **T / F**
- b. UAE passport holders can travel visa-free to 167 countries. **T / F**
- c. The USA passport holds the number three spot. **T / F**
- d. Afghanistan's passport holders have the least freedom of movement. **T / F**
- e. The UAE will hold its 50th National Day celebrations next year. **T / F**
- f. The article said the ruler of Abu Dhabi tweeted his thanks to his people. **T / F**
- g. The UAE's prime minister congratulated the UAE leadership. **T / F**
- h. A website said the UAE's passport reflected the country's global stature. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| 1. risen | a. attained |
| 2. insights | b. need |
| 3. holders | c. importance |
| 4. require | d. bearers |
| 5. ranked | e. good name |
| 6. achieved | f. understanding |
| 7. eve | g. noble |
| 8. reputation | h. day before |
| 9. worthy | i. classified |
| 10. stature | j. ascended |

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

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. risen to the top | a. insights on passports |
| 2. This is according | b. 'thank you' |
| 3. an online service that provides | c. of movement |
| 4. passport holders can travel visa- | d. stature of the country |
| 5. the least freedom | e. pride |
| 6. expressed his | f. to the Passport Index |
| 7. A big | g. progress |
| 8. enhance its | h. spot on the list |
| 9. unprecedented | i. free to 167 countries |
| 10. reflecting the international | j. reputation |

GAP FILL

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

The passport of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has (1) _____ to the top spot on the list of the world's most powerful passports. This is (2) _____ to the Passport Index - an online service that provides insights on passports and (3) _____ visas. UAE passport holders now enjoy the greatest (4) _____ of movement globally of any nationality in the world. The Passport Index shows that UAE passport holders can travel (5) _____ to 167 countries and require an (6) _____ visa from 31 countries. The second most powerful passports are the Singaporean and German passports. The USA passport is (7) _____ at number four. Holders of the Afghanistan passport have the (8) _____ freedom of movement.

*freedom
entry
required
least
according
ranked
visa-free
risen*

The UAE passport (9) _____ the number-one position on the eve of the country's 47th National Day (10) _____. The Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, expressed his (11) _____ in his country's achievement in a tweet. He wrote: "A big 'thank you' goes to the working teams for their great (12) _____ to strengthen the UAE's status, enhance its reputation, and (13) _____ procedures for Emirati citizens. Congratulations to the UAE leadership and people for this (14) _____ achievement." A Passport Index spokesman said: "The Emirati passport has (15) _____ unprecedented progress globally in the past few years, reflecting the international (16) _____ of the country."

*celebrations
facilitate
witnessed
achieved
stature
efforts
pride
worthy*

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) The passport of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has risen to the top _____ list
 - a. spotty on the
 - b. spotted on the
 - c. spotter on the
 - d. spot on the
- 2) an online service that provides insights on passports and _____
 - a. require the visas
 - b. requirement visas
 - c. required visas
 - d. requiring visas
- 3) The Passport Index shows that UAE passport holders can travel visa-_____ countries
 - a. free 267
 - b. free to 267
 - c. free to 167
 - d. free two 167
- 4) The USA passport is _____ number four
 - a. ranked at
 - b. ranked that
 - c. rank that
 - d. rank tat
- 5) Holders of the Afghanistan passport have the _____ movement
 - a. lest freedom of
 - b. least freedom of
 - c. last freedom of
 - d. lost freedom of
- 6) The UAE passport achieved the number-one position _____
 - a. on the ewe
 - b. on the leave
 - c. on the eve
 - d. on the evening
- 7) His Highness Sheikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, _____
 - a. expressed his proud
 - b. expressed his pride
 - c. expressed his played
 - d. expressed his plied
- 8) Congratulations to the UAE leadership and people for this _____
 - a. worth he achievement
 - b. swarthy achievement
 - c. were thee achievement
 - d. worthy achievement
- 9) The Emirati passport has witnessed unprecedented progress globally _____ years
 - a. in the post flew
 - b. inner past flew
 - c. in the past few
 - d. inner past few
- 10) reflecting the international _____ country
 - a. stature of the
 - b. statute of the
 - c. statue of the
 - d. stat chew of the

