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## Yemen ruler to step down

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# THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1104/110425-yemen.html>

Yemen's ruling party has accepted a peace plan for President Ali Abdullah Saleh to step down. The plan was created by the six Arab countries in the Gulf Cooperation Council. It gives Mr Saleh 30 days to leave office. Under the plan, Mr Saleh, his family and his aides will be free from prosecution for any crimes they committed in his 33 years in power. Thousands of Yemenis have died at the hands of security forces in the months of unrest since the protests against Saleh's rule began.

Thousands of protestors in the capital Sanaa are unhappy with the latest development. One demonstrator, Wadi Al-Najar, said: "The Gulf plan for Yemen is a joke played on the young people's revolution." Another protester told reporters: "Ali Saleh is a liar. We don't believe him. He has been lying for 33 years... If he was trustworthy, one or two lies wouldn't be a problem, but we don't trust him." Protestors are angry over corruption and the poor economy during Saleh's decades in power.

# PHRASE MATCH

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1104/110425-yemen.html>

**Match the following phrases from the article.**

## Paragraph 1

- |                              |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Yemen's ruling            | a. prosecution     |
| 2. It gives Mr Saleh 30 days | b. security forces |
| 3. free from                 | c. unrest          |
| 4. his 33 years              | d. to leave office |
| 5. died at the hands of      | e. party           |
| 6. months of                 | f. in power        |

## Paragraph 2

- |                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Thousands of            | a. development           |
| 2. unhappy with the latest | b. in power              |
| 3. the young people's      | c. protestors            |
| 4. He has been             | d. wouldn't be a problem |
| 5. one or two lies         | e. revolution            |
| 6. Saleh's decades         | f. lying for 33 years    |

# LISTENING GAP FILL

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1104/110425-yemen.html>

Yemen's ruling party \_\_\_\_\_ peace plan for President Ali Abdullah Saleh to step down. \_\_\_\_\_ by the six Arab countries in the Gulf Cooperation Council. It gives Mr Saleh 30 \_\_\_\_\_. Under the plan, Mr Saleh, his family and his \_\_\_\_\_ from prosecution for any crimes they committed in his \_\_\_\_\_. Thousands of Yemenis have died \_\_\_\_\_ security forces in the months of unrest since the protests against Saleh's rule began.

Thousands of protestors in the capital Sanaa are unhappy with the \_\_\_\_\_. One demonstrator, Wadi Al-Najar, said: "The Gulf plan for Yemen is \_\_\_\_\_ the young people's revolution." Another protester told reporters: "Ali Saleh is a liar. We don't believe him. He \_\_\_\_\_ 33 years... If he was trustworthy, \_\_\_\_\_ wouldn't be a problem, but \_\_\_\_\_." Protestors are angry over corruption and the poor economy during Saleh's \_\_\_\_\_.

# MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Yemen's (1) \_\_\_\_\_ party has accepted a peace plan for President Ali Abdullah Saleh to step down. The plan was (2) \_\_\_\_\_ by the six Arab countries in the Gulf Cooperation Council. It gives Mr Saleh 30 days to leave (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Under the plan, Mr Saleh, his family and his aides will (4) \_\_\_\_\_ free from prosecution for any crimes they committed in his 33 years in power. Thousands of Yemenis have died at the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of security forces in the months of unrest since the protests (6) \_\_\_\_\_ Saleh's rule began.

Thousands of protestors in the capital Sanaa are unhappy (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the latest development. One demonstrator, Wadi Al-Najar, said: "The Gulf plan for Yemen is a joke (8) \_\_\_\_\_ on the young people's revolution." Another protester (9) \_\_\_\_\_ reporters: "Ali Saleh is a liar. We don't (10) \_\_\_\_\_ him. He has been lying for 33 years... If he was trustworthy, one or two (11) \_\_\_\_\_ wouldn't be a problem, but we don't trust him." Protestors are angry over corruption and the poor economy (12) \_\_\_\_\_ Saleh's decades in power.

## Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- |     |              |             |              |
|-----|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) ruling   | (b) ruler   | (c) ruled    |
| 2.  | (a) creating | (b) created | (c) creation |
| 3.  | (a) office   | (b) room    | (c) hall     |
| 4.  | (a) do       | (b) have    | (c) be       |
| 5.  | (a) feet     | (b) hands   | (c) ears     |
| 6.  | (a) against  | (b) for     | (c) anti     |
| 7.  | (a) for      | (b) to      | (c) with     |
| 8.  | (a) game     | (b) played  | (c) created  |
| 9.  | (a) said     | (b) told    | (c) spoke    |
| 10. | (a) believe  | (b) belief  | (c) believes |
| 11. | (a) dies     | (b) pies    | (c) lies     |
| 12. | (a) while    | (b) among   | (c) during   |

# SPELLING

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1104/110425-yemen.html>

**Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.**

## Paragraph 1

1. Yemen's gurnil party
2. cpeae plan
3. 30 days to leave ecffoi
4. riscme they committed
5. at the hands of security rscofe
6. the sesptrto against Saleh's rule

## Paragraph 2

7. in the laictpa Sanaa
8. the attels development
9. a joke deyalp on the young
10. He has been gnyil for 33 years
11. we don't rutts him
12. Saleh's ecsdaed in power

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1104/110425-yemen.html>

## Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) down. The plan was created by the six Arab countries in the Gulf Cooperation Council. It gives Mr Saleh 30 days
- ( ) joke played on the young people's revolution." Another protester told reporters: "Ali Saleh is a
- ( ) crimes they committed in his 33 years in power. Thousands of Yemenis have died at the hands
- ( ) of security forces in the months of unrest since
- ( ) with the latest development. One demonstrator, Wadi Al-Najar, said: "The Gulf plan for Yemen is a
- ( ) corruption and the poor economy during Saleh's decades in power.
- ( ) two lies wouldn't be a problem, but we don't trust him." Protestors are angry over
- ( ) liar. We don't believe him. He has been lying for 33 years... If he was trustworthy, one or
- ( ) to leave office. Under the plan, Mr Saleh, his family and his aides will be free from prosecution for any
- ( **1** ) Yemen's ruling party has accepted a peace plan for President Ali Abdullah Saleh to step
- ( ) the protests against Saleh's rule began.
- ( ) Thousands of protestors in the capital Sanaa are unhappy

# WORD JUMBLE

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1104/110425-yemen.html>

**With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.**

1. accepted Yemen's a ruling peace party plan has.

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2. countries plan by Arab The created six was the.

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3. leave It Saleh to Mr days office gives 30.

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4. any from for crimes Free prosecution.

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5. forces security of hands the at Died.

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6. the with Unhappy development latest.

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7. revolution on the A young joke people's played.

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8. been has He years 33 for lying.

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9. be or a two problem lies wouldn't One.

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10. economy power during Saleh's The decades poor in.

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## **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. \_\_\_\_\_



# 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. YEMEN:** Search the Internet and find more information about Yemen. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about Ali Abdullah Saleh's rule and decision to step down. Include imaginary interviews with Yemeni protestors. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. 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.

**5. LETTER:** Write a letter to Ali Abdullah Saleh. Ask him three questions about Yemen. Give him three of your opinions on what he should do from now. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.