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Saudi Arabia plans to build six-runway airport

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THE ARTICLE

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221201-six-runway-airport.html

Saudi Arabia has announced a plan to build a huge airport. Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman told journalists about the plan on Monday. He said his country would transform Saudi's current Riyadh airport into a world-beating six-runway hub. He said the airport would be able to accept up to 120 million travellers by 2030. He added that the airport would change travel in the region. It would be the world's fifth largest logistics hub. The new airport would also boost Saudi Arabia's economy. Another ambitious plan is the creation of a second national airline Riyadh International Airlines (RIA). This will compete with regional rivals Qatar Airways and the UAE carrier Emirates.

The Saudi Press Agency (SPA) said the new King Salman International Airport would stretch over 57 square kilometres. It will include the current King Khaled Airport. An SPA official said: "The airport project is part of Saudi Arabia's vision to transform Riyadh to be among the top ten city economies in the world. It will help Riyadh's population grow to 15–20 million people by 2030." The SPA also said the new airport would be one of the greenest in the world. It will be built to be totally sustainable. It will be based on cutting-edge, green designs. In addition, it will be powered by renewable energy. A project spokesperson said the hub would be more than an airport; it would be an "aerotropolis".

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airport-riyadh-2022-11-28/

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WARM-UPS

- **1. AIRPORTS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about airports. 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?

Saudi Arabia / airport / journalists / runway / hub / travel / region / logistics / plan / project / transform / economies / population / green / cutting edge / renewable

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

- **3. AIR TRAVEL:** Students A **strongly** believe we need to travel by air less to help the planet; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.
- **4. BETTER AIRPORTS:** What do you think of these things in airports? How can we improve them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

| | What I Think | Improvements |
|----------|--------------|--------------|
| Check-in | | |
| Location | | |
| Shopping | | |
| Parking | | |
| Music | | |
| Staff | | |

- **5. PLAN:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "plan". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.
- **6. TRANSPORT:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best forms of transport at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

Airplane

• Bus

Taxi

Bicycle

Helicopter

Ferry

· On foot

• Car

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- 1. announced a. An area, especially part of a country or the world. that has special features.
- 2. transform b. A person or thing competing with another for the same thing or to be the winner.
- 3. hub c. Said something in public about a fact or happening, so people know about it.
- 4. region d. A central airport, train station, bus station, etc. from which many services operate.
- 5. boost e. Made a change in the form, nature, or appearance of something or someone.
- 6. ambitious f. Help or encourage something to increase or get better.
- 7. rival g. Having or showing a strong desire to win or do well.

Paragraph 2

- 8. stretch h. Belonging to the present time; happening or being used or done now.
- 9. current i. An image of what the future will or could be like.
- 10. vision j. Able to stay at a certain rate or level.
- 11. economy k. Extend or spread over an area.
- 12. population I. The latest or most advanced stage in the development of something.
- 13. sustainable m. All of the people who live in a particular place.
- 14. cutting-edge n. The system of a country's or region's money and the things it makes, buys and sells.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221201-six-runway-airport.html

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

- 1. The article says Saudi Arabia will build the world's biggest airport. T / F
- 2. The airport will get over 100 million travellers by the end of the decade. T / F
- 3. The article says the airport will boast about the Saudi economy. **T/F**
- 4. Saudi Arabia's new airline will rival those in Qatar and the UAE. T / F
- 5. The new airport will be 57 km long. **T/F**
- 6. The airport is part of a vision for Riyadh to be the world's best city. **T/F**
- 7. The new airport will be the greenest airport in the world. **T / F**
- 8. Renewable energy will be used for the new airport. **T / F**

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

- 1. announced
- 2. transform
- 3. hub
- 4. region
- 5. rivals
- 6. stretch
- 7. current
- 8. vision
- 9. totally
- 10. energy

- a. completely
- b. area
- c. extend
- d. change
- e. hopes
- f. competitors
- g. made public
- h. power
- i. centre
- i. present