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What is the name of the website which created the passport list?
2. How many countries can UAE passport holders travel to visa-free?
3. What passports are the second most powerful?
4. Where is the USA passport ranked?
5. Which passport affords its bearer the least freedom of movement?
6. What National Day celebrations has the UAE just held?
7. What other position does the UAE's prime minister hold?
8. How did His Highness Sheikh Mohammad Al Maktoum thank people?
9. What did Sheikh Mohammad Al Maktoum say had been enhanced?
10. What progress did a passport website say the UAE passport had made?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What is the name of the website which created the passport list?
 - a) Passport Index
 - b) Visa Index
 - c) Tourism Index
 - d) Travel Index
- 2) How many countries can UAE passport holders travel to visa-free?
 - a) 176
 - b) 47
 - c) 167
 - d) 31
- 3) What passports are the second most powerful?
 - a) the USA and British passports
 - b) the Singaporean and USA passports
 - c) the USA and German passports
 - d) the Singaporean and German passports
- 4) Where is the USA passport ranked?
 - a) second
 - b) fourth
 - c) third
 - d) eighth
- 5) Which passport affords its bearer the least freedom of movement?
 - a) Afghanistan's
 - b) Iraq's
 - c) Yemen's
 - d) Syria's
- 6) What National Day celebrations has the UAE just held?
 - a) its 48th National Day celebrations
 - b) its 49th National Day celebrations
 - c) its 46th National Day celebrations
 - d) its 47th National Day celebrations
- 7) What other position does the UAE's prime minister hold?
 - a) Finance Minister
 - b) Secretary of State
 - c) Ruler of Dubai
 - d) Foreign Secretary
- 8) How did His Highness Sheikh Mohammad Al Maktoum thank people?
 - a) on TV
 - b) via Twitter
 - c) on radio
 - d) in a newspaper
- 9) What did Sheikh Mohammad Al Maktoum say had been enhanced?
 - a) the UAE's tourism industry
 - b) UAE visas
 - c) the UAE's reputation
 - d) diplomatic relations
- 10) What progress did a passport website say the UAE passport had made?
 - a) slight progress
 - b) unprecedented progress
 - c) steady progress
 - d) unheard-of progress

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Strongest Passport

You think having the strongest passport is the biggest achievement for a country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their achievements. Also, tell the others which is the least worthy of these (and why): richest country, World Cup champions or best universities.

Role B – Richest Country

You think being the richest country is the biggest achievement for a country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their achievements. Also, tell the others which is the least worthy of these (and why): strongest passport, World Cup champions or best universities.

Role C – World Cup Champions

You think being World Cup champions is the biggest achievement for a country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their achievements. Also, tell the others which is the least worthy of these (and why): richest country, strongest passport or best universities.

Role D – Best Universities

You think having the best universities is the biggest achievement for a country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their achievements. Also, tell the others which is the least worthy of these (and why): richest country, World Cup champions or strongest passport.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

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

passport	visa

- 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">• spot• according• enjoy• free• 31• least	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• eve• ruler• pride• big• worthy• few
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PASSPORTS SURVEY

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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.

PASSPORTS 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 'passport'?
3. How strong is the passport of your country?
4. Why is the UAE passport so strong?
5. What do you think of your passport?
6. Why are passports necessary?
7. How useful is visa-free travel?
8. Should we be able to travel freely anywhere in the world?
9. What different kinds of visas are there?
10. What will passports of the future be like?

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PASSPORTS 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 'visa'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How important are passports?
15. What do you know about the UAE?
16. How does your country celebrate its independence day?
17. How proud are you of your country?
18. What is your country's biggest achievement?
19. What is the international stature of your country?
20. What questions would you like to ask the Passport Index?

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

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) riser | (b) arisen | (c) risen | (d) rising |
| 2. | (a) to | (b) by | (c) of | (d) at |
| 3. | (a) required | (b) requires | (c) requirement | (d) requiring |
| 4. | (a) free | (b) freely | (c) freed | (d) freedom |
| 5. | (a) by | (b) on | (c) in | (d) at |
| 6. | (a) lost | (b) last | (c) lest | (d) least |
| 7. | (a) eve | (b) ewe | (c) ere | (d) ebb |
| 8. | (a) proud | (b) proudly | (c) proudest | (d) pride |
| 9. | (a) goes | (b) comes | (c) enters | (d) thanks |
| 10. | (a) swarthy | (b) worthy | (c) earthy | (d) pithy |
| 11. | (a) juror | (b) witnessed | (c) judged | (d) observe |
| 12. | (a) reflecting | (b) mirror | (c) deflects | (d) shines |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. the world's most rwoeupfl passports
2. This is dcorancgi to the Passport Index
3. an online service that provides stgnhsii
4. of any tiaonynlai in the world
5. rriuege an entry visa from 31 countries
6. have the least freedom of meonvtme

