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**Level 2 – 24th June, 2020**

## **Air bridges open to allow more people to travel**

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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/2006/200624-air-bridges-2.html>

The word "air bridge" has a new meaning. An older meaning is the walkway that joins an airport departure lounge to an airplane. Now, it also means a way in which people can travel safely between countries in the coronavirus pandemic. It is also called a "travel bubble". Countries that have successfully managed the coronavirus are creating air bridges. The United Kingdom has signed air bridge agreements with other countries. This means there will be no quarantine requirements for those travelling between the UK and these countries.

Travellers to the UK must tell the government of their contact details, travel details and the address of where they will quarantine. Anyone who breaks the 14-day quarantine will get a fine. The UK wants to open its economy and allow more people to enter the country. It wants to allow visitors from France, Greece, Portugal and Spain to enter the country. A newspaper said these countries are "most advantageous" to the UK economy. The newspaper said the UK is also thinking about air bridges with Australia, Bermuda, the Falkland Islands, Gibraltar and Montserrat.

Sources: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-britain-bridges/uk-pm-to-announce-deals-for-air-bridges-with-few-countries-on-june-29-telegraph-idUSKBN23P3MO>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200624-air-bridges-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                              |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. The word "air bridge" has | a. lounge          |
| 2. the walkway that joins an | b. requirements    |
| 3. departure                 | c. a new meaning   |
| 4. people can travel         | d. these countries |
| 5. successfully managed      | e. airport         |
| 6. signed air bridge         | f. the coronavirus |
| 7. quarantine                | g. agreements      |
| 8. between the UK and        | h. safely          |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Travellers to the UK must tell | a. thinking             |
| 2. contact                        | b. from France          |
| 3. the address of where           | c. and Montserrat       |
| 4. Anyone who breaks the          | d. they will quarantine |
| 5. It wants to allow visitors     | e. the UK economy       |
| 6. "most advantageous" to         | f. 14-day quarantine    |
| 7. the UK is also                 | g. the government       |
| 8. Gibraltar                      | h. details              |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The word "air bridge" has (1) \_\_\_\_\_. An older meaning is the walkway (2) \_\_\_\_\_ airport departure lounge to an airplane. Now, it also means a way in which people (3) \_\_\_\_\_ between countries in the coronavirus pandemic. It is also called (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Countries that have successfully managed the coronavirus are creating air bridges. The United Kingdom has signed air bridge agreements with other countries. This (5) \_\_\_\_\_ be no quarantine requirements for those travelling between the UK (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Travellers to the UK (7) \_\_\_\_\_ government of their contact details, travel details and the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ they will quarantine. Anyone who breaks the 14-day quarantine will get a fine. The UK (9) \_\_\_\_\_ its economy and allow more people to enter the country. It wants to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ France, Greece, Portugal and Spain to enter the country. A newspaper said these countries are "most advantageous" to (11) \_\_\_\_\_. The newspaper said the UK is (12) \_\_\_\_\_ air bridges with Australia, Bermuda, the Falkland Islands, Gibraltar and Montserrat.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# AIR BRIDGES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200624-air-bridges-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about air bridges 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) \_\_\_\_\_

