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Level 1

Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah dies

24th January, 2015

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THE READING

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Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah, 90, died Friday morning. He was the world's oldest leader. He was in hospital a few weeks ago. His brother Salman is the new king. World leaders said kind words. Barack Obama said Abdullah was a good friend of the USA. Obama also said the king worked for peace in the Middle East. Britain's Prime Minister said people will remember Abdullah for his work for peace and for "strengthening understanding between faiths".

King Abdullah was born in 1924. His early years prepared him to be king. In 1961, he became mayor of Mecca - his first official job. In 1963, he became leader of the Saudi army. He became King of Saudi Arabia in 2005. Many newspapers say that Abdullah changed his country slowly. He let women join the country's parliament. The BBC said that the king wanted more Saudi Arabian women to find jobs and work.

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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. He was the world's | a. few weeks ago |
| 2. He was in hospital a | b. remember Abdullah |
| 3. World | c. oldest leader |
| 4. a good friend | d. between faiths |
| 5. the king worked | e. leaders |
| 6. people will | f. peace |
| 7. work for | g. of the USA |
| 8. strengthening understanding | h. for peace |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. King Abdullah was | a. of Mecca |
| 2. His early | b. country slowly |
| 3. prepared him | c. years |
| 4. he became mayor | d. job |
| 5. his first official | e. of the Saudi army |
| 6. he became leader | f. born in 1924 |
| 7. Abdullah changed his | g. parliament |
| 8. join the country's | h. to be king |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ . He was in hospital

(2) _____. His brother Salman is the new king.

World leaders said kind words. Barack Obama said Abdullah was

(3) _____ the USA. Obama also said the king

(4) _____ the Middle East. Britain's Prime

Minister said (5) _____ Abdullah for his work for

peace and for "strengthening understanding

(6) _____".

King Abdullah (7) _____. His early years

(8) _____ king. In 1961, he became mayor of

Mecca - (9) _____. In 1963, he became leader

of the Saudi army. (10) _____ of Saudi Arabia

in 2005. Many newspapers say that Abdullah

(11) _____ slowly. He let women join the

country's parliament. The BBC said that the king wanted more

Saudi Arabian (12) _____ jobs and 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)

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)
