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## Level 3

### New UAE law gives workers time off to read

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# THE ARTICLE

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The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has introduced a new law to get people to read more. The law includes a large number of measures to support the government's wish for a higher literacy rate. Government employees will have paid time during working hours to read books. The law encourages private companies to create libraries at their offices, factories and other workplaces. It will also encourage shopping centres to offer spaces to set up public libraries so people can read when they go shopping. These libraries will be easy to use for people with reading disabilities. Even coffee shops at shopping malls will have to offer books and other reading materials to their customers.

The UAE's National Reading Law was issued by President Sheikh Khalifa. In May of this year, he launched the National Strategy for Reading, which has a 10-year goal to create a nation of "avid readers". It aims to make reading a lifelong habit for 50 per cent of the nation's adults and 80 per cent of school students. It also aims to get students to read an average of at least 20 books a year. Hussain Al Hammadi, Minister of Education, said the new law is: "A road map for building a reading, civilised society capable of change, and a world leader in development." Dr Tod Laursen, President of Khalifa University, said that in the age of the Internet, it was still important for books and libraries to have their place in society.

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# WARM-UPS

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

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

new law / number / measures / literacy / libraries / shopping centres / disabilities / strategy / avid readers / lifelong habit / average / society / development / Internet

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

**3. DIGITAL:** Students A **strongly** believe reading on digital devices is better than reading books; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. STRATEGIES:** What are the best ways (strategies) to read? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Difficulties	Strategies
Reading exams		
Unknown vocabulary		
Novels		
Instructions		
Newspapers		
Reading speed		

**5. LAW:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "law". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. READING MATERIAL:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- biographies
- travel guides
- fantasy fiction
- romance
- encyclopaedia
- blogs
- newspapers
- manga / comics

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161103-reading.html>

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

- a. A new law in the UAE says people must read for 2 hours every day. **T / F**
- b. Government workers will be able to read and get paid at work. **T / F**
- c. The UAE wants shopping centres to create public libraries. **T / F**
- d. Coffee shops will have to have books for customers to read. **T / F**
- e. The law is part of a 25-year strategy for reading in the UAE. **T / F**
- f. The UAE wants reading to be a lifelong habit for 80% of school students. **T / F**
- g. UAE students read an average of 20 or more books a year. **T / F**
- h. A university president said libraries no longer have a place in society. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                      |               |
|----------------------|---------------|
| <b>1. introduced</b> | a. create     |
| <b>2. measures</b>   | b. brought in |
| <b>3. encourages</b> | c. provide    |
| <b>4. set up</b>     | d. time       |
| <b>5. offer</b>      | e. custom     |
| <b>6. avid</b>       | f. plan       |
| <b>7. habit</b>      | g. actions    |
| <b>8. nation</b>     | h. keen       |
| <b>9. road map</b>   | i. supports   |
| <b>10. age</b>       | j. country    |

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

- |                             |                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. introduced a             | a. libraries        |
| 2. get people to read       | b. least 20 books   |
| 3. literacy                 | c. materials        |
| 4. set up public            | d. of the Internet  |
| 5. reading                  | e. rate             |
| 6. create a nation of avid  | f. place in society |
| 7. make reading a lifelong  | g. new law          |
| 8. read an average of at    | h. habit            |
| 9. in the age               | i. readers          |
| 10. libraries to have their | j. more             |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161103-reading.html>

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has introduced a new (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to get people to read more. The law includes a large (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of measures to support the government's wish for a higher (3) \_\_\_\_\_ rate. Government employees will have paid time during working hours to read books. The law (4) \_\_\_\_\_ private companies to create libraries at their offices, factories and other (5) \_\_\_\_\_. It will also encourage shopping centres to offer (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to set up public libraries so people can read when they go shopping. These libraries will be easy to use for people with reading (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Even coffee shops at shopping malls will have to offer books and other reading (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to their customers.