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

- 1. Saudi Arabia has announced a plan
- 2. accept up to 120 million travellers
- 3. It would be the world's fifth
- 4. Another ambitious plan is the creation of
- 5. This will compete with regional
- 6. stretch over 57
- 7. among the top
- 8. one of the greenest
- 9. It will be based on cutting-edge,
- 10. it will be powered

- a. largest logistics hub
- b. by renewable energy
- c. rivals Qatar Airways
- d. square kilometres
- e. green designs
- f. in the world
- g. to build a huge airport
- h. ten city economies
- i. a second national airline
- j. by 2030

GAP FILL

| Saudi Arabia has (1) a plan to build a huge | creation |
|---|-----------|
| airport. Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman told journalists | transform |
| about the plan on Monday. He said his country would (2) Saudi's current Riyadh airport into a world- | rivals |
| beating six-runway (3) He said the airport | accept |
| would be able to (4) up to 120 million | announced |
| travellers by 2030. He added that the airport would change travel | boost |
| in the (5) It would be the world's fifth largest | hub |
| logistics hub. The new airport would also (6) | hub |
| Saudi Arabia's economy. Another ambitious plan is the | region |
| (7) of a second national airline Riyadh | |
| International Airlines (RIA). This will compete with regional | |
| (8) Qatar Airways and the UAE carrier | |
| Emirates. | |
| | |
| The Saudi Press Agency (SPA) said the new King Salman | grow |
| International Airport would (9) over 57 square | current |
| kilometres. It will include the (10) King Khaled | |
| Airport. An SPA official said: "The airport project is part of Saudi | powered |
| Arabia's (11) to transform Riyadh to be among | vision |
| the top ten city economies in the world. It will help Riyadh's | more |
| population (12) to 15–20 million people by | totally |
| 2030." The SPA also said the new airport would be one of the | totany |
| (13) in the world. It will be built to be | stretch |
| (14) sustainable. It will be based on cutting- | greenest |
| edge, green designs. In addition, it will be (15) | |
| by renewable energy. A project spokesperson said the hub would | |
| be (16) than an airport; it would be an | |
| "aerotropolis". | |

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

| 1) | Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman told journalists a. about the plant |
|------------|--|
| | b. about the plane |
| | c. about the plan |
| 21 | d. about the plain |
| 2) | transform Saudi's current Riyadh airport into a world-beating a. six-runaway hub |
| | b. six-runway hub-bub |
| | c. six-runway hub |
| | d. six-runway hubby |
| 3) | He said the airport would be able to accept up to 120 million |
| | a. travellers buy 2030 |
| | b. travellers at 2030c. travellers by 2030 |
| | d. travellers but 2030 |
| 4) | Another ambitious plan is the creation of a |
| , | a. second nationally airline |
| | b. second gnash on all airline |
| | c. second nation all airlines |
| - \ | d. second national airline This will compate with regional rivals Octor Airways and |
| 5) | This will compete with regional rivals Qatar Airways and a. the UAE carryall |
| | b. the UAE carer |
| | c. the UAE carry a |
| | d. the UAE carrier |
| 6) | King Salman International Airport would stretch over |
| | a. 57 squared kilometresb. 57 square kilometres |
| | c. 57 squares kilometres |
| | d. 57 squire kilometres |
| 7) | The airport project is part of Saudi Arabia's vision |
| | a. too transform Riyadh |
| | b. two transform Riyadh |
| | c. to transform Riyadhd. true transform Riyadh |
| 8) | the new airport would be one of the greenest in the world. It will be built to |
| 0) | a. beat oat all eat sustainable |
| | b. be total sustainable |
| | c. beat totally sustainable |
| ٠. | d. be totally sustainable |
| 9) | It will be based on cutting |
| | a. edge, glean designsb. edge, green designs |
| | c. ledge, green designs |
| | d. hedge, green designs |
| 10 | In addition, it will be powered |
| | a. by renewable energy |
| | b. bye renewable energyc. buy renewable energy |
| | d. bi-renewable energy |
| | J , |

