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**Level 5 – 15th August, 2019**

## Israel and UAE reach historic peace deal

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200815-israel-uae-5.html>

Israel and the UAE have agreed to normalise relations. Israel agreed to suspend plans to annex parts of the West Bank. The historic breakthrough was announced yesterday by the leaders of Israel, the UAE and the USA. They expressed hope that the "historic breakthrough will advance peace in the Middle East". Israel has had diplomatic relations with Egypt and Jordan for decades. Until now, it has had no such relationships with a Gulf Arab state. Israel will "focus its efforts now on expanding ties with other countries in the Arab and Muslim world".

The three leaders behind the Abraham Accord said: "This historic diplomatic breakthrough...is a testament to the bold diplomacy...vision...and courage of the UAE and Israel to chart a new path that will unlock great potential in the region." Mr Netanyahu called it a "historic day". The UAE called the deal a "win for diplomacy and the region" that would lower tensions and create "new energy for positive change". The Palestinian leadership called it a "betrayal" of the Palestinian cause and the equivalent of being "sold out by friends".

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-53770859>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                         |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. agreed to normalise          | a. plans                |
| 2. Israel agreed to suspend     | b. Gulf Arab state      |
| 3. historic                     | c. and Muslim world     |
| 4. advance peace                | d. relations            |
| 5. no such relationships with a | e. with other countries |
| 6. focus its                    | f. in the Middle East   |
| 7. expanding ties               | g. efforts              |
| 8. in the Arab                  | h. breakthrough         |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The three leaders behind     | a. breakthrough       |
| 2. This historic diplomatic     | b. for diplomacy      |
| 3. bold                         | c. Palestinian cause  |
| 4. chart a                      | d. in the region      |
| 5. unlock great potential       | e. diplomacy          |
| 6. a win                        | f. out by friends     |
| 7. a "betrayal" of the          | g. new path           |
| 8. the equivalent of being sold | h. the Abraham Accord |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Israel and the UAE <sup>(1)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ normalise relations. Israel agreed to suspend plans <sup>(2)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of the West Bank. The <sup>(3)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ announced yesterday by the leaders of Israel, the UAE and the USA. They expressed hope that the "historic breakthrough <sup>(4)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in the Middle East". Israel has had diplomatic relations with Egypt and Jordan for decades. Until now, it has had <sup>(5)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ with a Gulf Arab state. Israel will "focus its efforts now on <sup>(6)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ other countries in the Arab and Muslim world".

The <sup>(7)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the Abraham Accord said: "This historic diplomatic breakthrough...is a testament to <sup>(8)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_...vision...and courage of the UAE and Israel to chart a new path that will <sup>(9)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in the region." Mr Netanyahu called it a "historic day". The UAE called the deal a "<sup>(10)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and the region" that would lower tensions and create "new energy for positive change". The Palestinian leadership called <sup>(11)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of the Palestinian cause and the equivalent of being "<sup>(12)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ friends".

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2020/20200815-israel-uae-5.html>

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# THE MIDDLE EAST SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200815-israel-uae-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about the Middle East 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) \_\_\_\_\_

