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Saudi Arabia opens up to tourism

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THE ARTICLE

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

There is a new destination on the world tourism map - Saudi Arabia. The desert kingdom has decided to open its doors to tourists from around the world. It has decided to issue tourist visas to people from 49 different countries. The visas can be applied for online and will take just seven minutes to issue. Saudi Arabia's government believes its country has huge potential to develop into a prime tourism destination. It has a wealth of natural attractions, deserts, World Heritage sites, beautiful beaches and unique cultures. The government also wants to make sure it can earn money from other industries besides oil and gas. It hopes tourism will contribute 10 per cent of the country's GDP by 2030.

Tourists will be allowed to stay in Saudi Arabia for a maximum of 90 days in one year. They can enter the Kingdom multiple times in that year. However, non-Muslims will not be allowed to visit the holy sites of Mecca and Medina. Ahmad al-Khateeb, chairman of the Saudi Commission for Tourism and National Heritage, explained the importance of tourism to Saudi. He said: "Opening Saudi Arabia to international tourists is a historic moment for our country." He 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 appreciated."

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>

WARM-UPS

1. TOURISM: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about tourism. 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?

destination / desert / kingdom / tourist / visa / potential / wealth / beaches / oil / gas
Saudi Arabia / maximum / holy / sites / importance / international / business / beauty

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

3. BENEFICIAL: Students A **strongly** believe tourism is beneficial for a country; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. SAUDI ARABIA: What do you know about Saudi Arabia? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	What I Want To Know
Countryside		
Coast		
Food		
People		
Culture		
Sights		

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

6. HOLIDAY IN SAUDI: Rank these with your partner. Put the best things about a holiday to Saudi Arabia at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- people
- weather
- sights
- desert
- beaches
- cities
- handicrafts
- festivals

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 1. destination | a. Having or showing the ability to become or develop into something in the future. |
| 2. map | b. Supply someone with something. |
| 3. issue | c. A paper or Internet picture of an area of land or sea showing the roads, cities, rivers, etc. |
| 4. applied | d. Give something (especially money) in order to help achieve or provide something. |
| 5. potential | e. A place that people will make a special trip to visit. |
| 6. unique | f. Make a formal application or request. |
| 7. contribute | g. Being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. maximum | h. Numerous and often. |
| 9. multiple | i. Set up an organization, system, or set of rules. |
| 10. holy | j. Was grateful for something. |
| 11. moment | k. Special because it is related to God. |
| 12. establish | l. An activity in which a business is involved. |
| 13. operation | m. An exact point in time. |
| 14. appreciated | n. The greatest or highest amount possible. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

- a. The article said Saudi Arabia is an old tourist destination. **T / F**
- b. The article said Saudi Arabia wants to open its windows to tourism. **T / F**
- c. An online visa for Saudi will take seven days to process. **T / F**
- d. Saudi wants 10% of its GDP to come from tourism by 2030. **T / F**
- e. Tourists will be able to stay in Saudi for a maximum of 90 days a year. **T / F**
- f. Non-Muslims will not be allowed to go to Mecca or Medina. **T / F**
- g. A tourism spokesman said opening to tourists wasn't so historic. **T / F**
- h. The tourism spokesman said global businesses would open in Saudi. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. new | a. many |
| 2. tourists | b. get |
| 3. issue | c. be grateful for |
| 4. prime | d. provide |
| 5. earn | e. remain |
| 6. stay | f. significance |
| 7. multiple | g. additional |
| 8. importance | h. point in time |
| 9. moment | i. travelers |
| 10. appreciated | j. important |

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

- | | |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. There is a new destination on the | a. doors to tourists |
| 2. The desert | b. not be allowed to visit |
| 3. decided to open its | c. of the country's GDP |
| 4. The visas can be applied | d. to offer |
| 5. tourism will contribute 10 per cent | e. kingdom |
| 6. a maximum of | f. for our country |
| 7. non-Muslims will | g. world tourism map |
| 8. a historic moment | h. widely appreciated |
| 9. Saudi has a lot | i. for online |
| 10. become more | j. 90 days in one year |