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

| Saudi Arabia has announced a plan (1) huge |
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| airport. Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman told journalists about the plan |
| on Monday. He said his (2) Saudi's current Riyadh |
| airport into a world-beating six-runway hub. He said the airport would be |
| able (3) to 120 million travellers by 2030. He added |
| that the airport would change travel (4) It would |
| be the world's fifth largest logistics hub. The new airport |
| (5) Saudi Arabia's economy. Another ambitious plan |
| is the creation of a second national airline Riyadh International Airlines |
| (RIA). This will compete (6) Qatar Airways and the |
| UAE carrier Emirates. |
| The Saudi Press Agency (SPA) said the new King Salman Internationa |
| Airport (7) 57 square kilometres. It will include the |
| current King Khaled Airport. An SPA official said: "The airport |
| (8) of Saudi Arabia's vision to transform Riyadh to |
| be among the (9) economies in the world. It wil |
| help Riyadh's population grow to 15-20 million people by 2030." The SPA |
| also said the new airport would be one of (10) the |
| world. It will be built to be totally sustainable. It will be based on cutting- |
| edge, green designs. In addition, it will (11) |
| renewable energy. A project spokesperson said (12) |
| be more than an airport; it would be an "aerotropolis". |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221201-six-runway-airport.html

| 1. | On what day of the week was the airport plan announced? |
|-----|---|
| 2. | By when will the airport be seeing 120 million travellers? |
| 3. | What did the Crown Prince say the airport would change in the region? |
| 4. | What did the prince say the airport would do to Riyadh's economy? |
| 5. | How many airlines does the article say will RIA compete with? |
| 6. | What will be the size of the new airport? |
| 7. | What does Saudi Arabia want Riyadh to be in the top ten of? |
| 8. | What will Riyadh's population grow to? |
| 9. | What will the airport be powered by? |
| 10. | What more will the hub be than an airport? |

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221201-six-runway-airport.html

- 1) On what day of the week was the airport plan announced?
- a) a Friday
- b) a Monday
- c) a Sunday
- d) yesterday
- 2) By when will the airport be seeing 120 million travellers?
- a) by 2050
- b) by 2055
- c) by 2035
- d) by 2030
- 3) What did the Crown Prince say the airport would change in the region?
- a) travel
- b) the climate
- c) prices
- d) lifestyles
- 4) What did the prince say the airport would do to Riyadh's economy?
- a) damage it
- b) help it
- c) boost it
- d) double it
- 5) How many airlines does the article a) a desert oasis say will RIA compete with?
- a) 1
- b) 2
- c) 3
- d) 4

- 6) What will be the size of the new airport?
- a) 57 square kilometres
- b) 58 square kilometres
- c) 56 square kilometres
- d) 59 square kilometres
- 7) What does Saudi Arabia want Riyadh to be in the top ten of?
- a) travel destinations
- b) airports
- c) city economies
- d) rich cities
- 8) What will Riyadh's population grow to?
- a) 15-20 million people
- b) 15-30 million people
- c) 20-30 million people
- d) 10-20 million people
- 9) What will the airport be powered by?
- a) renewable energy
- b) wind
- c) oil
- d) gas and solar energy
- 10) What more will the hub be than an airport?
- b) a miracle
- c) a landmark
- d) an aerotropolis

ROLE PLAY

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Role A - Airplane

You think an airplane is the best form of transport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their types of transport. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): train, walking or car.

Role B - Train

You think a train is the best form of transport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their types of transport. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): airplane, walking or car.

Role C - Walking

You think walking is the best form of transport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their types of transport. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): train, airplane or car.

