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Saudi woman gets 10 lashes for driving

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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A woman in Saudi Arabia is to get 10 lashes because she drove a car in the capital Riyadh. This comes just two days after the Saudi King's historic decision to give women the vote. Women can vote in elections from 2015 but still cannot drive a car. A campaign group called Women2Drive.com is very angry with the court's decision. It said: "This is completely unacceptable and certainly breaks...international treaties that Saudi Arabia has signed....What is happening is horrifying and must be stopped immediately."

Two other women went to court for driving. One of them, Najla Hariri, had to sign a promise not to drive again. She has to go back to court for her trial in one month. A Women2Drive spokeswoman said: "There is no written law that bans women from driving, so how can women drivers be [wrong]?" The campaign group wants to teach more women to drive. They say more than 1,500 women ticked the "learn" box on a survey the campaigners sent around by email. More women are demanding their right to drive.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. she drove a car in | a. treaties |
| 2. historic | b. the vote |
| 3. give women | c. is horrifying |
| 4. completely | d. decision |
| 5. breaks international | e. unacceptable |
| 6. What is happening | f. the capital Riyadh |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. wo other women went | a. be wrong |
| 2. sign a promise not | b. that bans women |
| 3. There is no written law | c. to drive again |
| 4. how can women drivers | d. right to drive |
| 5. teach more women to | e. to court |
| 6. women are demanding their | f. drive |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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A woman in Saudi Arabia is to _____ she drove a car in the capital Riyadh. This comes just two days after the Saudi King's _____ give women the vote. Women can _____ from 2015 but still cannot drive a car. A campaign group called Women2Drive.com is very angry with _____. It said: "This is completely unacceptable _____ ...international treaties that Saudi Arabia has signed....What is happening is horrifying and must _____."

Two other women went _____. One of them, Najla Hariri, had to _____ to drive again. She has to go back to court for her trial in one month. A Women2Drive spokeswoman said: "There is _____ bans women from driving, so how can women drivers be [wrong]?" The _____ wants to teach more women to drive. They say more than 1,500 women ticked the "learn" _____ the campaigners sent around by email. More women are _____ to drive.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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A woman in Saudi Arabia is to (1) ____ 10 lashes because she drove a car in the capital Riyadh. This comes just two days after the Saudi King's (2) ____ decision to give women the vote. Women can vote (3) ____ elections from 2015 but still cannot drive a car. A campaign group called Women2Drive.com is very angry with the court's decision. It said: "This is (4) ____ unacceptable and certainly breaks...international treaties that Saudi Arabia has (5) ____." "What is happening is horrifying and must be (6) ____ immediately."

Two other women went to (7) ____ for driving. One of them, Najla Hariri, had to sign a (8) ____ not to drive again. She has to go back to court for her trial in one month. A Women2Drive spokeswoman said: "There is no written law that (9) ____ women from driving, so how can women drivers be [wrong]?" The campaign (10) ____ wants to teach more women to drive. They say more than 1,500 women ticked the "learn" (11) ____ on a survey the campaigners sent around by email. More women are demanding their (12) ____ to drive.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) let | (b) get | (c) set |
| 2. | (a) historic | (b) history | (c) historian |
| 3. | (a) an | (b) on | (c) in |
| 4. | (a) completely | (b) complete | (c) completed |
| 5. | (a) signal | (b) signed | (c) signs |
| 6. | (a) started | (b) again | (c) stopped |
| 7. | (a) curtain | (b) cart | (c) court |
| 8. | (a) promise | (b) direction | (c) signature |
| 9. | (a) fears | (b) bans | (c) starts |
| 10. | (a) friends | (b) drivers | (c) group |
| 11. | (a) tick | (b) box | (c) check |
| 12. | (a) right | (b) left | (c) wrong |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. she ovedr a car
2. otiscihr decision
3. Women can vote in eneisctol
4. very agryn
5. international reateits
6. must be pesdpto immediately

Paragraph 2

7. women went to cotur
8. ompsrie not to drive again
9. no rwtenit law
10. campaign uorpg
11. 1,500 women ktiedc the "learn" box
12. demanding their ihgr to drive

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () can women drivers be [wrong]?" The campaign group wants to teach
- () a promise not to drive again. She has to go back to court for her trial in one
- () Two other women went to court for driving. One of them, Najla Hariri, had to sign
- () group called Women2Drive.com is very angry with the court's decision. It said: "This is completely
- () unacceptable and certainly breaks...international treaties that Saudi Arabia has
- () month. A Women2Drive spokeswoman said: "There is no written law that bans women from driving, so how
- (**1**) A woman in Saudi Arabia is to get 10 lashes because she drove a car in the capital
- () Riyadh. This comes just two days after the Saudi King's historic decision to give women
- () signed....What is happening is horrifying and must be stopped immediately."
- () more women to drive. They say more than 1,500 women ticked the "learn" box on a survey the campaigners
- () sent around by email. More women are demanding their right to drive.
- () the vote. Women can vote in elections from 2015 but still cannot drive a car. A campaign

WORD JUMBLE

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

1. in She the drove capital a Riyadh car.

2. decision Historic vote the women give to.

3. vote can Women 2015 from elections in.

4. with court's angry the decision Very.

5. horrifying is happening is What.

6. went court Two women to other.

7. again drive to not promise a Sign.

8. written law There that is bans no women.

9. more group women wants to The teach campaign.

10. right their demanding are Women drive to.

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. DRIVING: Search the Internet and find more information about driving. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about the female Saudi driver receiving 10 lashes. Include imaginary interviews with her and a spokeswoman from Women2Drive.com. 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 a spokeswoman from Women2Drive.com. Ask him/her three questions about the court's decision. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.