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## **Level 3**

# **Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah dies**

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# THE ARTICLE

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Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz passed away early Friday morning. The king was the world's oldest leader. He was 90 years old. He was in hospital a few weeks ago with a lung infection. His 79-year-old half-brother Salman has become the new king of the kingdom. World leaders have been quick to pay their respects to the late King Abdullah. US President Barack Obama passed on his sympathies. He said the king was a good friend of the USA. Obama also said the king did a lot for peace and stability in the Middle East. The British Prime Minister David Cameron said Abdullah would be remembered for his, "commitment to peace and for strengthening understanding between faiths".

King Abdullah was born on 1 August 1924. He was the thirteenth son of former King Abdulaziz. He grew up in the royal palaces and worked in various positions that would one day prepare him to be king. In 1961 he became mayor of Mecca. This was his first job in public office. In 1963, Abdullah was made commander of the Saudi Arabia National Guard (SANG). He changed the SANG into a modern army. He became King of Saudi Arabia and Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques in 2005. News agencies are reporting that Abdullah was a careful reformer at home. He allowed women to join the kingdom's parliament. The BBC said that he "hinted that more women should be allowed to work".

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# WARM-UPS

**1. KING ABDULLAH:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about King Abdullah. 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?

*passed away / oldest leader / hospital / kingdom / pay their respects / peace / stability / royal palaces / various positions / mayor / public office / modern army / parliament*

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

**3. KING:** What would it be like to be a king or queen? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good things	Bad things
Friends		
Food		
Hobbies		
Internet		
Shopping		
Free time		

**4. MONARCHY:** Students A **strongly** believe monarchies are not needed today; Students B **strongly** believe disagree. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. LEADER:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best things about being leader of a country at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- money
- fame
- meet other leaders
- nice house / palace
- power
- travel
- ability to change things
- working day

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

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150124-king-abdullah.html>

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

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| a. King Abdullah was the world's oldest leader.                 | T / F |
| b. The king's 79-year-old step-brother is now the new king.     | T / F |
| c. Barack Obama was quick to pay his sympathies.                | T / F |
| d. Cameron said Abdullah would be remembered as a man of peace. | T / F |
| e. King Abdullah was the twelfth son of a former Saudi king.    | T / F |
| f. Abdullah became mayor of Riyadh in 1961.                     | T / F |
| g. Abdullah became King of Saudi Arabia in 2005.                | T / F |
| h. Abdullah was against women in the kingdom working.           | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| 1. passed away | a. dedication |
| 2. infection   | b. different  |
| 3. pay         | c. religions  |
| 4. commitment  | d. suggested  |
| 5. faiths      | e. disorder   |
| 6. former      | f. leader     |
| 7. various     | g. died       |
| 8. commander   | h. cautious   |
| 9. careful     | i. offer      |
| 10. hinted     | j. ex-        |

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

- |                                  |                          |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. passed away                   | a. infection             |
| 2. a lung                        | b. former King Abdulaziz |
| 3. pay their                     | c. faiths                |
| 4. remembered for his commitment | d. in public office      |
| 5. understanding between         | e. at home               |
| 6. He was the thirteenth son of  | f. early Friday morning  |
| 7. worked in various             | g. allowed to work       |
| 8. This was his first job        | h. respects              |
| 9. a careful reformer            | i. to peace              |
| 10. women should be              | j. positions             |

# GAP FILL

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*sympathies*

*infection*

*stability*

*passed*

*faiths*

*quick*

*respects*

*peace*

King Abdullah was born on 1 August 1924. He was the thirteenth son of (9) \_\_\_\_\_ King Abdulaziz. He grew up in the royal palaces and worked in various (10) \_\_\_\_\_ that would one day (11) \_\_\_\_\_ him to be king. In 1961 he became mayor of Mecca. This was his first job in (12) \_\_\_\_\_ office. In 1963, Abdullah was made commander of the Saudi Arabia National Guard (SANG). He changed the SANG into a modern (13) \_\_\_\_\_. He became King of Saudi Arabia and Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques in 2005. News agencies are reporting that Abdullah was a careful (14) \_\_\_\_\_ at home. He allowed women to join the kingdom's parliament. The BBC said that he "(15) \_\_\_\_\_ that more women should be allowed to (16) \_\_\_\_\_".

