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Oil prices rise after Saudi drone attacks

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THE ARTICLE

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

Oil prices soared on Monday after the drone attacks on oil plants in Saudi Arabia. Prices saw their biggest rise in a decade. At one point, prices shot up by nearly 20 per cent. This is the biggest one-day rise since the 1990-91 Gulf War. Saudi Arabia's Energy Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman said the drone attack on Saudi Arabia's Abqaiq oil plant cut the kingdom's oil production in half. The attacks will cut the world's daily oil production by five per cent. The Bloomberg news agency said it could take weeks for Saudi to repair the damage. During this time, people could see higher gasoline prices at the pumps, especially in Asia. People may also have to pay higher prices for food and other goods.

Yemen's Houthi group has claimed responsibility for the attacks in Saudi Arabia. The group said the attacks were because of Saudi Arabia's attacks on rebel groups in Yemen. Iran's President Hassan Rouhani supported the Houthi claim. He called the attack an act of self defense. He said: "Yemeni people are exercising their legitimate right of defense. The attack was a reciprocal response to years of Saudi aggression against Yemen." However, an Arab coalition says there is evidence that the weapons used to strike the Saudi oil plants were made by Iran. U.S. officials say satellite images suggest the attacks came from either Iraq or Iran and not Yemen. Iranian officials called the U.S. allegations "maximum lies".

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WARM-UPS

1. SAUDI DRONE ATTACKS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about the Saudi drone attacks. 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?

oil prices / drones / decade / Saudi Arabia / prices / half / news agency / pumps / food responsibility / rebel group / attack / legitimate / aggression / coalition / satellite / lies

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

3. WAR: Students A **strongly** believe there will be a big war in the Gulf (beyond that of the Yemen crisis); Students B **strongly** believe not. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. PRICES: How fair are the prices you pay for these things? How would higher prices affect you? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	The Price You Pay	A Higher Price
Internet		
Transport		
Housing		
Water		
Newspapers		
Jeans		

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

6. THE PLAYERS: Rank these with your partner. Put the players who can best keep this crisis peaceful at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Saudi Arabia
- Houthis
- USA
- Iran
- Arab League
- United Nations
- Yemen's government
- Other _____

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1. soared | a. Making something good again by fixing or repairing it. |
| 2. plant | b. A machine used to put liquids, gases, or air into cars, tires, and other things. |
| 3. decade | c. Increased rapidly above the usual level. |
| 4. production | d. A place where an industrial or manufacturing process takes place. |
| 5. repair | e. The action of making things from parts or raw materials. |
| 6. damage | f. Physical harm. |
| 7. pump | g. A period of ten years. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| 8. responsibility | h. Angry or violent behavior or attitudes toward another person or country. |
| 9. rebel | i. A reaction to something. |
| 10. claim | j. The action of stopping harm happening to yourself by fighting back or by taking other actions. |
| 11. self defense | k. The state or fact of being to blame for something. |
| 12. response | l. Make someone think that (something) exists or is true. |
| 13. aggression | m. A person who fights against a government or ruler. |
| 14. suggest | n. A statement that (some) people say is not true or in doubt. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

- a. Oil prices rose by the biggest amount in ten years. **T / F**
- b. Oil prices rose by the largest one-day amount since 1991. **T / F**
- c. The attacks have cut the world's oil production by 10 per cent. **T / F**
- d. People in Asia will not be affected by price rises. **T / F**
- e. A rebel group in Yemen said it carried out the attacks. **T / F**
- f. Iran's President said the attack was not self defense. **T / F**
- g. A group of Arab countries said Iran played no part in the attack. **T / F**
- h. The USA said the attacks came from Yemen. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. soared | a. declared |
| 2. decade | b. fix |
| 3. cut | c. genuine |
| 4. repair | d. untruths |
| 5. especially | e. ten years |
| 6. claimed | f. proof |
| 7. supported | g. particularly |
| 8. legitimate | h. rose |
| 9. evidence | i. backed |
| 10. lies | j. reduced |

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

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Oil prices | a. images |
| 2. Prices saw their biggest rise | b. daily oil production |
| 3. the biggest one- | c. groups |
| 4. The attacks will cut the world's | d. at the pumps |
| 5. higher gasoline prices | e. of self defense |
| 6. Yemen's Houthi group has claimed | f. in a decade |
| 7. rebel | g. coalition |
| 8. He called the attack an act | h. soared on Monday |
| 9. an Arab | i. responsibility |
| 10. satellite | j. day rise |

