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UAE passport world's 'most powerful'

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THE READING

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The United Arab Emirates passport is now the world's most powerful travel document. This is according to the Passport Index, which provides insights on travel and visas. UAE passport holders enjoy the greatest freedom of movement of anyone in the world. They can travel visa-free to 167 countries. The second most powerful passports are Singapore's and Germany's. The Afghanistan passport offers the least freedom of movement.

The UAE passport got to number one just before the country's 47th National Day celebrations. The prime minister expressed his pride in his country's achievement. He thanked his people for their "great efforts to strengthen the UAE's status, enhance its reputation, and facilitate procedures for Emirati citizens". The Passport Index said: "The Emirati passport has witnessed unprecedented progress...reflecting the international stature of the country."

Sources: <https://gulfnews.com/uae/government/now-no-1-uae-passport-most-powerful-in-the-world-1.1541685198560>
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<http://www.arabnews.com/node/1414136/middle-east>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The United Arab Emirates | a. powerful passports |
| 2. travel | b. on travel and visas |
| 3. This is according | c. movement |
| 4. provides insights | d. passport |
| 5. enjoy the greatest | e. to the Passport Index |
| 6. travel visa- | f. document |
| 7. The second most | g. freedom |
| 8. offers the least freedom of | h. free to 167 countries |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|---------------------|
| 1. The UAE passport got to | a. reputation |
| 2. National Day | b. achievement |
| 3. expressed his pride in his country's | c. the UAE's status |
| 4. He thanked | d. of the country |
| 5. great efforts to strengthen | e. number one |
| 6. enhance its | f. progress |
| 7. unprecedented | g. his people |
| 8. the international stature | h. celebrations |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The United Arab Emirates (1) _____ the world's most powerful travel document. This (2) _____ the Passport Index, which (3) _____ travel and visas. UAE passport holders enjoy the greatest freedom of movement (4) _____ the world. They can travel (5) _____ countries. The second most powerful passports are Singapore's and Germany's. The Afghanistan passport (6) _____ freedom of movement.

The UAE passport (7) _____ one just before the country's 47th National Day celebrations. The prime minister (8) _____ in his country's achievement. He thanked his people for their "great efforts (9) _____ UAE's status, enhance its reputation, and (10) _____ Emirati citizens".

The Passport Index said: "The Emirati (11) _____ unprecedented progress...reflecting the international (12) _____ country."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PASSPORTS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about passports 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) _____

