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Level 6

Saudi prince says fracking will hurt his nation

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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1308/130802-fracking.html>

A Saudi billionaire prince has warned that his country's economy faces danger unless it diversifies away from oil. A whopping 92 per cent of Saudi Arabia's revenue comes from oil. Prince Alwaleed bin Talal told his nation's oil minister that Saudi needed to reduce its dependence on oil. His open letter was published for the world to see. In it, he warned other Gulf states and countries in the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) that demand for oil was "in continuous decline". Prince Alwaleed wrote: "Saudi Arabia is almost entirely dependent on oil and this reality is becoming a source of concern for all." The prince is the world's 20th richest person and owns stakes in Apple, Twitter and Citigroup.

Prince Alwaleed warned the biggest threat to Saudi Arabia is from fracking – a technology that extracts oil from shale and rock. The United States has reduced its demand for Saudi oil because of its investment in producing its own from fracking. It hopes to be self-sufficient in oil by 2020, which would be a huge blow for Saudi. Alwaleed recognised this in his letter, stating: "We see that rising North American shale gas production is an inevitable threat." Arabian oil executives have so far dismissed any threat from shale, although OPEC members have said the issue needs to be addressed. The prince encouraged Saudi Arabia to invest in nuclear and solar energy production.

Sources: <http://news.sky.com/story/1121610/saudi-prince-fracking-is-threat-to-kingdom>
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<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-07-29/alwaleed-warns-saudi-oil-minister-of-waning-need-for-oil.html>

WARM-UPS

1. FRACKING: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about fracking. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

billionaire / prince / diversifies / dependence / demand for oil / concern / richest person / biggest threat / technology / investment / self-sufficient / a huge blow / threat

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

3. ENERGY: What are the pros and cons? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Pros	Cons
Gas from fracking		
Oil		
Nuclear power		
Solar energy		
Bio-fuels		
Wind power		

4. OIL-FREE: Students A **strongly** believe we won't need oil within the next five decades; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. DANGERS: Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the biggest dangers for your country at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- future energy
- neighbouring countries
- ethnic divisions
- pollution
- economy
- terrorism
- overpopulation
- poverty

6. OIL: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'oil'. Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1308/130802-fracking.html>

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

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. A Saudi prince has said fracking will damage Saudi's deserts. | T / F |
| b. Saudi Arabia gets over 90% of its revenue from oil. | T / F |
| c. The prince wrote a letter warning of a global decline in demand for oil. | T / F |
| d. The prince is one of the 10 richest people in the world. | T / F |
| e. The prince said fracking was the biggest threat to Saudi Arabia. | T / F |
| f. The USA is buying less oil from Saudi Arabia these days. | T / F |
| g. Gulf states are taking the fracking issue very seriously. | T / F |
| h. The prince discouraged his country from investing in nuclear energy. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. diversifies | a. completely |
| 2. whopping | b. certain |
| 3. entirely | c. huge |
| 4. dependent | d. shares |
| 5. stakes | e. independent |
| 6. extracts | f. branches out |
| 7. self-sufficient | g. shrugged off |
| 8. inevitable | h. reliant |
| 9. dismissed | i. put money into |
| 10. invest | j. removes |

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

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. ...unless it diversifies | a. an inevitable threat |
| 2. oil | b. of concern for all |
| 3. demand for oil was | c. in Apple |
| 4. this reality is becoming a source | d. solar energy production |
| 5. owns stakes | e. blow for Saudi |
| 6. a technology that | f. in continuous decline |
| 7. a huge | g. minister |
| 8. shale gas production is | h. to be addressed |
| 9. the issue needs | i. extracts oil from shale |
| 10. invest in nuclear and | j. away from oil |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1308/130802-fracking.html>

A Saudi billionaire prince has warned that his country's economy faces danger unless it (1) _____ away from oil. A whopping 92 per cent of Saudi Arabia's (2) _____ comes from oil. Prince Alwaleed bin Talal told his nation's oil (3) _____ that Saudi needed to reduce its (4) _____ on oil. His open letter was published for the world to see. In it, he warned other Gulf states and countries in the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) that demand for oil was "in (5) _____ decline". Prince Alwaleed wrote: "Saudi Arabia is almost (6) _____ dependent on oil and this reality is becoming a (7) _____ of concern for all." The prince is the world's 20th richest person and owns (8) _____ in Apple, Twitter and Citigroup.