Role D - Car

You think a car is the best form of transport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their types of transport. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): train, walking or airplane.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221201-six-runway-airport.html

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

| airport | runway |
|---------|--------|
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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:

| announced | stretch |
|------------------------------|----------|
| current | • part |
| • fifth | • among |
| • boost | • people |
| creation | • green |
| rivals | • more |

AIRPORTS SURVEY

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221201-six-runway-airport.html

Write five GOOD questions about airports 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.

AIRPORTS 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 'runway'?
- 3. What do you think of airports?
- 4. What are the airports in your country like?
- 5. What do you like and dislike about airports?
- 6. What do you think of a six-runway airport?
- 7. Why is it important for a country to have a big airport?
- 8. What do you think of your country's national airline?
- 9. How environmentally friendly are airports?
- 10. Should we be travelling around the world less?

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AIRPORTS 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 'airport'?
- 13. What do you think about what you read?
- 14. How can we make airports better?
- 15. How can we make flying better?
- 16. Should cities be decreasing and not increasing their populations?
- 17. What would your vision for your city be?
- 18. What renewable energies are best?
- 19. How can an airport be totally sustainable?
- 20. What questions would you like to ask the airport's designers?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

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LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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| 1. | (a) | announced | (b) | announcer | | announcement | | a nnouncing |
| 2. | (a) | unto | (b) | as to | (c) | into | (d) | over to |
| 3. | (a) | ability | (b) | abled | (c) | able | (d) | abler |
| 4. | (a) | legions | (b) | legion | (c) | regional | (d) | region |
| 5. | (a) | on | (b) | at | (c) | of | (d) | to |
| 6. | (a) | libels | (b) | rivals | (c) | rebels | (d) | revels |
| 7. | (a) | snatch | (b) | stretch | (c) | stitch | (d) | such |
| 8. | (a) | partner | (b) | part | (c) | party | (d) | parts |
| 9. | (a) | growth | (b) | grown | (c) | grow | (d) | growing |
| 10. | (a) | in | (b) | at | (c) | of | (d) | on |
| 11. | (a) | up | (b) | at | (c) | to | (d) | by |
| 12. | (a) | do | (b) | give | (c) | take | (d) | be |
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SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

- 1. <u>enuanocdn</u> a plan
- 2. Salman told sarijtsouln about the plan
- 3. transform Saudi's eunrrct Riyadh airport
- 4. ptccae up to 120 million travellers
- 5. change travel in the nogrei
- 6. Another tuaboismi plan

Paragraph 2

- 7. <u>ceshrtt</u> over 57 square kilometres
- 8. The airport <u>creptjo</u>
- 9. help Riyadh's <u>anipoptluo</u> grow
- 10. built to be totally <u>bstasanieul</u>
- 11. based on <u>titcngu-dgee</u>, green designs
- 12. powered by <u>eelebnwra</u> energy

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221201-six-runway-airport.html

Number these lines in the correct order.

| (|) | kilometres. It will include the current King Khaled Airport. An SPA official said: "The airport project is part |
|---|------------|---|
| (|) | journalists about the plan on Monday. He said his country would transform Saudi's current |
| (| 1) | Saudi Arabia has announced a plan to build a huge airport. Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman told |
| (|) | of Saudi Arabia's vision to transform Riyadh to be among the top ten city economies in the world. It will help Riyadh's population |
| (|) | the greenest in the world. It will be built to be totally sustainable. It will be based on cutting- |
| (|) | edge, green designs. In addition, it will be powered by renewable energy. A project spokesperson |
| (|) | grow to 15–20 million people by 2030." The SPA also said the new airport would be one of |
| (|) | largest logistics hub. The new airport would also boost Saudi Arabia's economy. Another ambitious |
| (|) | The Saudi Press Agency (SPA) said the new King Salman International Airport would stretch over 57 square |
| (|) | with regional rivals Qatar Airways and the UAE carrier Emirates. |
| (|) | said the hub would be more than an airport; it would be an "aerotropolis". |
| (|) | Riyadh airport into a world-beating six-runway hub. He said the airport would be able to accept up to 120 million |
| (|) | plan is the creation of a second national airline Riyadh International Airlines (RIA). This will compete |
| (|) | travellers by 2030. He added that the airport would change travel in the region. It would be the world's fifth |

