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Level 2 – 18th September, 2019

Oil prices rise after Saudi drone attacks

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190918-saudi-drone-attack-2.html>

Oil prices increased on Monday after the attacks on oil plants in Saudi Arabia. It was the biggest rise in a decade. Prices shot up by nearly 20 per cent - the biggest one-day rise since the 1990-91 Gulf War. Saudi Arabia's Energy Minister said the drone attack on Saudi's Abqaiq oil plant cut the country's oil production in half, and global oil production by five per cent. It could take weeks to repair the damage. During this time, we could pay higher gasoline prices, especially in Asia. People may also have to pay higher prices for food and other goods.

Yemen's Houthi group claimed responsibility for the attacks. The group said they were because of Saudi attacks on rebel groups in Yemen. Iran's President supported the Houthi claim. He said the attack was self defense. He said: "Yemeni people are exercising their legitimate right of defense. The attack was a...response to years of Saudi aggression against Yemen." Arab countries say there is evidence that the weapons used in the attack were made by Iran. U.S. officials suggest the attacks came from either Iraq or Iran and not Yemen. Iranian officials called this "maximum lies".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. It was the biggest rise | a. production in half |
| 2. the biggest one- | b. to pay |
| 3. cut the country's oil | c. day rise |
| 4. global oil | d. and other goods |
| 5. It could take weeks to | e. in a decade |
| 6. pay higher | f. repair the damage |
| 7. People may also have | g. production |
| 8. higher prices for food | h. gasoline prices |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Yemen's Houthi group claimed | a. either Iraq or Iran |
| 2. attacks on rebel groups | b. responsibility |
| 3. the attack was self | c. this "maximum lies" |
| 4. their legitimate right | d. defense |
| 5. a response to years | e. in the attack |
| 6. the weapons used | f. of defense |
| 7. the attacks came from | g. of Saudi aggression |
| 8. Iranian officials called | h. in Yemen |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Yemen's Houthi group claimed responsibility (7) _____. The group said they were because of Saudi attacks (8) _____ in Yemen. Iran's President supported the Houthi claim. He said the attack was self defense. He said: "Yemeni people (9) _____ legitimate right of defense. The attack was a... (10) _____ of Saudi aggression against Yemen." Arab countries say there is evidence that (11) _____ in the attack were made by Iran. U.S. officials suggest the attacks came from either Iraq or Iran and not Yemen. Iranian officials called (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SAUDI DRONE ATTACKS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190918-saudi-drone-attack-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Saudi drone attacks 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) _____