continuous
dependence
revenue
source
diversifies
stakes
entirely
minister

Prince Alwaleed warned the biggest (9) _____ to Saudi Arabia is from fracking – a technology that (10) _____ oil from shale and rock. The United States has reduced its demand for Saudi oil because of its investment in producing its own from fracking. It hopes to be self-(11) _____ in oil by 2020, which would be a huge (12) _____ for Saudi. Alwaleed recognised this in his letter, stating: "We see that rising North American shale gas production is an (13) _____ threat." Arabian oil executives have so far (14) _____ any threat from shale, although OPEC members have said the (15) _____ needs to be addressed. The prince encouraged Saudi Arabia to (16) _____ in nuclear and solar energy production.

inevitable
sufficient
extracts
invest
dismissed
threat
issue
blow

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

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- 1) his country's economy faces danger unless it _____ oil
 - a. diversify away from
 - b. diverse flies away from
 - c. diversifies away from
 - d. diversification away from
- 2) Saudi needed to reduce its _____
 - a. dependence on oil
 - b. dependence in oil
 - c. dependence an oil
 - d. dependence of oil
- 3) countries in the Organisation of the Petroleum _____
 - a. Exporting Country
 - b. Exporting Countries
 - c. Exporting Companies
 - d. Exporting Company
- 4) demand for oil was in _____
 - a. continue as decline
 - b. continued decline
 - c. continuous decline
 - d. continuously decline
- 5) Saudi is almost entirely dependent on oil and this reality is becoming _____ for all
 - a. a sauce of concern
 - b. a source of concern
 - c. a thoughts of concern
 - d. a thaws of concern
- 6) a technology that _____ shale and rock
 - a. expects oil from
 - b. excerpts oil from
 - c. ex-tracks oil from
 - d. extracts oil from
- 7) It hopes to be self-sufficient in oil by 2020, which would _____
 - a. be a huge blowout
 - b. be a huge blows
 - c. be a huge blowing
 - d. be a huge blow
- 8) Arabian oil executives have so far _____
 - a. dismissed many threats
 - b. dismissed any threat
 - c. dismissed any treat
 - d. dismissed any thread
- 9) OPEC members have said the issue needs _____
 - a. to get addressed
 - b. to do addressed
 - c. to be addressed
 - d. to have addressed
- 10) The prince encouraged Saudi Arabia to invest in nuclear and _____
 - a. solar energy production
 - b. so far energy production
 - c. stellar energy production
 - d. cellar energy production

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Prince Alwaleed warned the (7) _____ Saudi Arabia is from fracking – a technology (8) _____ shale and rock. The United States has reduced its demand for Saudi oil because of its investment in (9) _____ from fracking. It hopes to be self-sufficient in oil by 2020, which would (10) _____ Saudi. Alwaleed recognised this in his letter, stating: "We see that rising North American shale gas production is (11) _____." Arabian oil executives have so far dismissed any threat from shale, although OPEC members have said the issue (12) _____. The prince encouraged Saudi Arabia to invest in nuclear and solar energy production.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1308/130802-fracking.html>

1. What does the prince advise for Saudi to avoid a danger?

2. What percentage of Saudi revenue comes from oil?

3. What did the prince say Saudi needs to reduce?

4. What did he warn OPEC?

5. How rich is the prince?

6. What is the biggest threat to Saudi?

7. What does the USA hope to achieve by 2020?

8. What do Arabian oil execs think about shale?

9. What does OPEC think of shale?

10. What does the prince want Saudi to invest in?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1308/130802-fracking.html>