GAP FILL

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

There is a new (1) _____ on the world tourism map - Saudi Arabia. The desert kingdom has decided to open its (2) _____ to tourists from around the world. It has (3) _____ to issue tourist visas to people from 49 different countries. The visas can be (4) _____ for online and will take just seven minutes to issue. Saudi Arabia's government believes its country has (5) _____ potential to develop into a prime tourism destination. It has a wealth of natural (6) _____, deserts, World Heritage sites, beautiful beaches and unique cultures. The government also wants to make sure it can (7) _____ money from other industries besides oil and gas. It hopes (8) _____ will contribute 10 per cent of the country's GDP by 2030.

doors
attractions
applied
tourism
destination
decided
earn
huge

Tourists will be allowed to stay in Saudi Arabia for a (9) _____ of 90 days in one year. They can enter the Kingdom (10) _____ times in that year. However, non-Muslims will not be allowed to visit the (11) _____ sites of Mecca and Medina. Ahmad al-Khateeb, chairman of the Saudi Commission for Tourism and National Heritage, explained the (12) _____ of tourism to Saudi. He said: "Opening Saudi Arabia to international tourists is a (13) _____ moment for our country." He added that Saudi has a lot to (14) _____: "Businesses from around the world will establish operations (15) _____ the Kingdom as its unique attractions, culture and natural beauty become more (16) _____ appreciated."

holy
historic
within
maximum
widely
multiple
importance
offer

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) There is a new destination on the world _____
 - a. tourism map
 - b. touristy map
 - c. tour prism map
 - d. tour prism app
- 2) The desert kingdom has decided to open its _____
 - a. doors to tourists
 - b. windows to tourists
 - c. floors to tourists
 - d. shores to tourists
- 3) It has decided to issue _____
 - a. tourism visa
 - b. touristy vis-à-vis
 - c. tourist visa
 - d. tourist visas
- 4) The visas can be applied for online and will take just seven _____
 - a. minutes to issue
 - b. minutes two tissue
 - c. minutes too issue
 - d. minutes to tissue
- 5) The government also wants to make sure it can earn money _____
 - a. from other industry
 - b. from others industries
 - c. from other industries
 - d. from another industrials
- 6) They can enter the Kingdom _____
 - a. multiply times
 - b. multiple times
 - c. multi pull times
 - d. multi-ply times
- 7) However, non-Muslims will not be allowed to visit _____
 - a. an holy sites
 - b. a holy sites
 - c. the holly sites
 - d. the holy sites
- 8) Opening Saudi Arabia to international tourists is a historic _____ country
 - a. memento for our
 - b. moment for our
 - c. momentum for our
 - d. moment four our
- 9) Businesses from around the world will establish operations _____
 - a. within the Kingdom
 - b. wither the Kingdom
 - c. without the Kingdom
 - d. with the Kingdom
- 10) its unique attractions, culture and natural beauty become more _____
 - a. widely depreciated
 - b. widely appreciated
 - c. widely app initiated
 - d. widely app reach rated

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

There is a new destination on the (1) _____ - Saudi Arabia. The desert kingdom has decided to (2) _____ to tourists from around the world. It has decided to issue (3) _____ people from 49 different countries. The visas can be applied for online and will take just seven minutes to issue. Saudi Arabia's government believes its country has huge (4) _____ into a prime tourism destination. It has a wealth of natural attractions, deserts, World Heritage sites, beautiful beaches (5) _____. The government also wants to make sure it can earn money from other industries besides oil and gas. It hopes (6) _____ 10 per cent of the country's GDP by 2030.