Paragraph 2

7. vehiedca the number-one position
8. National Day eestlracobni
9. pride in his country's cithnmveeea
10. efforts to strengthen the UAE's sastut
11. facilitate epuesdrocr for Emirati citizens
12. pdcnuedtere progress

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () celebrations. The Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum,
- () powerful passports. This is according to the Passport Index - an online service that provides insights
- () four. Holders of the Afghanistan passport have the least freedom of movement.
- () on passports and required visas. UAE passport holders now enjoy the greatest freedom of movement globally of any nationality
- () you' goes to the working teams for their great efforts to strengthen the UAE's status, enhance its
- () The UAE passport achieved the number-one position on the eve of the country's 47th National Day
- () reputation, and facilitate procedures for Emirati citizens. Congratulations to the UAE leadership and people for this worthy
- () free to 167 countries and require an entry visa from 31 countries. The second most powerful passports
- () in the world. The Passport Index shows that UAE passport holders can travel visa-
- () are the Singaporean and German passports. The USA passport is ranked at number
- () progress globally in the past few years, reflecting the international stature of the country."
- () achievement." A Passport Index spokesman said: "The Emirati passport has witnessed unprecedented
- () expressed his pride in his country's achievement in a tweet. He wrote: "A big 'thank
- (**1**) The passport of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has risen to the top spot on the list of the world's most

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. the risen has spot. top to The UAE
2. holders greatest freedom enjoy of movement. Passport the
3. can travel 167 countries. visa-free to holders Passport
4. entry countries. Require 31 visa from an
5. number ranked at is four. passport The USA
6. National its eve Day On the celebrations. of
7. to 'thank teams. you' goes A the big
8. UAE's Their status. great to efforts the strengthen
9. citizens. its facilitate procedures for reputation and Enhance
10. Emirati witnessed passport globally. has The unprecedented progress

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

The passport of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has *arisen / risen* to the top spot on the list of the world's *most / must* powerful passports. This is according to the Passport Index - an online service that provides *sights / insights* on passports and *requirement / required* visas. UAE passport holders now enjoy the greatest *freely / freedom* of movement globally of any nationality in the world. The Passport Index *shows / shown* that UAE passport holders can travel visa-free *in / to* 167 countries and require an entry visa from 31 countries. The second most *powerfully / powerful* passports are the Singaporean and German passports. The USA passport is *ranked / raked* at number four. Holders of the Afghanistan passport have the *least / last* freedom of movement.

The UAE passport achieved the number-one position on the *eve / ewe* of the country's 47th National Day *celebratory / celebrations*. The Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, expressed his *proud / pride* in his country's achievement in a tweet. He wrote: "A big 'thank you' *goes / go* to the working teams for their great efforts to *stronger / strengthen* the UAE's status, enhance its *reputation / repetition*, and facilitate procedures for Emirati citizens. Congratulations to the UAE leadership and people for this *worthy / worth* achievement." A Passport Index spokesman said: "The Emirati passport has *witnesses / witnessed* unprecedented progress *globe / globally* in the past few years, reflecting the international *stature / statute* of the country."

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)