1. What does the prince advise for Saudi to avoid a danger?
 - a) dichotomise
 - b) diversify
 - c) divide
 - d) digitise
2. What percentage of Saudi revenue comes from oil?
 - a) 88%
 - b) 90%
 - c) 92%
 - d) 94%
3. What did the prince say Saudi needs to reduce?
 - a) its reliance on oil
 - b) energy consumption
 - c) the number of gas stations
 - d) oil production
4. What did he warn OPEC?
 - a) to talk to each other
 - b) to look at other energies
 - c) that demand for oil is declining
 - d) the danger of global warming
5. How rich is the prince?
 - a) Saudi Arabia's richest person
 - b) the world's 20th richest person
 - c) he owns 92% of Saudi wealth
 - d) on the world's top ten rich list
6. What is the biggest threat to Saudi?
 - a) overpopulation
 - b) desertification
 - c) fracking
 - d) a global recession
7. What does the USA hope to achieve by 2020?
 - a) zero carbon emissions
 - b) to be the world's biggest oil exporter
 - c) the cheapest gas prices in the G20
 - d) self-sufficiency in oil
8. What do Arabian oil execs think about shale?
 - a) not much
 - b) it's very interesting
 - c) it's worrying
 - d) they don't know what it is
9. What does OPEC think of shale?
 - a) it's an issue
 - b) OPEC needs to get into shale
 - c) it wants to ban it
 - d) it doesn't care about it
10. What does the prince want Saudi to invest in?
 - a) solar power and wind farms
 - b) nuclear and solar power
 - c) tourism and aviation
 - d) China and India

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Wave power

You think wave power is the future of energy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their energy sources. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): nuclear, solar or wind.

Role B – Nuclear

You think nuclear is the future of energy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their energy sources. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): wave power, solar or wind.

Role C – Solar

You think solar is the future of energy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their energy sources. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): nuclear, wave power or wind.

Role D – Wind

You think wind is the future of energy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their energy sources. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): nuclear, solar or wave power.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

oil	gas
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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">• faces• 92• minister• OPEC• entirely• owns	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• biggest• technology• self• rising• far• invest
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FRACKING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about fracking 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.

FRACKING DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'oil'?
- c) What do you know about fracking?
- d) How dangerous is it for Saudi to be so dependent on oil?
- e) What will Saudi Arabia be like in 100 years from now?
- f) If we are moving away from oil and gas, why are we fracking?
- g) Why is the world demand for oil in "continuous decline"?
- h) When do you think the oil will run out?
- i) What kind of energy do you think will be most common in 100 years?
- j) What do you think of the word "fracking"?

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FRACKING DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Do you think fracking is the answer to our energy needs?
- c) What is the answer to our energy needs?
- d) Will more countries become self-sufficient on oil because of fracking?
- e) How might fracking affect OPEC countries?
- f) Are Arabian oil execs right to dismiss fracking?
- g) How should Saudi Arabia diversify?
- h) What could happen to OPEC if fracking really takes off?
- i) What would you like to know about fracking?
- j) What questions would you like to ask the prince?

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. _____

MULTIPLE CHOICE - LANGUAGE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) eyes | (b) heads | (c) skulls | (d) faces |
| 2. | (a) wiping | (b) whipping | (c) whooshing | (d) whopping |
| 3. | (a) in | (b) on | (c) at | (d) to |
| 4. | (a) at | (b) on | (c) in | (d) of |
| 5. | (a) complete | (b) whole | (c) entirely | (d) usually |
| 6. | (a) stakes | (b) streaks | (c) steaks | (d) stacks |
| 7. | (a) treat | (b) threat | (c) treaty | (d) thread |
| 8. | (a) extracts | (b) excerpts | (c) exacts | (d) extorts |
| 9. | (a) soul | (b) self | (c) lone | (d) one |
| 10. | (a) puff | (b) gust | (c) blow | (d) breath |
| 11. | (a) dismissal | (b) dismissive | (c) dismissed | (d) dismissing |
| 12. | (a) franked | (b) stamped | (c) mailed | (d) addressed |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. baliriolien prince
2. unless it ieidreissfv away from oil
3. a inohpwgp 92 per cent of Saudi Arabia's revenue
4. reduce its denecepnde on oil
5. almost eyteinrl
6. owns sasket in Apple

Paragraph 2

7. a technology that etacrtxs oil from shale
8. be self-csefnfitui in oil
9. Alwaleed esrgidceon this
10. an eetinvblai threat
11. executives have so far msidesdsi any threat
12. rsloa energy