*public*

*former*

*hinted*

*army*

*work*

*positions*

*prepare*

*reformer*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150124-king-abdullah.html>

- 1) Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz passed away \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. early Friday morning
  - b. earlyish Friday morning
  - c. earler Friday morning
  - d. earlies Friday morning
- 2) He was in hospital a few weeks ago with \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a rung infection
  - b. a wrong infection
  - c. a rang infection
  - d. a lung infection
- 3) World leaders have been quick to pay their respects \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to the lately King
  - b. to the latish King
  - c. to the late King
  - d. to the later King
- 4) Obama also said the king did a lot for \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. peaceful and stability
  - b. piece and stability
  - c. pieces and stability
  - d. peace and stability
- 5) remembered for his, "commitment to peace and for strengthening understanding \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. between faith
  - b. among faiths
  - c. among faith
  - d. between faiths
- 6) He was the thirteenth son of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. farmer King Abdulaziz
  - b. firmer King Abdulaziz
  - c. former King Abdulaziz
  - d. framer King Abdulaziz
- 7) He grew up in the royal palaces and worked \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. in various positions
  - b. on various positions
  - c. an various positions
  - d. and various positions
- 8) This was his first job \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. in public office
  - b. on public office
  - c. an public office
  - d. and public office
- 9) News agencies are reporting that Abdullah was a careful \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. reformers at home
  - b. reform art home
  - c. reef owner home
  - d. reformer at home
- 10) he hinted that more women should be \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. allows to work
  - b. allow to work
  - c. allowed to work
  - d. allowance work

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150124-king-abdullah.html>

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150124-king-abdullah.html>

1. At what time of the day did King Abdullah die?

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2. What did King Abdullah die from?

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3. What relation is the new King Salman to King Abdullah?

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4. What did Barack Obama say Abdullah was to the USA?

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5. What did David Cameron say Abdullah was committed to?

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6. How many positions did Abdullah have before 1961?

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7. When did Abdullah become leader of the Saudi Arabia National Guard?

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8. When did Abdullah become king?

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9. Who said Abdullah was a careful reformer?

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10. Who said that Abdullah hinted that he wanted more women to work?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150124-king-abdullah.html>

1. At what time of the day did King Abdullah die?
  - a) evening
  - b) after lunch
  - c) early morning
  - d) 10 am
2. What did King Abdullah die from?
  - a) a lung infection
  - b) old age
  - c) a traffic accident
  - d) no one knows yet
3. What relation is the new King Salman to King Abdullah?
  - a) cousin
  - b) half-brother
  - c) brother
  - d) step-brother
4. What did Barack Obama say Abdullah was to the USA?
  - a) a big help
  - b) a strong partner
  - c) kind
  - d) a good friend
5. What did David Cameron say Abdullah was committed to?
  - a) the monarchy
  - b) ending terrorism
  - c) peace
  - d) economic growth
6. How many positions did Abdullah have before 1961?
  - a) 9
  - b) various
  - c) 1
  - d) 27
7. When did Abdullah become leader of the Saudi Arabia National Guard?
  - a) 1960
  - b) 1961
  - c) 1962
  - d) 1963
8. When did Abdullah become king?
  - a) 2004
  - b) 2005
  - c) 2006
  - d) 2007
9. Who said Abdullah was a careful reformer?
  - a) Barack Obama
  - b) news agencies
  - c) David Cameron
  - d) the BBC
10. Who said that Abdullah hinted that he wanted more women to work?
  - a) the BBC
  - b) Barack Obama
  - c) David Cameron
  - d) news agencies

# ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150124-king-abdullah.html>

## **Role A – Money**

You think money is the best thing about being a leader. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least desirable of these (and why): fame, power or the work.

## **Role B – Fame**

You think fame is the best thing about being a leader. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least desirable of these (and why): money, power or the work.

## **Role C – Power**

You think power is the best thing about being a leader. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least desirable of these (and why): fame, money or the work.

## **Role D – Work**

You think the work is the best thing about being a leader. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least desirable of these (and why): fame, power or money.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150124-king-abdullah.html>

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

<b>pass</b>	<b>away</b>
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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"><li>• away</li><li>• 79</li><li>• quick</li><li>• late</li><li>• lot</li><li>• faiths</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• son</li><li>• various</li><li>• 1961</li><li>• 1963</li><li>• 2005</li><li>• BBC</li></ul>
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# KING ABDULLAH SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150124-king-abdullah.html>

Write five GOOD questions about King Abdullah 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.