GAP FILL

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

Oil prices (1) _____ on Monday after the drone attacks on oil plants in Saudi Arabia. Prices saw their biggest rise in a (2) _____. At one point, prices shot up by nearly 20 per cent. This is the biggest one-day rise (3) _____ the 1990-91 Gulf War. Saudi Arabia's Energy Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman said the drone attack on Saudi Arabia's Abqaiq oil plant (4) _____ the kingdom's oil production in half. The attacks will cut the world's (5) _____ oil production by five per cent. The Bloomberg news agency said it could take weeks for Saudi to repair the damage. During this (6) _____, people could see higher gasoline (7) _____ at the pumps, especially in Asia. People may also have to pay higher prices for food and other (8) _____.

since
time
soared
goods
cut
prices
decade
daily

Yemen's Houthi group has (9) _____ responsibility for the attacks in Saudi Arabia. The group said the attacks were because of Saudi Arabia's attacks on (10) _____ groups in Yemen. Iran's President Hassan Rouhani supported the Houthi claim. He called the attack an (11) _____ of self defense. He said: "Yemeni people are exercising their legitimate right of defense. The attack was a reciprocal response to (12) _____ of Saudi aggression against Yemen." However, an Arab coalition says there is (13) _____ that the (14) _____ used to strike the Saudi oil plants were made by Iran. U.S. officials say satellite images suggest the attacks came from (15) _____ Iraq or Iran and not Yemen. Iranian officials called the U.S. allegations "maximum (16) _____".

rebel
evidence
either
years
claimed
lies
weapons
act

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) Oil prices soared on Monday after the drone attacks _____
 - a. in oil plants
 - b. of oil plants
 - c. on oil plants
 - d. as oil plants
- 2) Prices saw their biggest rise _____
 - a. in a decadence
 - b. in a decanter
 - c. in a decade
 - d. in a decades
- 3) the drone attack on Saudi Arabia's Abqaiq oil plant cut the kingdom's oil _____
 - a. production in half
 - b. production on half
 - c. production at half
 - d. production of half
- 4) The Bloomberg news agency said it could take weeks for Saudi to _____
 - a. repair a damage
 - b. repair the damage
 - c. repair them damage
 - d. repair there damage
- 5) People may also have to pay higher prices for food _____
 - a. and other goodness
 - b. and other goodies
 - c. and other goods
 - d. and other good
- 6) The group said the attacks were because of Saudi Arabia's attacks _____
 - a. on rebuilt groups
 - b. on libel groups
 - c. on revel groups
 - d. on rebel groups
- 7) The attack was a reciprocal response to years of _____
 - a. Saudi aggressive
 - b. Saudi aggressing
 - c. Saudi aggressively
 - d. Saudi aggression
- 8) However, an Arab coalition says _____
 - a. there is evidenced
 - b. there is evidence
 - c. there is evidential
 - d. there is evident
- 9) U.S. officials say satellite images suggest the attacks came from _____ Iran
 - a. either Iraq or
 - b. ether Iraq or
 - c. dither Iraq or
 - d. teeter Iraq or
- 10) Iranian officials called the U.S. allegations " _____ "
 - a. maximum allies
 - b. maximum lies
 - c. maximum allays
 - d. maximum lays

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

Oil prices soared on Monday (1) _____ attacks on oil plants in Saudi Arabia. Prices saw their biggest rise (2) _____. At one point, prices shot up by nearly 20 per cent. This is the biggest one-day (3) _____ 1990-91 Gulf War. Saudi Arabia's Energy Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman said the drone attack on Saudi Arabia's Abqaiq oil plant cut the kingdom's oil (4) _____. The attacks will cut the world's daily oil production by five per cent. The Bloomberg news agency said it could take weeks for Saudi to (5) _____. During this time, people could see higher gasoline prices at the pumps, especially in Asia. People may also have to pay higher prices for food (6) _____.

Yemen's Houthi (7) _____ responsibility for the attacks in Saudi Arabia. The group said the attacks were because of Saudi Arabia's attacks (8) _____ in Yemen. Iran's President Hassan Rouhani supported the Houthi claim. He called the (9) _____ of self defense. He said: "Yemeni people are exercising their legitimate right of defense. The attack was a reciprocal (10) _____ of Saudi aggression against Yemen." However, an Arab coalition says there is evidence that (11) _____ to strike the Saudi oil plants were made by Iran. U.S. officials say satellite images suggest the attacks (12) _____ Iraq or Iran and not Yemen. Iranian officials called the U.S. allegations "maximum lies".