Tourists (7) _____ to stay in Saudi Arabia for a maximum of 90 days in one year. They can enter the Kingdom (8) _____ that year. However, non-Muslims will not be allowed to visit the holy sites of Mecca and Medina. Ahmad al-Khateeb, (9) _____ Saudi Commission for Tourism and National Heritage, explained the importance of tourism to Saudi. He said: "Opening Saudi Arabia to international tourists is a (10) _____ our country." He added that Saudi has a lot to offer: "Businesses from around the world (11) _____ within the Kingdom as its unique attractions, culture and natural beauty become (12) _____."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. Where did the article say there was a new destination?
2. What kind of kingdom did the article say Saudi Arabia was?
3. How many nationalities will be allowed to visit Saudi Arabia as tourists?
4. What industry does Saudi want to move away from besides gas?
5. By when does Saudi want to get 10% of its GDP from tourism?
6. How long can tourists stay in Saudi Arabia each year?
7. How many times can tourists visit Saudi Arabia?
8. Where won't non-Muslims be able to visit?
9. What kind of moment did a chairman say this was for Saudi Arabia?
10. What did a chairman say businesses would establish in Saudi Arabia?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) Where did the article say there was a new destination?
 - a) in travel guides
 - b) the southern hemisphere
 - c) the Gulf
 - d) the world tourism map
- 2) What kind of kingdom did the article say Saudi Arabia was?
 - a) a desiccated kingdom
 - b) a desert kingdom
 - c) a deserted kingdom
 - d) a dessert kingdom
- 3) How many nationalities will be allowed to visit Saudi Arabia as tourists?
 - a) 46
 - b) 47
 - c) 48
 - d) 49
- 4) What industry does Saudi want to move away from besides gas?
 - a) car making
 - b) shipping
 - c) oil
 - d) date production
- 5) By when does Saudi want to get 10% of its GDP from tourism?
 - a) 2045
 - b) 2035
 - c) 2040
 - d) 2030
- 6) How long can tourists stay in Saudi Arabia each year?
 - a) 80 days
 - b) 70 days
 - c) 90 days
 - d) 100 days
- 7) How many times can tourists visit Saudi Arabia?
 - a) multiple times
 - b) once
 - c) twice
 - d) three times
- 8) Where won't non-Muslims be able to visit?
 - a) Riyadh and Medina
 - b) Mecca and Riyadh
 - c) Mecca and Medina
 - d) Medina and Jeddah
- 9) What kind of moment did a chairman say this was for Saudi Arabia?
 - a) a great moment
 - b) a historic moment
 - c) a scary moment
 - d) an unfortunate moment
- 10) What did a chairman say businesses would establish in Saudi Arabia?
 - a) operations
 - b) headquarters
 - c) employment
 - d) shops

ROLE PLAY

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

Role A – People

You think the people are the best thing about Saudi Arabia. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the food, the desert or the weather.

Role B – Food

You think the food is the best thing about Saudi Arabia. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the people, the desert or the weather.

Role C – Desert

You think the desert is the best thing about Saudi Arabia. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the food, the people or the weather.

Role D – Weather

You think the weather is the best thing about Saudi Arabia. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the food, the desert or the people.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

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

tourism	desert
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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">• map• 49• seven• wealth• beautiful• 2030	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 90• multiple• holy• importance• lot• widely
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TOURISM SURVEY

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

TOURISM DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'tourism'?
3. What do you know about Saudi Arabia?
4. Why hasn't Saudi opened up to tourism before?
5. Would you like to go to Saudi on holiday?
6. Where is your favorite tourist destination?
7. What do you think of applying for visas?
8. How good a tourist destination is your country?
9. What are the three best places to visit in your country?
10. How important is Saudi Arabia's oil?

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TOURISM DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'Saudi Arabia'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of Saudi as a tourism destination?
15. What do you know about Saudi Arabia's holy sites?
16. How will tourism benefit Saudi Arabia?
17. How might tourism be bad for Saudi Arabia?
18. How important is tourism for your country?
19. What advice do you have for Saudi Arabia's tourism minister?
20. What questions would you like to ask Saudi's tourism minister?