# KING ABDULLAH DISCUSSION

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

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'king'?
- 3) What do you know about King Abdullah?
- 4) What do you think about kings?
- 5) Is 90 years old too old to run a country?
- 6) What is a half-brother?
- 7) In what ways was King Abdullah a good friend of the USA?
- 8) What did King Abdullah do for peace and stability?
- 9) How much do you like your country's leader?
- 10) How important was King Abdullah in the world?

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# KING ABDULLAH DISCUSSION

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

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) What would it be like to grow up in royal palaces?
- 13) How do princes get training or experience to be king?
- 14) What more would you like to know about King Abdullah?
- 15) What would you do if you were king (or queen)?
- 16) What are the main duties of a king?
- 17) Would you like to be a member of a royal family?
- 18) What will people most remember King Abdullah for?
- 19) What do you think Saudi Arabia will be like in 20 years?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask an expert on the king?

## **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

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

- |     |                 |                |               |               |
|-----|-----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) past        | (b) passed     | (c) parsed    | (d) psst      |
| 2.  | (a) wrong       | (b) lung       | (c) ring      | (d) rung      |
| 3.  | (a) quickens    | (b) quicken    | (c) quickly   | (d) quick     |
| 4.  | (a) in          | (b) on         | (c) up        | (d) over      |
| 5.  | (a) stable      | (b) stability  | (c) stables   | (d) stabled   |
| 6.  | (a) paths       | (b) oaths      | (c) faiths    | (d) hearths   |
| 7.  | (a) framer      | (b) firmer     | (c) former    | (d) farmer    |
| 8.  | (a) up          | (b) on         | (c) in        | (d) as        |
| 9.  | (a) commandment | (b) commandeer | (c) commanded | (d) commander |
| 10. | (a) up to       | (b) onto       | (c) unto      | (d) into      |
| 11. | (a) reporting   | (b) reported   | (c) reporters | (d) reports   |
| 12. | (a) tinted      | (b) minted     | (c) hinted    | (d) printed   |

# SPELLING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150124-king-abdullah.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. The king was the world's oldest laedre
2. in hospital with a lung oiieftcnn
3. pay their sprctsee to the late King
4. Obama passed on his yiehatpsms
5. the king did a lot for peace and tbisaytil
6. understanding between afstih

## Paragraph 2

7. worked in roiavus positions
8. epparer him to be king
9. his first job in public iffoce
10. News asnieecg
11. join the kingdom's menrtplaii
12. more women should be llwdeoa to work



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150124-king-abdullah.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) remembered for his, "commitment to peace and for strengthening understanding between faiths".
- ( ) peace and stability in the Middle East. The British Prime Minister David Cameron said Abdullah would be
- ( ) him to be king. In 1961 he became mayor of Mecca. This was his first job in public office. In 1963, Abdullah was
- ( ) parliament. The BBC said that he "hinted that more women should be allowed to work".
- ( ) army. He became King of Saudi Arabia and Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques in 2005. News
- ( ) King Abdullah was born on 1 August 1924. He was the thirteenth son of former King Abdulaziz. He grew
- ( ) agencies are reporting that Abdullah was a careful reformer at home. He allowed women to join the kingdom's
- ( ) made commander of the Saudi Arabia National Guard (SANG). He changed the SANG into a modern
- ( **1** ) Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz passed away early Friday morning. The king was the world's oldest
- ( ) leader. He was 90 years old. He was in hospital a few weeks ago with a lung
- ( ) pay their respects to the late King Abdullah. US President Barack Obama passed on his
- ( ) up in the royal palaces and worked in various positions that would one day prepare
- ( ) sympathies. He said the king was a good friend of the USA. Obama also said the king did a lot for
- ( ) infection. His 79-year-old half-brother Salman has become the new king of the kingdom. World leaders have been quick to

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150124-king-abdullah.html>

1. early morning Abdullah away Friday passed .

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2. leader oldest world's the was king The .

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3. was infection with few in a weeks hospital He lung ago a .

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4. been pay have to respects leaders quick their World .

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5. and The a peace did for stability king lot .

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6. would one day prepare him to be king Positions that .

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7. office first job This in was public his .

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8. changed modern the army SANG into He a .

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9. join He the allowed kingdom's women parliament to .

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10. should to Hinted women allowed more be work that .