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. When was the previous record one-day price rise?
2. How much of the world's oil production has the attack reduced?
3. How long might it take Saudi Arabia to repair the damage?
4. What could increase in price at the pumps?
5. Where in particular might people have to pay higher prices for food?
6. Who claimed responsibility for the attacks?
7. What did Iran's President say the attack was an act of?
8. Where did an Arab coalition say the weapons were made?
9. What did the USA use to say the attacks came from Iraq or Iran?
10. What kind of lies did Iran call American claims?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) When was the previous record one-day price rise?
 - a) 1993-94
 - b) 1999
 - c) 1990-91
 - d) 2008
- 2) How much of the world's oil production has the attack reduced?
 - a) 5%
 - b) 10%
 - c) 7.5%
 - d) 3%
- 3) How long might it take Saudi Arabia to repair the damage?
 - a) years
 - b) days
 - c) months
 - d) weeks
- 4) What could increase in price at the pumps?
 - a) air
 - b) gasoline
 - c) toothpaste
 - d) borrowing
- 5) Where in particular might people have to pay higher prices for food?
 - a) Europe
 - b) Qatar
 - c) Asia
 - d) Iran
- 6) Who claimed responsibility for the attacks?
 - a) ISIS
 - b) Houthi rebels
 - c) no one
 - d) al Qaeda
- 7) What did Iran's President say the attack was an act of?
 - a) madness
 - b) defiance
 - c) revenge
 - d) self defense
- 8) Where did an Arab coalition say the weapons were made?
 - a) the UK
 - b) Iran
 - c) France
 - d) Russia
- 9) What did the USA use to say the attacks came from Iraq or Iran?
 - a) satellite images
 - b) pieces of a drone
 - c) the Internet
 - d) guesswork
- 10) What kind of lies did Iran call American claims?
 - a) damned lies
 - b) white lies
 - c) huge lies
 - d) maximum lies

ROLE PLAY

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

Role A – Saudi Arabia

You think Saudi Arabia is in the best position to keep the peace in the region. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their players aren't as effective. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): the USA, the United Nations or Yemen.

Role B – The USA

You think the USA is in the best position to keep the peace in the region. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their players aren't as effective. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): Saudi Arabia, the United Nations or Yemen.

Role C – The United Nations

You think the United Nations is in the best position to keep the peace in the region. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their players aren't as effective. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): the USA, Saudi Arabia or Yemen.

Role D – Yemen

You think Yemen is in the best position to keep the peace in the region. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their players aren't as effective. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): the USA, the United Nations or Saudi Arabia.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

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

oil	price
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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">• soared• point• since• half• five• goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• claimed• rebel• act• response• strike• lies
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SAUDI DRONE ATTACKS SURVEY

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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.

SAUDI DRONE ATTACKS 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 'oil'?
3. What do you think of the Saudi drone attacks?
4. How important are oil prices?
5. How important is oil?
6. How dangerous is the situation in Saudi Arabia?
7. How will rising oil prices affect you?
8. How could you change your lifestyle to avoid higher prices?
9. How will this story continue in the coming weeks?
10. What advice do you have for Saudi Arabia?

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SAUDI DRONE ATTACKS 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 'price'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about the Houthi rebels?
15. Why are Saudi Arabia and Yemen fighting?
16. What is the worst thing that could happen next?
17. What is the role of Iran in this story?
18. What should the USA do here?
19. What do you think will happen in the next week?
20. What questions would you like to ask the Saudi government?

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) seared | (b) soared | (c) shored | (d) stored |
| 2. | (a) at | (b) in | (c) on | (d) of |
| 3. | (a) during | (b) by | (c) for | (d) since |
| 4. | (a) at | (b) in | (c) of | (d) as |
| 5. | (a) weekend | (b) week | (c) weekly | (d) weeks |
| 6. | (a) good | (b) goodness | (c) goods | (d) goodies |
| 7. | (a) claimed | (b) clammed | (c) climbed | (d) clamored |
| 8. | (a) libel | (b) revel | (c) rebel | (d) liver |
| 9. | (a) shelf | (b) gulf | (c) half | (d) self |
| 10. | (a) aggression | (b) agro | (c) aggressive | (d) aggressor |
| 11. | (a) strike | (b) slap | (c) smack | (d) tap |
| 12. | (a) either | (b) ether | (c) ever | (d) every |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Oil prices sdreoa on Monday
2. their biggest rise in a deaecd
3. cut the kingdom's oil cniprotudo in half
4. news egaync
5. eiparr the damage
6. cieellysap in Asia

