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## **Level 5**

### **Saudi prince says fracking will hurt his nation**

**2nd August, 2013**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1308/130802-fracking-5.html>

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1308/130802-fracking-5.html>

Saudi billionaire prince Alwaleed bin Talal has warned that his country's economy is in danger unless it moves away from oil. A huge 92 per cent of Saudi's revenue comes from oil. The prince told his oil minister he needed to cut the reliance on oil. He published a letter online warning Gulf states and members of the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) that demand for oil was "in continuous decline". He wrote that Saudi Arabia's dependence on oil "is becoming a source of concern for all." The prince owns stakes in Apple, Twitter and Citigroup.

Prince Alwaleed warned the biggest threat to Saudi Arabia is from fracking – a technology that gets oil from shale and rock. The USA has cut demand for Saudi oil because it is producing its own from fracking. It hopes to be self-sufficient in oil by 2020, which would be bad for Saudi. Alwaleed commented: "We see that rising North American shale gas production is an inevitable threat." Gulf countries see little threat from shale, although OPEC has said the issue needs to be looked at. 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>  
<http://www.arabianbusiness.com/alwaleed-warns-of-sliding-oil-demand-511466.html>  
<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-07-29/alwaleed-warns-saudi-oil-minister-of-waning-need-for-oil.html>

# MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1308/130802-fracking-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                      |                        |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. his country's economy             | a. continuous decline  |
| 2. unless it moves                   | b. Saudi's revenue     |
| 3. A huge 92 per cent of             | c. Exporting Countries |
| 4. he needed to cut the reliance     | d. in Apple            |
| 5. the Organisation of the Petroleum | e. is in danger        |
| 6. demand for oil was in             | f. concern for all     |
| 7. becoming a source of              | g. on oil              |
| 8. The prince owns stakes            | h. away from oil       |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. the biggest threat      | a. demand for Saudi oil     |
| 2. a technology that       | b. little threat from shale |
| 3. The USA has cut         | c. looked at                |
| 4. It hopes to be self-    | d. solar energy production  |
| 5. shale gas production is | e. to Saudi Arabia          |
| 6. Gulf countries see      | f. an inevitable threat     |
| 7. the issue needs to be   | g. gets oil from shale      |
| 8. invest in nuclear and   | h. sufficient in oil        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1308/130802-fracking-5.html>

Saudi billionaire prince Alwaleed bin Talal (1) \_\_\_\_\_ country's economy is in danger (2) \_\_\_\_\_ from oil. A huge 92 per cent of Saudi's revenue (3) \_\_\_\_\_. The prince told his oil minister he needed to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ oil. He published a letter online warning Gulf states and members of the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) that demand for oil was "in continuous decline". He wrote that Saudi Arabia's (5) \_\_\_\_\_ "is becoming (6) \_\_\_\_\_ for all." The prince owns stakes in Apple, Twitter and Citigroup.

Prince Alwaleed warned (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Saudi Arabia is from fracking – a technology (8) \_\_\_\_\_ shale and rock. The USA has cut demand for Saudi oil because it is producing its own from fracking. It hopes (9) \_\_\_\_\_ oil by 2020, which would be bad for Saudi. Alwaleed commented: " (10) \_\_\_\_\_ North American shale gas production (11) \_\_\_\_\_." Gulf countries see little threat from shale, although OPEC has said (12) \_\_\_\_\_ looked at. The prince encouraged Saudi Arabia to invest in nuclear and solar energy production.

# FRACKING SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1308/130802-fracking-5.html>

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.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_
- g) \_\_\_\_\_
- h) \_\_\_\_\_

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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) \_\_\_\_\_
- g) \_\_\_\_\_
- h) \_\_\_\_\_

# FREE WRITING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1308/130802-fracking-5.html>

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

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