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Ghana visas for all African Union members

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THE READING

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Ghana will start issuing visas to citizens of African Union member states. Anyone with a passport from an African Union nation will get a visa, which could be for up to 30 days. The initiative is to bridge the gap between African citizens. The president said: "We will be allowing citizens of AU member states to...obtain visas on arrival...and experience what our country has to offer. This...should stimulate air travel, trade, investment and tourism."

The African Union said Ghana's efforts would help to bring Africa closer and reduce barriers. It said: "Many other African countries will follow suit, in the interest of achieving an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa." More countries need to follow Ghana's example. Only a quarter of African countries offer visas to other Africans. It is easier for U.S. citizens to travel within Africa than it is for Africans to visit each other's countries.

Sources: <http://www.africanews.com/2016/02/25/african-citizens-to-get-easy-entry-into-ghana-in-july/>
<http://www.newsghana.com.gh/au-agrees-to-ghanas-new-visa-rule-for-member-states/>
<http://afkinsider.com/121071/121071>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Ghana will start issuing | a. the gap |
| 2. citizens of African Union | b. with a passport |
| 3. Anyone | c. has to offer |
| 4. could be for up | d. arrival |
| 5. bridge | e. visas |
| 6. obtain visas on | f. to 30 days |
| 7. experience what our country | g. travel |
| 8. stimulate air | h. member states |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. help to bring Africa | a. Ghana's example |
| 2. reduce | b. within Africa |
| 3. Many other African countries will | c. closer |
| 4. an integrated, prosperous | d. other's countries |
| 5. More countries need to follow | e. and peaceful Africa |
| 6. Only a quarter | f. barriers |
| 7. travel | g. of African countries |
| 8. visit each | h. follow suit |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Ghana (1) _____ visas to citizens of African Union member states. Anyone with (2) _____ an African Union nation will get a visa, which could (3) _____ 30 days. The initiative is to (4) _____ between African citizens. The president said: "We will be allowing citizens of AU member (5) _____ visas on arrival...and experience what our country has to offer. This...should (6) _____, trade, investment and tourism."

The African Union said Ghana's efforts (7) _____ bring Africa closer and (8) _____. It said: "Many other African countries (9) _____, in the interest of achieving an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa." More (10) _____ Ghana's example. Only a quarter of African countries offer visas to other Africans. (11) _____ U.S. citizens to travel within Africa than it is for Africans to (12) _____ countries.

VISAS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about visas 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

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Write about **visas** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.