Paragraph 2

7. claimed iibloyirstesnp for the attacks
8. attacks on lreeb groups in Yemen
9. an act of self dfneseec
10. their aiglhteime right
11. an Arab coalition says there is veedecni
12. called the U.S. allegations "amxmimu lies"

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () Yemen." However, an Arab coalition says there is evidence that the weapons used to strike the Saudi oil
- () plants were made by Iran. U.S. officials say satellite images suggest the attacks came from either
- () of Saudi Arabia's attacks on rebel groups in Yemen. Iran's President Hassan Rouhani supported the Houthi
- () the 1990-91 Gulf War. Saudi Arabia's Energy Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman said the drone attack
- () Yemen's Houthi group has claimed responsibility for the attacks in Saudi Arabia. The group said the attacks were because
- () of defense. The attack was a reciprocal response to years of Saudi aggression against
- () prices at the pumps, especially in Asia. People may also have to pay higher prices for food and other goods.
- () claim. He called the attack an act of self defense. He said: "Yemeni people are exercising their legitimate right
- (**1**) Oil prices soared on Monday after the drone attacks on oil plants in Saudi Arabia. Prices saw their biggest
- () on Saudi Arabia's Abqaiq oil plant cut the kingdom's oil production in half. The attacks will cut
- () rise in a decade. At one point, prices shot up by nearly 20 per cent. This is the biggest one-day rise since
- () the world's daily oil production by five per cent. The Bloomberg news agency said it could take
- () weeks for Saudi to repair the damage. During this time, people could see higher gasoline
- () Iraq or Iran and not Yemen. Iranian officials called the U.S. allegations "maximum lies".

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. drone Monday after soared the Prices on attacks .
2. the since 1990-91 rise one-day War . Gulf The biggest
3. the Take to repair for weeks damage . Saudi
4. at pumps . higher the see prices could People
5. have prices . People higher to also pay may
6. responsibility the Yemen's attacks . Houthi group for claimed
7. the called act an self-defense . He of attack
8. years to aggression . A reciprocal response Saudi of
9. says However, is Arab coalition there an evidence .
10. lies" . US "maximum officials allegations called Iranian the

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

Oil prices *soared / seared* on Monday after the drone attacks on oil plants in Saudi Arabia. Prices *sawn / saw* their biggest rise in a decade. At *one / once* point, prices shot up *at / by* nearly 20 per cent. This is the biggest one-day rise *since / for* the 1990-91 Gulf War. Saudi Arabia's Energy Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman said the drone attack on Saudi Arabia's Abqaiq oil plant cut the kingdom's oil production *in / on* half. The attacks will cut the world's daily oil production *at / by* five per cent. The Bloomberg news agency said it could take weeks for Saudi to repair *a/ the* damage. During this time, people could see higher gasoline prices at the pumps, especially *on / in* Asia. People may also have to pay higher prices for food and other *goods / good*.

Yemen's Houthi group has *claimed / clammed* responsibility for the attacks in Saudi Arabia. The group said the attacks were because of Saudi Arabia's attacks on rebel *group / groups* in Yemen. Iran's President Hassan Rouhani supported the Houthi claim. He called the attack an *act / acted* of self defense. He said: "Yemeni people are exercising *them / their* legitimate right of defense. The attack was a *reason / reciprocal* response to years of Saudi aggression *against / for* Yemen." However, an Arab coalition says there is evidence that the weapons used to *strike / struck* the Saudi oil *plants / planes* were made by Iran. U.S. officials say satellite images *suggestion / suggest* the attacks came from either Iraq or Iran and not Yemen. Iranian officials called the U.S. allegations "*maximum / minimum* lies".

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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O_i_l p_r_c_s s__r_d _n M_n_d_y _f_t_r t_h_ d_r_n__t
t_c_k_s _n __l p_l_n_t_s _n S__d_ A_r_b__ . P_r_c_s
s_w t_h__r b_g_g_s_t r_s__n _d_c_d_ . A_t _n_ p__
n_t , p_r_c_s s_h_t _p b_y n__r_l_y 20 p_r c_n_t .
T_h_s _s t_h_ b_g_g_s_t _n_-d_y r_s_ s_n_c_ t_h_ 19
90 - 91 G_l_f W_r . S__d_ A_r_b__ 's E_n_r_g_y
M_n_s_t_r P_r_n_c_ A_b_d_l_z_z b_n S_l_m_n s__d t
h_ d_r_n__t t_c_k _n S__d_ A_r_b__ 's A_b_q__q __l
p_l_n_t c_t t_h_ k_n_g_d_m 's __l p_r_d_c_t__n _n
h_l_f . T_h_ t_t_c_k_s w_l_l c_t t_h_ w_r_l_d 's d__l
y __l p_r_d_c_t__n b_y f_v_ p_r c_n_t . T_h_ B_l__
m_b_r_g n_w_s _g_n_c_y s__d _t c__l_d t_k_ w__k
s f_r S__d_ t_r_p__r t_h_ d_m_g_ . D_r_n_g t_h_s
t_m_ , p__p_l_ c__l_d s__ h_g_h_r g_s_l_n_ p_r_c_s
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

