



(IMAGE: Clipart in Microsoft Word)

GIST: You and your friend want to go to the Middle East for a few months, but you've heard some scary stuff about what's going on, there. As usual, though, she doesn't have time to check it out for herself, so she wants you to listen to this BBC World News video for her so you can decide, together. **WRITE** these four terms on a separate piece of paper. **COPY AND PASTE** the link into your browser, and **SCROLL DOWN** to the video box at the **BOTTOM** of the page. **LISTEN ONCE**; while you're listening, make a **MARK** each time you hear one of these terms. When the video is done, **COUNT** the number of times that you **HEARD** these words, then use the pulldown menus to **CHOOSE** the correct numbers. Hey! Your friend is scared to go, so she's added *at least* one thing not in the video. You have **15 MINUTES**.

_____ Algeria/'s _____ 2011 _____ Iran/'s _____ Iraq/'s

DETAILED: OK, so you've got a good overall idea of when and where, now you need to find out some details so you can explain things to your friend, better. **READ** these questions **TWICE**, then – **WITHOUT** looking at the questions – **LISTEN** to the video **TWICE**, then **TICK** the correct True (T) – False (F) answers, according to the information **IN THE VIDEO**. If you need to listen, again, it's OK, but just note the questions for which you needed to do it, so you can talk about them you're your teacher. You have **25 MINUTES** to listen and answer.

1. Water shortages are an explosive long-term problem in the Middle East. T - F
2. A new problem cropping up in Lebanon is anger over Iran's interference. T - F
3. The Hezbollah has been powerful in Lebanon for around 75 years. T - F
4. Despite lingering anger over long-term problems, many of the protesters are happy with the results of the 2011 Arab spring revolution. T - F
5. Iraq is one of the most corrupt countries in the world. T - F
6. Peaceful protests are calming the situation in the Middle East. T - F
7. The Middle East is basically split between two teams: America and its allies vs. Iran and its allies. T - F
8. Despite the political upheaval, Lebanon's economy is doing well. T - F