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Level 1

Arab nations cut ties with Qatar

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Bahrain, the UAE, Libya and Yemen have cut ties with Qatar. They say Qatar supports terrorism. Saudi said it has to protect its security. It said Qatar was home to "terrorist...groups that aim to create instability in the region". Qatar said there were no facts that say this is true. It said the Arab countries are acting unfairly towards Qatar. It also said these countries would, "not affect the normal lives of citizens and residents" in Qatar.

Qatar has a difficult future without normal relations. Air, land and sea links from the Arab nations have closed. This will be a problem for people in Qatar. Most of its food comes in from Saudi. There is now a rush to buy food. Qatar Airways will suffer. It has to change its routes. Flights will be longer. Building stadiums for the 2022 World Cup could also slow down. Citizens from Saudi, the UAE and Bahrain are banned from going to Qatar and have 14 days to leave.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. the UAE, Libya | a. protect its security |
| 2. They say Qatar | b. unfairly towards Qatar |
| 3. Saudi said it has to | c. terrorist groups |
| 4. home to | d. in Qatar |
| 5. no facts that say | e. supports terrorism |
| 6. countries are acting | f. of citizens |
| 7. affect the normal lives | g. this is true |
| 8. residents | h. and Yemen |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Qatar has a difficult future | a. going to Qatar |
| 2. Air, land and sea | b. people in Qatar |
| 3. This will be a problem for | c. to buy food |
| 4. Most of its food comes | d. routes |
| 5. There is now a rush | e. without normal relations |
| 6. It has to change its | f. leave |
| 7. banned from | g. links |
| 8. have 14 days to | h. in from Saudi |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Bahrain, (1) _____ Yemen have cut ties with Qatar. They say Qatar supports terrorism. Saudi (2) _____ protect its security. It said Qatar was home to "terrorist...groups (3) _____ create instability in the region". Qatar said there (4) _____ that say this is true. It said the Arab countries are acting (5) _____ Qatar. It also said these countries would, "(6) _____ normal lives of citizens and residents" in Qatar.

Qatar (7) _____ future without normal relations. Air, land and (8) _____ the Arab nations have closed. This will (9) _____ for people in Qatar. Most of its food comes in from Saudi. There (10) _____ to buy food. Qatar Airways will suffer. It has to change its routes. Flights will be longer. Building stadiums for the 2022 World Cup (11) _____ down. Citizens from Saudi, the UAE and Bahrain are banned from going to Qatar and have (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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QATAR SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1707/170607-qatar-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Qatar 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) _____

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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) _____