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- (**1**) A Saudi billionaire prince has warned that his country's economy faces danger unless it
- () any threat from shale, although OPEC members have said the issue needs to be
- () concern for all." The prince is the world's 20th richest person and owns stakes in Apple, Twitter and Citigroup.
- () diversifies away from oil. A whopping 92 per cent of Saudi Arabia's revenue comes
- () of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) that demand for oil was "in continuous decline". Prince Alwaleed wrote:
- () addressed. The prince encouraged Saudi Arabia to invest in nuclear and solar energy production.
- () extracts oil from shale and rock. The United States has reduced its demand for Saudi oil because of its investment
- () Prince Alwaleed warned the biggest threat to Saudi Arabia is from fracking – a technology that
- () on oil. His open letter was published for the world to see. In it, he warned other Gulf states and countries in the Organisation
- () blow for Saudi. Alwaleed recognised this in his letter, stating: "We see that rising North American shale gas
- () from oil. Prince Alwaleed bin Talal told his nation's oil minister that Saudi needed to reduce its dependence
- () in producing its own from fracking. It hopes to be self-sufficient in oil by 2020, which would be a huge
- () "Saudi Arabia is almost entirely dependent on oil and this reality is becoming a source of
- () production is an inevitable threat." Arabian oil executives have so far dismissed

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. faces danger His unless country's it economy diversifies.

2. cent Arabia's A per Saudi 92 of revenue whopping.

3. dependence needed on to oil reduce its Saudi.

4. source of concern for all This reality is becoming a.

5. prince richest is person the world's The 20th.

6. fracking biggest Saudi from The to is threat Arabia.

7. 2020 by oil in sufficient - self be to hopes It.

8. American an shale inevitable gas threat production is.

9. far Oil dismissed executives any have threat so.

10. said needs addressed have issue be Members the to.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1308/130802-fracking.html>

A Saudi billionaire prince has warned that his country's economy faces danger *until / unless* it diversifies away from oil. A whopping 92 per cent of Saudi Arabia's revenue *coming / comes* from oil. Prince Alwaleed bin Talal told his nation's oil *administer / minister* that Saudi needed to reduce its dependence *in / on* oil. His open letter was published for the *globe / world* to see. In it, he warned *others / other* Gulf states and countries in the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) that *demanding / demand* for oil was "in continuous decline". Prince Alwaleed wrote: "Saudi Arabia is almost *entirely / entire* dependent on oil and this reality is becoming a *source / sauce* of concern for all." The prince is the world's 20th richest person and owns *steaks / stakes* in Apple, Twitter and Citigroup.

Prince Alwaleed warned the biggest *treat / threat* to Saudi Arabia is from fracking – a technology that *distracts / extracts* oil from shale and rock. The United States has *reduced / reduction* its demand for Saudi oil because of its investment in producing its own *for / from* fracking. It hopes to be self-sufficient *in / on* oil by 2020, which would be a huge *puff / blow* for Saudi. Alwaleed recognised this in his letter, stating: "We see that *rising / risen* North American shale gas production is an *inevitable / inevitably* threat." Arabian oil executives have so far dismissed any threat from shale, although OPEC members have said the issue needs to be *addresses / addressed*. The prince encouraged Saudi Arabia *to / for* invest in nuclear and solar energy production.

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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S__d__ b__ll__ n__r__ pr__nc__ h__s__ w__rn__d__ th__t__ h__s__
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1308/130802-fracking.html>

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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 fracking. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. FRACKING: Make a poster about fracking. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. FRACKING: Write a magazine article about fracking and finding other new sources. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

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 a fracking expert. Ask him/her three questions about fracking. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. diversifies | a. branches out |
| 2. whopping | b. huge |
| 3. entirely | c. completely |
| 4. dependent | d. reliant |
| 5. stakes | e. shares |
| 6. extracts | f. removes |
| 7. self-sufficient | g. independent |
| 8. inevitable | h. certain |
| 9. dismissed | i. shrugged off |
| 10. invest | j. put money into |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Diversify away from oil
2. 92%
3. Its dependence on oil
4. That demand for oil was declining
5. The 20th richest person in the world
6. Fracking
7. Self-sufficiency in oil
8. It's not a threat
9. The issue needs to be addressed
10. Nuclear and solar energy

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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