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Level 0

Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah dies

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THE READING

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Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah, 90, has died. He was the world's oldest leader. His brother is the new king. World leaders said kind words. Barack Obama said Abdullah was a good friend who worked for peace. Britain's leader said people will remember Abdullah for his work for peace and for creating "understanding between faiths".

Abdullah was born in 1924. In 1961, he became mayor of Mecca. In 1963, he became leader of the Saudi army. He became King of Saudi Arabia in 2005. Abdullah changed his country slowly. He let women join the country's government.

The BBC said that the king wanted women to work.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-30945324>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. the world's oldest | a. remember Abdullah |
| 2. His brother is the | b. leader |
| 3. World leaders said kind | c. for peace |
| 4. a good friend who | d. new king |
| 5. Britain's | e. faiths |
| 6. people will | f. words |
| 7. work | g. leader |
| 8. understanding between | h. worked for peace |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Abdullah was born | a. leader |
| 2. he became mayor | b. country slowly |
| 3. In 1963, he became | c. to work |
| 4. the Saudi | d. government |
| 5. He became King | e. in 1924 |
| 6. Abdullah changed his | f. army |
| 7. join the country's | g. of Saudi Arabia |
| 8. the king wanted women | h. of Mecca |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah, (1) _____. He was the world's (2) _____. His brother is the new king. World leaders (3) _____. Barack Obama said Abdullah was a good friend who (4) _____. Britain's leader said (5) _____ Abdullah for his work for peace (6) _____ "understanding between faiths". Abdullah (7) _____ 1924. In 1961, he became (8) _____. In 1963, (9) _____ of the Saudi army. He became King of Saudi Arabia in 2005. Abdullah (10) _____ slowly. He (11) _____ the country's government. The BBC said that the (12) _____ to work.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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) _____