oil prices soared on monday after the drone attacks on oil plants in saudi arabia prices saw their biggest rise in a decade at one point prices shot up by nearly 20 per cent this is the biggest oneday rise since the 199091 gulf war saudi arabias energy minister prince abdulaziz bin salman said the drone attack on saudi arabias abqaiq oil plant cut the kingdoms oil production in half the attacks will cut the worlds daily oil production by five per cent the bloomberg news agency said it could take weeks for saudi to repair the damage during this time people could see higher gasoline prices at the pumps especially in asia people may also have to pay higher prices for food and other goods

yemens houthi group has claimed responsibility for the attacks in saudi arabia the group said the attacks were because of saudi arabias attacks on rebel groups in yemen irans president hassan rouhani supported the houthi claim he called the attack an act of self defense he said yemeni people are exercising their legitimate right of defense the attack was a reciprocal response to years of saudi aggression against yemen however an arab coalition says there is evidence that the weapons used to strike the saudi oil plants were made by iran us officials say satellite images suggest the attacks came from either iraq or iran and not yemen iranian officials called the us allegations maximum lies

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Oil prices soared on Monday after the drone attacks on oil plants in Saudi Arabia. Prices saw their biggest rise in a decade. At one point, prices shot up by nearly 20 percent. This is the biggest one-day rise since the 1990-91 Gulf War. Saudi Arabia's Energy Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman said the drone attack on Saudi Arabia's Abqaiq oil plant cut the kingdom's oil production in half. The attack will cut the world's daily oil production by five percent. The Bloomberg news agency said it could take weeks for Saudi to repair the damage. During this time, people could see higher gasoline prices at the pumps, especially in Asia. People may also have to pay higher prices for food and other goods. Yemen's Houthi group has claimed responsibility for the attacks in Saudi Arabia. The group said the attacks were because of Saudi Arabia's attacks on rebel groups in Yemen. Iran's President Hassan Rouhani supported the Houthi claim. He called the attack an act of self-defense. He said: "Yemeni people are exercising their legitimate right of defense. The attack was a reciprocal response to years of Saudi aggression against Yemen." However, an Arab coalition says there is evidence that the weapons used to strike the Saudi oil plants were made by Iran. U.S. officials say satellite images suggest the attacks came from either Iraq or Iran and not Yemen. Iranian officials called the U.S. allegations "maximum lies".

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. SAUDI DRONE ATTACKS: Make a poster about the Saudi drone attacks. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. WORLD WAR III: Write a magazine article about the Saudi drone attacks leading to World War III. Include imaginary interviews with people who agree with this and with those who disagree with 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 the Saudi drone attacks. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on where things will go from here. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. soared | a. rose |
| 2. decade | b. ten years |
| 3. cut | c. reduced |
| 4. repair | d. fix |
| 5. especially | e. particularly |
| 6. claimed | f. declared |
| 7. supported | g. backed |
| 8. legitimate | h. genuine |
| 9. evidence | i. proof |
| 10. lies | j. untruths |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. The 1990-91 Gulf War
2. Five per cent
3. Weeks
4. Gasoline
5. Asia
6. Houthi rebels
7. Self defense
8. Iran
9. Satellite images
10. Maximum lies

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Prices soared on Monday after the drone attacks.
2. The biggest one-day rise since the 1990-91 Gulf War.
3. Take weeks for Saudi to repair the damage.
4. People could see higher prices at the pumps.
5. People may also have to pay higher prices.
6. Yemen's Houthi group claimed responsibility for the attacks.
7. He called the attack an act of self-defense.
8. A reciprocal response to years of Saudi aggression.
9. However, an Arab coalition says there is evidence.
10. Iranian officials called the US allegations "maximum lies".

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. c 6. d 7. b 8. d 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)