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Th_ p_s s p_r t _f_ th_ U n_t_d A r_b E m_r_t_s (U A E) h_s r_s_n t_ th_ t_p s p_t _n_ th_ l_s t _f_ th_ w_r_l d 's m_s t p_w_r f_l p_s s p_r t s . Th_s _s _c c_r d_n g t_ th_ P_s s p_r t I n d_x - _n_ _n l_n_ s_r v_c_ th_t p_r_v_d_s _n_s_g_h_t_s _n_ p_s s p_r t s _n_d r_q__ r_d v_s_s . U A E p_s s p_r t h_l d_r s n_w _n_j_y th_ g_r__ t_s t f_r__ d_m _f_ m_v_m_n t g_l_b_l_l_y _f_ _n_y n_t__ n_l_t_y _n_ th_ w_r_l d . Th_ P_s s p_r t I n d_x s h_w_s th_t U A E p_s s p_r t h_l d_r s c_n t_r_v_l v_s_- f_r__ t_ 167 c__ n t_r__ s _n_d r_q__ r_ _n_ _n t_r_y v_s_ f_r_m 31 c__ n t_r__ s . Th_ s_c_n d m_s t p_w_r f_l p_s s p_r t s _r_ th_ S_n g_p_r__ n _n_d G_r m_n p_s s p_r t s . Th_ U S A p_s s p_r t _s r_n k_d _t_ n_m b_r f__ r . H_l d_r s _f_ th_ A f g h_n_s t_n p_s s p_r t h_v_ th_ l__ s t f_r__ d_m _f_ m_v_m_n t .

Th_ U A E p_s s p_r t _c h__ v_d th_ n_m b_r -_n_ p_s_t__ n _n_ th_ _v_ _f_ th_ c__ n t_r_y 's 47 th N_t__ n_l D_y c_l_b_r_t__ n_s . Th_ P_r_m_ M_n_s t_r _f_ th_ U A E _n_d R_l_r _f_ D_b__ , H_s H_g h_n_s s S h__ k_h M_h_m m_d B_n R_s h_d A l M_k t__ m , _x p_r_s s_d h_s p_r_d__ n h_s c__ n t_r_y 's _c h__ v_m_n t _n_ _t_w__ t . H_ w_r_t_: " A b_g 't h_n k y__ ' g__ s t_ th_ w_r k_n g t__ m_s f_r t h__ r g_r__ t _f f_r t_s t_ s t_r_n g t_h_n th_ U A E ' s s t_t_s , _n h_n c_ _t_s r_p_t_t__ n , _n_d f_c_l_t_t_ p_r_c_d_r_s f_r E m_r_t_ c_t_z_n_s . C_n g_r_t_l_t__ n s t_ th_ U A E l__ d_r s h_p _n_d p__ p_l_ f_r th_s w_r t_h_y _c h__ v_m_n t . " A P_s s p_r t I n d_x s p_k_s m_n s__ d : " Th_ E m_r_t_ p_s s p_r t h_s w_t_n_s s_d _n p_r_c_d_n t_d p_r_g_r_s s g_l_b_l_l_y _n th_ p_s t f_w y__ r_s , r_f_l_c_t_n g th_ _n t_r n_t__ n_l s t_t_r_ _f_ th_ c__ n t_r_y . "

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the uae passport achieved the number-one position on the eve of the country's 47th national day celebrations. the prime minister of the uae and ruler of dubai, his highness sheikh mohammad bin rashid al maktoum, expressed his pride in his country's achievement in a tweet. he wrote: "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 for this worthy achievement." 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."

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

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

4. VISA-FREE TRAVEL: Write a magazine article about all travel being visa-free. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 passports. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make passports better. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. a 3. g 4. b 5. e 6. d 7. f
8. k 9. l 10. n 11. i 12. j 13. m 14. h

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b T c F d T e F f F g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|---------------|------------------|
| 1. risen | a. ascended |
| 2. insights | b. understanding |
| 3. holders | c. bearers |
| 4. require | d. need |
| 5. ranked | e. classified |
| 6. achieved | f. attained |
| 7. eve | g. day before |
| 8. reputation | h. good name |
| 9. worthy | i. noble |
| 10. stature | j. importance |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Passport Index
- 167
- The Singaporean and German passports
- Fourth
- Afghanistan's
- Its 47th National Day celebrations
- The Ruler of Dubai
- On Twitter
- The UAE's reputation
- Unprecedented progress

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- The UAE has risen to the top spot.
- Passport holders enjoy the greatest freedom of movement.
- Passport holders can travel visa-free to 167 countries.
- Require an entry visa from 31 countries.
- The USA passport is ranked at number four.
- On the eve of its National Day celebrations.
- A big 'thank you' goes to the teams.
- Their great efforts to strengthen the UAE's status.
- Enhance its reputation and facilitate procedures for citizens.
- The Emirati passport has witnessed unprecedented progress globally.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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