**True / False**

1. The article said Saudi Arabia is an old tourist destination.  **T / F**
2. The article said Saudi Arabia wants to open its windows to tourism.  **T / F**
3. An online visa for Saudi will take seven days to process.  **T / F**
4. Saudi wants 10% of its GDP to come from tourism by 2030.  **T / F**
5. Tourists will be able to stay in Saudi for a maximum of 90 days a year.  **T / F**
6. Non-Muslims will not be allowed to go to Mecca or Medina.  **T / F**
7. A tourism spokesman said opening to tourists wasn’t so historic.  **T / F**
8. The tourism spokesman said global businesses would open in Saudi.  **T / F**

**Synonym Match**

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

| 1. new | a. many |
| 2. tourists | b. get |
| 3. issue | c. was grateful for |
| 4. prime | d. provide |
| 5. earn | e. remain |
| 6. stay | f. significance |
| 7. multiple | g. additional |
| 8. importance | h. point in time |
| 9. moment | i. travelers |
| 10. appreciated | j. important |

**Discussion – Student A**

a) What do you know about Saudi Arabia?

b) Why hasn't Saudi opened up to tourism before?

c) Would you like to go to Saudi on holiday?

d) Where is your favorite tourist destination?

e) What do you think of applying for visas?

f) How good a tourist destination is your country?

g) What are the three best places to visit in your country?

h) How important is Saudi Arabia’s oil?
Phrase Match

1. There is a new destination on the
2. The desert
3. decided to open its
4. The visas can be applied
5. tourism will contribute 10 per cent
6. a maximum of
7. non-Muslims will
8. a historic moment
9. Saudi has a lot
10. become more

Discussion – Student B

a) What do you think about what you read?
b) What do you think of Saudi as a tourism destination?
c) What do you know about Saudi Arabia’s holy sites?
d) How will tourism benefit Saudi Arabia?
e) How might tourism be bad for Saudi Arabia?
f) How important is tourism for your country?
g) What advice do you have for Saudi Arabia’s tourism minister?
h) What questions would you like to ask Saudi’s tourism minister?

Spelling

1. a new **santiaditeon** on the world tourism map
2. The visas can be **appliaed** for online
3. its country has huge **tptneioal**
4. natural **tratcaitnos**
5. earn money from other **nuirtsides**
6. otcbirunte 10 per cent of the country’s GDP
7. a **ixammum** of 90 days
8. enter the Kingdom **umpille** times
9. visit the **othy** sites
10. a **tsohiric** moment
11. **stbeilash** operations
12. become more **idwely** appreciated

Answers – Synonym Match

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Role Play

Role A – People

You think the people are the best thing about Saudi Arabia. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the food, the desert or the weather.

Role B – Food

You think the food is the best thing about Saudi Arabia. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the people, the desert or the weather.

Role C – Desert

You think the desert is the best thing about Saudi Arabia. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the food, the people or the weather.

Role D – Weather

You think the weather is the best thing about Saudi Arabia. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the food, the desert or the people.

Speaking – Holiday in Saudi

Rank these with your partner. Put the best things about a holiday to Saudi Arabia at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- people
- beaches
- weather
- cities
- sights
- handicrafts
- desert
- festivals

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.