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150124-king-abdullah.html>

Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz passed *up / away* early Friday morning. The king was the world's *eldest / oldest* leader. He was 90 years old. He was in hospital a *few / several* weeks ago with a lung infection. His 79-year-old half-brother Salman has become the *newly / new* king of the kingdom. World leaders have been quick to *pay / spend* their respects to the *late / lately* King Abdullah. US President Barack Obama passed *away / on* his sympathies. He said the king was a good friend *from / of* the USA. Obama also said the king did a lot *for / of* peace and stability in the Middle East. The British Prime Minister David Cameron said Abdullah would be remembered *as / for* his, "commitment to peace and for strengthening understanding between *oaths / faiths*".

King Abdullah was born on 1 August 1924. He was *the / a* thirteenth son of former King Abdulaziz. He grew up *in / on* the royal palaces and worked in *various / variety* positions that would one day *preparation / prepare* him to be king. In 1961 he *became / become* mayor of Mecca. This was his first job in public office. In 1963, Abdullah was made *commandeer / commander* of the Saudi Arabia National Guard (SANG). He *charged / changed* the SANG into a modern army. He became King of Saudi Arabia and Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques in 2005. News agencies are *reported / reporting* that Abdullah was a careful reformer *at / in* home. He allowed women to join the kingdom's parliament. The BBC said that he "*tinted / hinted* that more women should be allowed to work".

**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)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150124-king-abdullah.html>

S\_\_d\_\_ \_r\_b\_\_'s K\_ng \_bd\_ll\_h b\_n \_bd\_l\_z\_z p\_ss\_d  
\_w\_y \_\_rly Fr\_d\_y m\_rn\_ng. Th\_k\_ng w\_s th\_w\_rld's  
\_ld\_st l\_\_d\_r. H\_w\_s 90 y\_\_rs \_ld. H\_w\_s \_n h\_sp\_t\_l  
\_f\_w w\_\_ks \_g\_w\_th \_l\_ng \_nf\_ct\_\_n. H\_s 79-y\_\_r-  
\_ld h\_lf-br\_th\_r S\_lm\_n h\_s b\_c\_m\_ th\_n\_w k\_ng \_f  
th\_k\_ngd\_m. W\_rld l\_\_d\_rs h\_v\_b\_\_n q\_\_ck t\_p\_y  
th\_\_r r\_sp\_cts t\_th\_l\_t K\_ng \_bd\_ll\_h. \_S Pr\_s\_d\_nt  
B\_r\_ck \_b\_m\_ p\_ss\_d \_n h\_s symp\_th\_\_s. H\_s\_\_d th\_  
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th\_k\_ng d\_d \_l\_t fr\_p\_\_c\_\_nd st\_b\_l\_ty \_n th\_  
M\_ddl\_ \_\_st. Th\_Br\_t\_sh Pr\_m\_ M\_n\_st\_r D\_v\_d  
C\_m\_r\_n s\_\_d \_bd\_ll\_h w\_\_ld b\_r\_m\_mb\_r\_d fr\_h\_s,  
"c\_mm\_tm\_nt t\_p\_\_c\_\_nd fr\_strngth\_n\_ng  
\_nd\_rst\_nd\_ng b\_tw\_\_n f\_\_ths".

K\_ng \_bd\_ll\_h w\_s b\_rn \_n 1 \_\_g\_st 1924. H\_w\_s th\_  
th\_rt\_\_nth s\_n \_f f\_rm\_r K\_ng \_bd\_l\_z\_z. H\_gr\_w \_p  
\_n th\_r\_y\_l\_p\_l\_c\_s \_nd w\_rk\_d \_n v\_r\_\_s p\_s\_t\_\_ns  
th\_t w\_\_ld \_n\_d\_y pr\_p\_r\_h\_m\_t\_b\_k\_ng. \_n 1961  
h\_b\_c\_m\_m\_y\_r \_f M\_cc\_. Th\_s w\_s h\_s f\_rst j\_b \_n  
p\_bl\_c\_ff\_c\_. \_n 1963, \_bd\_ll\_h w\_s m\_d\_c\_mm\_nd\_r  
\_f th\_S\_\_d\_\_r\_b\_\_ N\_t\_\_n\_l G\_\_rd (S\_NG). H\_  
ch\_ng\_d th\_S\_NG \_nt\_\_m\_d\_rn\_rmy. H\_b\_c\_m\_  
K\_ng \_f S\_\_d\_\_r\_b\_\_ \_nd C\_st\_d\_\_n \_f th\_Tw\_H\_ly  
M\_sq\_\_s \_n 2005. N\_ws \_g\_nc\_\_s \_r\_r\_p\_r\_t\_ng th\_t  
\_bd\_ll\_h w\_s \_c\_r\_f\_l\_r\_f\_rm\_r\_t\_h\_m\_. H\_\_ll\_w\_d  
w\_m\_n t\_j\_\_n th\_k\_ngd\_m's p\_rl\_\_m\_nt. Th\_BBC  
s\_\_d th\_t h\_"h\_nt\_d th\_t m\_r\_w\_m\_n sh\_\_ld b\_  
\_ll\_w\_d t\_w\_rk".

