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Level 1 – 30th September, 2019

Saudi Arabia opens up to tourism

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190930-saudi-arabia-tourism-1.html>

Saudi Arabia is a new world tourist destination. It has opened its doors to tourists. People from 49 different countries can get visas. They take just seven minutes to get online. Saudi believes it has huge potential to be a top tourism destination. It has natural attractions, World Heritage sites, beaches and unique cultures. Saudi wants to get money from different industries, not just oil. It wants 10 per cent of its money to come from tourism by 2030.

Tourists can stay in Saudi for a maximum of 90 days a year. They can go many times in that year. Non-Muslims cannot visit the holy sites of Mecca and Medina. A spokesman explained the importance of tourism. He said: "Opening Saudi Arabia to...tourists is a historic moment....Businesses from around the world will establish operations within the Kingdom as its unique attractions, culture and natural beauty become more widely [valued]."

Sources: <https://www.wsj.com/articles/saudi-arabia-opens-kingdom-to-foreign-tourists-11569586198>
<https://www.arabnews.com/node/1560631/saudi-arabia>
<http://www.saudigazette.com.sa/article/578331>

PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190930-saudi-arabia-tourism-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. a new world tourist | a. different countries |
| 2. It has opened its doors | b. not just oil |
| 3. People from 49 | c. potential |
| 4. They take just seven minutes | d. to tourists |
| 5. it has huge | e. Heritage sites |
| 6. It has natural | f. destination |
| 7. World | g. attractions |
| 8. money from different industries | h. to get online |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. stay in Saudi for a maximum | a. to tourists |
| 2. visit the holy sites | b. beauty |
| 3. Opening Saudi Arabia | c. of 90 days |
| 4. a historic | d. valued |
| 5. Businesses from around the | e. the Kingdom |
| 6. establish operations within | f. of Mecca |
| 7. natural | g. moment |
| 8. become more widely | h. world |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190930-saudi-arabia-tourism-1.html>

Saudi Arabia is a (1) _____ destination. It has opened its (2) _____. People from 49 different countries can get visas. They (3) _____ minutes to get online. Saudi believes it has (4) _____ be a top tourism destination. It has natural attractions, World Heritage sites, beaches (5) _____. Saudi wants to get money from different industries, not just oil. It wants 10 per cent of its (6) _____ from tourism by 2030.

Tourists can stay in Saudi (7) _____ of 90 days a year. They can go (8) _____ that year. Non-Muslims cannot visit (9) _____ of Mecca and Medina. A spokesman explained the importance of tourism. He said: "Opening Saudi Arabia (10) _____ a historic moment....Businesses from around the (11) _____ operations within the Kingdom as its unique attractions, culture and natural beauty (12) _____ [valued]."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TOURISM SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190930-saudi-arabia-tourism-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about tourism 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) _____