*workplaces*  
*literacy*  
*disabilities*  
*law*  
*materials*  
*number*  
*spaces*  
*encourages*

The UAE's National Reading Law was (9) \_\_\_\_\_ by President Sheikh Khalifa. In May of this year, he launched the National Strategy for Reading, which has a 10-year goal to create a nation of "(10) \_\_\_\_\_ readers". It aims to make reading a lifelong (11) \_\_\_\_\_ for 50 per cent of the nation's adults and 80 per cent of school students. It also aims to get students to read an (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of at least 20 books a year. Hussain Al Hammadi, Minister of Education, said the new law is: "A road (13) \_\_\_\_\_ for building a reading, civilised society capable of change, and a world (14) \_\_\_\_\_ in development." Dr Tod Laursen, President of Khalifa University, said that in the (15) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Internet, it was still important for books and libraries to have their (16) \_\_\_\_\_ in society.

*habit*  
*issued*  
*age*  
*average*  
*place*  
*avid*  
*leader*  
*map*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161103-reading.html>

- 1) UAE has introduced a new law to get people \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to read many
  - b. to read more
  - c. to read most
  - d. to read much
- 2) a large number of measures to support the government's wish for a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. higher literacy rates
  - b. highest literacy rate
  - c. higher literacy rate
  - d. higher literacies rate
- 3) private companies to create libraries at their offices, factories \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and another workplaces
  - b. and the other workplaces
  - c. and others workplaces
  - d. and other workplaces
- 4) set up public libraries so people can read when \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. they go shopping
  - b. they go to shopping
  - c. them goes shopping
  - d. them go shopping
- 5) shopping malls will have to offer books and other reading materials \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to there customers
  - b. to their customers
  - c. to they're customers
  - d. to theirs customers
- 6) ...which has a 10-year goal to create a nation \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. of avid readers
  - b. of avidly readers
  - c. of rabid readers
  - d. of rabidly readers
- 7) It also aims to get students to read an average of \_\_\_\_\_ books a year
  - a. at last 20
  - b. at lost 20
  - c. at lest 20
  - d. at least 20
- 8) Hussain Al Hammadi, Minister of Education, said the new law \_\_\_\_\_ ...
  - a. is: "A mountain map
  - b. is: "A running map
  - c. is: "A road map
  - d. is: "A desert map
- 9) building a reading, civilised society \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. capable of charge
  - b. capable of challenge
  - c. capable of cringe
  - d. capable of change
- 10) it was still important for books and libraries to have their \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. place on society
  - b. place in society
  - c. place to society
  - d. place of society

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161103-reading.html>

1. How many measures is the UAE introducing for people to read more?
2. Who will be paid to read books during working hours?
3. What will the UAE encourage to set up public libraries?
4. For whom will libraries be easy to use?
5. What will coffee shops have to offer their customers?
6. How long is the UAE National Strategy for Reading?
7. What does the UAE want to make reading for 80% of school students?
8. At least how many books a year does the UAE want students to read?
9. What kind of map did the education minister say the new law was?
10. Where did a university president say libraries have their place?



# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161103-reading.html>

- 1) How many measures is the UAE introducing for people to read more?
  - a) a few measures
  - b) numerous measures
  - c) a large number of measures
  - d) uncountable measures
- 2) Who will be paid to read books during working hours?
  - a) government workers
  - b) teachers
  - c) authors
  - d) lawmakers
- 3) What will the UAE encourage to set up public libraries?
  - a) train stations
  - b) shopping centres
  - c) sports stadiums
  - d) Internet cafes
- 4) For whom will libraries be easy to use?
  - a) students
  - b) tourists
  - c) babies
  - d) people with reading disabilities
- 5) What will coffee shops have to offer their customers?
  - a) camel milk coffee
  - b) healthy food
  - c) books
  - d) free Internet
- 6) How long is the UAE National Strategy for Reading?
  - a) 3 years
  - b) 10 years
  - c) 100 years
  - d) there is no limit
- 7) What does the UAE want to make reading for 80% of school students?
  - a) a challenge
  - b) great fun
  - c) extra homework
  - d) a lifelong habit
- 8) At least how many books a year does the UAE want students to read?
  - a) 10
  - b) 20
  - c) 30
  - d) 40
- 9) What kind of map did the education minister say the new law was?
  - a) a Google map
  - b) a road map
  - c) a desert map
  - d) a longitudinal map
- 10) Where did a university president say libraries have their place?
  - a) in society
  - b) in big cities
  - c) in the desert
  - d) in this era

# ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161103-reading.html>

## **Role A – Biographies**

You think biographies are the best things to read. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are not so good about their reading material. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): travel guides, novels or manga or comics.