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221201-six-runway-airport.html

- 1. airport . huge a a to Announced plan build
- 2. the in airport travel change would The region .
- 3. world's be It'd fifth largest logistics the hub.
- 4. second a national creation of The airline .
- 5. will compete rivals regional This Qatar with Airways .
- 6. Part Saudi to of transform vision Arabia's Riyadh .
- 7. The of would greenest . one the airport be
- 8. will be It cutting-edge, on designs . green based
- 9. energy . renewable be it'll addition, In by powered
- 10. more airport . would be than an The hub

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221201-six-runway-airport.html

Saudi Arabia has announced a *plant / plan* to build a huge airport. Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman told journalists about the plan on Monday. He said his country would *transformer / transform* Saudi's current Riyadh airport into a world-beating six-runway *rub / hub*. He said the airport would be *able / ability* to accept up to 120 million *travellers / travels* by 2030. He added that the airport would *charge / change* travel in the region. It would be the world's *fifth / fifty* largest logistics hub. The new airport would also *boost / boast* Saudi Arabia's economy. Another ambitious *plan / plane* is the creation of a second national airline Riyadh International Airlines (RIA). This will compete *at / with* regional rivals Qatar Airways and the UAE carrier Emirates.

The Saudi Press Agency (SPA) said the new King Salman International Airport would stretch *above / over* 57 square kilometres. It will include the *current / currant* King Khaled Airport. An SPA official said: "The airport project is *partner / part* of Saudi Arabia's vision *to / for* transform Riyadh to be among the top *ten / tenth* city economies in the world. It will help Riyadh's population grow *up / to* 15–20 million people by 2030." The SPA also said the new airport would be *one / once* of the greenest in the world. It will be built to be totally *sustain / sustainable*. It will be based on cuttingedge, green designs. In addition, it will be powered *by / to* renewable energy. A project spokesperson said the hub would be more than an airport; it would *be / give* an "aerotropolis".

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221201-six-runway-airport.html

S__d__r_b__ h_s _nn__nc_d _ pl_n t_ b__ld _ h_g___rp_rt. Cr_wn Pr_nc_ M_h_mm_d b_n S_lm_n t_ld j__rn_l_sts _b__t th_ pl_n _n M_nd_y. H_ s__d h_s c__ntry w__ld tr_nsf_rm S__d_'s c_rr_nt R_y_dh __rp_rt _nt_ _ w_rld-b__t_ng s_x-r_nw_y h_b. H_ s__d th_ __rp_rt w__ld b__bl_ t__cc_pt _p t_ 120 m_ll_n tr_v_ll_rs by 2030. H_ _dd_d th_t th_ __rp_rt w__ld ch_ng_ tr_v_l _n th_ r_g__n. _t w__ld b_ th_ w_rld's f_fth l_rg_st l_g_st_cs h_b. Th_ n_w __rp_rt w__ld _ls_b_st S__d_ _r_b__'s _c_n_my. _n_th_r _mb_t__s pl_n _s th_ cr__t_n _f _ s_c_nd _n_t_n_l __rl_n_ R_y_dh _nt_rn_t_n_l __rl_n_s (R__). Th_s w_ll c_mp_t_ w_th r_g__n_l _r_v_ls Q_t_r __rw_ys _nd _th_ _ c_rr__r _m_r_t_s.