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

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) fans | (b) vents | (c) windows | (d) doors |
| 2. | (a) as | (b) at | (c) in | (d) from |
| 3. | (a) give | (b) issue | (c) online | (d) photo |
| 4. | (a) practice | (b) prove | (c) prime | (d) prevalent |
| 5. | (a) unique | (b) handle | (c) boom | (d) aspect |
| 6. | (a) contribute | (b) attribute | (c) retribution | (d) tribute |
| 7. | (a) multi | (b) multiplication | (c) multiply | (d) multiple |
| 8. | (a) allowed | (b) let | (c) permit | (d) grant |
| 9. | (a) impotent | (b) importance | (c) important | (d) importantly |
| 10. | (a) meant | (b) mint | (c) moment | (d) memento |
| 11. | (a) right | (b) bless | (c) offer | (d) power |
| 12. | (a) width | (b) widely | (c) widen | (d) widespread |

SPELLING

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

Paragraph 1

1. a new sntiaditeon on the world tourism map
2. The visas can be ppliaed for online
3. its country has huge tptneioal
4. natural tratcaitnos
5. earn money from other nuirtsides
6. otcbirunte 10 per cent of the country's GDP

Paragraph 2

7. a ixammum of 90 days
8. enter the Kingdom utmpille times
9. visit the ohly sites
10. a tshoiirc moment
11. stbeilash operations
12. become more idwely appreciated

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () from around the world will establish operations within the Kingdom as its
- () attractions, deserts, World Heritage sites, beautiful beaches and unique cultures. The government
- () to open its doors to tourists from around the world. It has decided to issue tourist visas to people from 49
- () sites of Mecca and Medina. Ahmad al-Khateeb, chairman of the Saudi Commission for Tourism
- () unique attractions, culture and natural beauty become more widely appreciated."
- () and National Heritage, explained the importance of tourism to Saudi. He said: "Opening Saudi Arabia to international
- () government believes its country has huge potential to develop into a prime tourism destination. It has a wealth of natural
- () tourists is a historic moment for our country." He added that Saudi has a lot to offer: "Businesses
- () gas. It hopes tourism will contribute 10 per cent of the country's GDP by 2030.
- () Tourists will be allowed to stay in Saudi Arabia for a maximum of 90 days in one year. They can
- () different countries. The visas can be applied for online and will take just seven minutes to issue. Saudi Arabia's
- () enter the Kingdom multiple times in that year. However, non-Muslims will not be allowed to visit the holy
- (**1**) There is a new destination on the world tourism map - Saudi Arabia. The desert kingdom has decided
- () also wants to make sure it can earn money from other industries besides oil and

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. tourism A on destination the world new map .
2. kingdom its The desert to doors . open decided
3. visas people Issue to tourist 49 from countries .
4. applied visas can The online . be for
5. can industries . earn other money It from
6. A of 90 one days in year . maximum
7. holy visit sites . won't Non-Muslims allowed to be
8. historic . Arabia is Saudi tourists to international Opening
9. establish Businesses from world around operations . the will
10. more become natural Culture beauty and appreciated . widely

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

There is a new destination on the *world / worldly* tourism map - Saudi Arabia. The desert kingdom has decided to open its *windows / doors* to tourists from around the world. It has decided to *tissue / issue* tourist visas to people from 49 different countries. The visas can *been / be* applied for online and will *take / taking* just seven minutes to issue. Saudi Arabia's government believes its country has *huge / hug* potential to develop into a prime tourism destination. It has a *wealth / wealthy* of natural attractions, deserts, World Heritage sites, beautiful beaches and *unique / uniquely* cultures. The government also wants to make sure it can *learn / earn* money from other industries besides oil and gas. It hopes tourism will contribute 10 per cent of the country's GDP *by / at* 2030.