## **Role B – Travel Guides**

You think travel guides are the best things to read. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are not so good about their reading material. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): biographies, novels or manga or comics.

## **Role C – Novels**

You think novels are the best things to read. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are not so good about their reading material. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): travel guides, biographies or manga or comics.

## **Role D – Manga or Comics**

You think manga or comics are the best things to read. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are not so good about their reading material. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): travel guides, novels or biographies.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161103-reading.html>

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

<b>reading</b>	<b>law</b>
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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"><li>• introduced</li><li>• wish</li><li>• paid</li><li>• spaces</li><li>• easy</li><li>• materials</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• May</li><li>• 10</li><li>• 80</li><li>• 20</li><li>• map</li><li>• place</li></ul>
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# READING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about reading 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.

## READING DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What springs to mind when you hear the word 'reading'?
3. How much do you like reading?
4. What do you think about what you read?
5. How long should people read each day?
6. How important are libraries?
7. What is your favourite library and why do you like it?
8. What do you think of having libraries in shopping malls?
9. Where is your favourite place to read, and why?
10. What's your favourite book, and why?

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## READING DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What does your country do to encourage reading?
13. What do you think of having a law that gets people to read?
14. What can governments do to encourage reading?
15. What is the benefit to society if people read more?
16. Why do some people dislike reading?
17. Is it better to read from a book or the Internet?
18. Why do we still need libraries?
19. How does reading change people?
20. What questions would you like to ask an author?

# 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. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161103-reading.html>

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

- |     |               |                 |                  |                 |
|-----|---------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) introduce | (b) introducing | (c) introduction | (d) introduced  |
| 2.  | (a) tapes     | (b) rulers      | (c) gauges       | (d) measures    |
| 3.  | (a) while     | (b) during      | (c) for          | (d) by          |
| 4.  | (a) another   | (b) the others  | (c) other        | (d) the other   |
| 5.  | (a) up        | (b) in          | (c) on           | (d) to          |
| 6.  | (a) materials | (b) fabrics     | (c) linens       | (d) cloths      |
| 7.  | (a) rabidly   | (b) avidly      | (c) rabid        | (d) avid        |
| 8.  | (a) habit     | (b) routinely   | (c) regular      | (d) customary   |
| 9.  | (a) to        | (b) at          | (c) for          | (d) by          |
| 10. | (a) desert    | (b) Google      | (c) road         | (d) colour      |
| 11. | (a) capacity  | (b) culpable    | (c) capable      | (d) combustible |
| 12. | (a) table     | (b) place       | (c) website      | (d) book        |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. a large number of rauesmse
2. a higher cretialy rate
3. offices, siotcfrea and other workplaces
4. public silrireab
5. people with reading litabseisiid
6. reading raelmtais to their customers

## Paragraph 2

7. dsuies by President Sheikh Khalifa
8. he haucndle the National Strategy for Reading
9. make reading a lifelong ihbta
10. read an aavevgr of at least 20 books
11. lvsieiidc (UK) / icidielvz (USA) society
12. have their place in osyctie