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221201-six-runway-airport.html

saudi arabia has announced a plan to build a huge airport crown prince

mohammed bin salman told journalists about the plan on monday he said

his country would transform saudis current riyadh airport into a worldbeating

sixrunway hub he said the airport would be able to accept up to 120 million

travellers by 2030 he added that the airport would change travel in the

region it would be the worlds fifth largest logistics hub the new airport would

also boost saudi arabias economy another ambitious plan is the creation of a

second national airline riyadh international airlines ria this will compete with

regional rivals gatar airways and the uae carrier emirates

the saudi press agency spa said the new king salman international airport

would stretch over 57 square kilometres it will include the current king

khaled airport an spa official said the airport project is part of saudi arabias

vision to transform riyadh to be among the top ten city economies in the

world it will help riyadhs population grow to 1520 million people by 2030 the

spa also said the new airport would be one of the greenest in the world it will

be built to be totally sustainable it will be based on cuttingedge green

designs in addition it will be powered by renewable energy a project

spokesperson said the hub would be more than an airport it would be an

aerotropolis

Level 3 Saudi Arabia plans to build six-runway airport – 1st December, 2022

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SaudiArabiahasannouncedaplantobuildahugeairport.CrownPrinceM ohammedbinSalmantoldjournalistsabouttheplanonMonday.Hesaid hiscountrywouldtransformSaudi'scurrentRiyadhairportintoaworldbeatingsix-runwayhub. Hesaidtheairportwouldbeabletoacceptupt o120milliontravellersby2030. Headdedthattheairportwouldchanget ravelintheregion. It would be the world's fifthlargest logistic shub. Then ewairportwouldalsoboostSaudiArabia'seconomy. Another ambitious planisthecreationofasecondnationalairlineRiyadhInternationalAirlin es(RIA). This will compete with regional rivals Qatar Airways and the UAE carrierEmirates.TheSaudiPressAgency(SPA)saidthenewKingSalma nInternationalAirportwouldstretchover57squarekilometres.Itwillinc ludethecurrentKingKhaledAirport.AnSPAofficialsaid: "Theairportpro jectispartofSaudiArabia'svisiontotransformRiyadhtobeamongtheto ptencityeconomiesintheworld. It will help Riyadh's population growto 1 5–20millionpeopleby2030."TheSPAalsosaidthenewairportwouldbeo neofthegreenestintheworld. It will be built to be to tally sustainable. It will lbebasedoncutting-edge, greendesigns. In addition, it will be powered byrenewableenergy. Aprojectspokespersonsaid the hubwould bemor ethananairport; it would be an "aerotropolis".

FREE WRITING

| Write about airports for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper. | | | | |
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ACADEMIC WRITING

| We should stop | building airports because air trave | l is too polluting. | Discuss. |
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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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.
- **3. AIR TRAVEL:** Make a poster about airports. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?
- **4. AIRPORTS:** Write a magazine article about building fewer airports to help save the planet. 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 airports. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make air travel greener. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. С 2. е 3. d 4. а 5. f 6. g 7. b 8. 9. 10. i 14. Τ k h 11. n 12. m 13.

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

1 F 2 T 3 F 4 T 5 F 6 F 7 F 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

| 1. g | 2. d | 3. i | 4. b | 5. f |
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| 6. c | 7. j | 8. e | 9. a | 10. h |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

| 1. | A Monday | 1. | Announced a plan to build a huge airport. |
|-----|--------------------------|-----|---|
| 2. | 2030 | 2. | The airport would change travel in the region. |
| 3. | Travel | 3. | It'd be the world's fifth largest logistics hub. |
| 4. | Boost it | 4. | The creation of a second national airline. |
| 5. | Two | 5. | This will compete with regional rivals Qatar Airways. |
| 6. | 57 square kilometres | 6. | Part of Saudi Arabia's vision to transform Riyadh. |
| 7. | city economies | 7. | The airport would be one of the greenest. |
| 8. | 15-20 million people | 8. | It will be based on cutting-edge, green designs. |
| 9. | Renewable energy | 9. | In addition, it'll be powered by renewable energy. |
| 10. | It'll be an aerotropolis | 10. | The hub would be more than an airport. |

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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