Tourists will be *allow / allowed* to stay in Saudi Arabia for a maximum of 90 days in one year. They can enter *the / a* Kingdom multiple times in that year. However, non-Muslims will *not / no* be allowed to visit the holy sites of Mecca and Medina. Ahmad al-Khateeb, chairman of the Saudi Commission for Tourism and National *Hermitage / Heritage*, explained the importance of tourism *on / to* Saudi. He said: "Opening Saudi Arabia to international tourists *is / be* a historic moment for *our / your* country." He added that Saudi has a lot to *offer / offering*: "Businesses from around the world will establish operations within the Kingdom *at / as* its unique attractions, culture and natural beauty become more *widely / width* appreciated."

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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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

there is a new destination on the world tourism map saudi arabia the desert kingdom has decided to open its doors to tourists from around the world it has decided to issue tourist visas to people from 49 different countries the visas can be applied for online and will take just seven minutes to issue saudi arabias government believes its country has huge potential to develop into a prime tourism destination it has a wealth of natural attractions deserts world heritage sites beautiful beaches and unique cultures the government also wants to make sure it can earn money from other industries besides oil and gas it hopes tourism will contribute 10 per cent of the countrys gdp by 2030

tourists will be allowed to stay in saudi arabia for a maximum of 90 days in one year they can enter the kingdom multiple times in that year however nonmuslims will not be allowed to visit the holy sites of mecca and medina ahmad alkhateeb chairman of the saudi commission for tourism and national heritage explained the importance of tourism to saudi he said opening saudi arabia to international tourists is a historic moment for our country he 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 appreciated

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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There is a new destination on the world tourism map - Saudi Arabia. The desert kingdom has decided to open its doors to tourists from around the world. It has decided to issue tourist visas to people from 49 different countries. The visa can be applied for online and will take just seven minutes to issue. Saudi Arabia's government believes its country has huge potential to develop into a prime tourism destination. It has a wealth of natural attractions, deserts, World Heritage sites, beautiful beaches and unique cultures. The government also wants to make sure it can earn money from other industries besides oil and gas. It hopes tourism will contribute 10 percent of the country's GDP by 2030. Tourists will be allowed to stay in Saudi Arabia for a maximum of 90 days in one year. They can enter the Kingdom multiple times in that year. However, non-Muslims will not be allowed to visit the holy sites of Mecca and Medina. Ahmad al-Khateeb, chairman of the Saudi Commission for Tourism and National Heritage, explained the importance of tourism to Saudi. He said: "Opening Saudi Arabia to international tourists is a historic moment for our country." He 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 appreciated."

FREE WRITING

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

Write about **tourism** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

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

Increasing tourism will help the world. Discuss.

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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. SAUDI ARABIA: Make a poster about Saudi Arabia. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. TOURISM: Write a magazine article about increasing the amount of tourism in the world. 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 tourism. Ask him/her three questions about tourism. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e 2. c 3. b 4. f 5. a 6. g 7. d
8. n 9. h 10. k 11. m 12. i 13. l 14. j

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1. new | a. additional |
| 2. tourists | b. travelers |
| 3. issue | c. provide |
| 4. prime | d. important |
| 5. earn | e. get |
| 6. stay | f. remain |
| 7. multiple | g. many |
| 8. importance | h. significance |
| 9. moment | i. point in time |
| 10. appreciated | j. was grateful for |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. The world tourism map
2. A desert kingdom
3. 49
4. Oil
5. 2030
6. 90 days
7. Multiple times
8. The holy sites of Mecca and Medina
9. A historic moment
10. Operations

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. A new destination on the world tourism map.
2. The desert kingdom decided to open its doors.
3. Issue tourist visas to people from 49 countries.
4. The visas can be applied for online.
5. It can earn money from other industries.
6. A maximum of 90 days in one year.
7. Non-Muslims won't be allowed to visit holy sites.
8. Opening Saudi Arabia to international tourists is historic.
9. Businesses from around the world will establish operations
10. Culture and natural beauty become more widely appreciated.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. d 2. b 3. d 4. c 5. d 6. c 7. a 8. c 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 ;-)