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161103-reading.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) employees will have paid time during working hours to read books. The law encourages private companies to
- ( ) up public libraries so people can read when they go shopping. These libraries will be
- ( ) students. It also aims to get students to read an average of at least 20 books a
- ( ) number of measures to support the government's wish for a higher literacy rate. Government
- ( ) easy to use for people with reading disabilities. Even coffee shops at shopping malls will have to offer
- ( ) the National Strategy for Reading, which has a 10-year goal to create a nation of "avid readers". It aims to make
- ( ) The UAE's National Reading Law was issued by President Sheikh Khalifa. In May of this year, he launched
- ( ) said that in the age of the Internet, it was still important for books and libraries to have their place in society.
- ( ) year. Hussain Al Hammadi, Minister of Education, said the new law is: "A road map for building a reading, civilised
- ( **1** ) The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has introduced a new law to get people to read more. The law includes a large
- ( ) society capable of change, and a world leader in development." Dr Tod Laursen, President of Khalifa University,
- ( ) books and other reading materials to their customers.
- ( ) create libraries at their offices, factories and other workplaces. It will also encourage shopping centres to offer spaces to set
- ( ) reading a lifelong habit for 50 per cent of the nation's adults and 80 per cent of school

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161103-reading.html>

1. law people more new get read a to to Introduced .
2. a the higher government's literacy wish rate for Support .
3. will to also offer encourage spaces shopping It centres .
4. to use for people with reading disabilities Libraries will be easy .
5. at will offer shops malls to Coffee shopping have books .
6. "avid create 10 to A of goal . nation year - readers" a .
7. It habit lifelong a reading make to aims .
8. to year 20 of read Get books at an students a least average .
9. for reading society map a civilised road building , A .
10. to have their place in society Important for books and libraries .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161103-reading.html>

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has *introduced* / *introduction* a new law to get people to read more. The law *includes* / *including* a large number of measures *to* / *for* support the government's wish for a *upper* / *higher* literacy rate. Government employees will have paid time *during* / *while* working hours to read books. The law encourages private companies to *create* / *creative* libraries at their offices, factories and *another* / *other* workplaces. It will also encourage shopping centres to offer spaces to set *down* / *up* public libraries so people can read when they *go* / *going* shopping. These libraries will be easy to use for people with reading disabilities. Even coffee shops at shopping malls will have to offer books and other reading materials to *them* / *their* customers.

The UAE's National Reading Law was *issued* / *issuing* by President Sheikh Khalifa. In May of this year, he launched the National Strategy for Reading, which *has* / *have* a 10-year goal to create a nation of "*avid* / *ravid* readers". It aims to *make* / *do* reading a lifelong habit for 50 per cent of the nation's adults and 80 per cent of school students. It also aims to *getting* / *get* students to read an average *of* / *for* at least 20 books a year. Hussain Al Hammadi, Minister of Education, said the new law is: "A *path* / *road* map for building a reading, civilised society *capability* / *capable* of change, and a world leader *in* / *on* development." Dr Tod Laursen, President of Khalifa University, said that in the age of the Internet, it was still important for books and libraries to have their place in *social* / *society*.

**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)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161103-reading.html>

Th\_ \_n\_t\_d\_r\_b\_m\_r\_t\_s (\_\_\_) h\_s\_ntr\_d\_c\_d\_n\_w  
l\_w\_t\_g\_t\_p\_pl\_t\_r\_d\_m\_r. Th\_l\_w\_ncl\_d\_s  
l\_rg\_nmb\_r\_fm\_s\_r\_s\_t\_s\_pp\_r\_t th\_g\_v\_rnm\_nt's  
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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161103-reading.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 the UAE's reading law. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

**4. READING LAW:** Write a magazine article about all countries needing a reading law. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 an expert on reading. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to enjoy reading more. 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 T    e F    f T    g F    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| 1. introduced | a. brought in |
| 2. measures   | b. actions    |
| 3. encourages | c. supports   |
| 4. set up     | d. create     |
| 5. offer      | e. provide    |
| 6. avid       | f. keen       |
| 7. habit      | g. custom     |
| 8. nation     | h. country    |
| 9. road map   | i. plan       |
| 10. age       | j. time       |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. A large number of measures
2. Government workers
3. Shopping centres
4. People with reading disabilities
5. Books and other reading materials
6. 10 years
7. A lifelong habit
8. 20
9. A road map
10. In society

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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