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150124-king-abdullah.html>

saudi arabia's king abduallah bin abdulaziz passed away early friday morning the king was the world's oldest leader he was 90 years old he was in hospital a few weeks ago with a lung infection his 79-year-old half-brother salman has become the new king of the kingdom world leaders have been quick to pay their respects to the late king abduallah us president barack obama passed on his sympathies he said the king was a good friend of the usa obama also said the king did a lot for peace and stability in the middle east the british prime minister david cameron said abduallah would be remembered for his "commitment to peace and for strengthening understanding between faiths"

king abduallah was born on 1 august 1924 he was the thirteenth son of former king abdulaziz he grew up in the royal palaces and worked in various positions that would one day prepare him to be king in 1961 he became mayor of mecca this was his first job in public office in 1963 abduallah was made commander of the saudi arabia national guard (sang) he changed the sang into a modern army he became king of saudi arabia and custodian of the two holy mosques in 2005 news agencies are reporting that abduallah was a careful reformer at home he allowed women to join the kingdom's parliament the bbc said that he "hinted that more women should be allowed to work"

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150124-king-abdullah.html>

SaudiArabia'sKingAbdullahbinAbdulazizpassedawayearlyFridaymorning.Thekingwastheworld'soldestleader.Hewas90yearsold.Hewasinhospitalafewweeksagowithalunginfection.His79-year-oldhalf-brotherSalmanhasbecomethenewkingofthekingdom.WorldleadershavebeenquickttopaytheirrespectstotheateKingAbdullah.USPresidentBarackObamapassedonhissympathies.HesaidthekingwasagoodfriendoftheUSA.ObamaalsosaidthekingdidalotforpeaceandstabilityinthemiddleEast.TheBritishPrimeMinisterDavidCameronsaidAbdullahwouldberememberedforhis,"commitmenttopeaceandforstrengtheningunderstandingbetweenfaiths".KingAbdullahwasbornon1August1924.HewasthethirteenthsonofformerKingAbdulaziz.Hegrewupintheroyalpalacesandworkedinvariouspositionsthatwouldonedaypreparehimtobeking.In1961hebecamemayorofMecca.Thiswashisfirstjobinpublicoffice.In1963,AbdullahwasmadecommanderoftheSaudiArabiaNationalGuard(SANG).HechangedtheSANGintoamodernarmy.HebecameKingofSaudiArabiaandCustodianoftheTwoHolyMosquesin2005.NewsagenciesarereportingthatAbdullahwasacarefulreformerathome.Heallowedwomentojointhekingdom'sparliament.TheBBCsaidthathe"hintedthatmorewomenshouldbeallowedtowork".







# 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 King Abdullah. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. KING ABDULLAH:** Make a poster about King Abdullah. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. 2050:** Write a magazine article about Saudi Arabia in the year 2050. Include imaginary interviews with people who live there then, and with the leader.

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 King Abdullah. Ask him/her three questions about King Abdullah. Give him/her three of your opinions on him. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| 1. passed away | a. died       |
| 2. infection   | b. disorder   |
| 3. pay         | c. offer      |
| 4. commitment  | d. dedication |
| 5. faiths      | e. religions  |
| 6. former      | f. ex-        |
| 7. various     | g. different  |
| 8. commander   | h. leader     |
| 9. careful     | i. cautious   |
| 10. hinted     | j. suggested  |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Early morning
2. A lung infection
3. Half-brother
4. A good friend
5. Peace
6. Various
7. 1963
8. 2005
9. News agencies
10. BBC

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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