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Level 2 – 30th September, 2019

Saudi Arabia opens up to tourism

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Saudi Arabia is a new destination on the world tourism map. It has opened its doors to tourists from around the world. People from 49 different countries can get visas online. They take just seven minutes to issue. Saudi Arabia believes it has huge potential to develop into a top tourism destination. It has lots of natural attractions, deserts, World Heritage sites, beautiful beaches and unique cultures. Saudi Arabia wants to make sure it can get money from other industries, not just oil and gas. It hopes 10 per cent of the country's GDP will come from tourism by 2030.

Tourists can now stay in Saudi Arabia for a maximum of 90 days in one year. They can enter many times in that year. Non-Muslims will not be allowed to visit the holy sites of Mecca and Medina. The Saudi Commission for Tourism and National Heritage explained the importance of tourism. It said: "Opening Saudi Arabia to international tourists is a historic moment for our country." It added that Saudi has a lot to offer: "Businesses from around the world will establish operations within the Kingdom as its unique attractions, culture and natural beauty become more widely [valued]."

Sources: <https://www.wsj.com/articles/saudi-arabia-opens-kingdom-to-foreign-tourists-11569586198>
<https://www.arabnews.com/node/1560631/saudi-arabia>
<http://www.saudigazette.com.sa/article/578331>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. the world tourism | a. different countries |
| 2. It has opened its doors | b. to issue |
| 3. People from 49 | c. from other industries |
| 4. get visas | d. attractions |
| 5. They take just seven minutes | e. map |
| 6. it has huge | f. online |
| 7. natural | g. to tourists |
| 8. get money | h. potential to develop |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. stay in Saudi Arabia for a maximum | a. moment |
| 2. They can enter many | b. widely valued |
| 3. Non-Muslims will not | c. times |
| 4. a historic | d. beauty |
| 5. Businesses from around | e. the Kingdom |
| 6. operations within | f. be allowed |
| 7. culture and natural | g. of 90 days |
| 8. become more | h. the world |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Saudi Arabia is a new destination (1) _____ tourism map. It has opened its (2) _____ from around the world. People from 49 different countries can get visas online. They take just seven (3) _____. Saudi Arabia believes it has huge potential to develop into a top tourism destination. It has (4) _____ attractions, deserts, World Heritage sites, beautiful (5) _____ cultures. Saudi Arabia wants to make sure it can get money from other industries, (6) _____ and gas. It hopes 10 per cent of the country's GDP will come from tourism by 2030.

Tourists can now stay in Saudi Arabia (7) _____ of 90 days in one year. They (8) _____ times in that year. Non-Muslims will (9) _____ to visit the holy sites of Mecca and Medina. The Saudi Commission for Tourism and National Heritage explained (10) _____ tourism. It said: "Opening Saudi Arabia to international tourists is a historic moment for our country." It added that Saudi has a (11) _____: "Businesses from around the world will establish operations within the Kingdom as its unique attractions, culture and natural beauty (12) _____ [valued]."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TOURISM SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190930-saudi-arabia-tourism-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about tourism 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **tourism** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
