

BBC WORLD NEWS_Jeremy Bowen asks why people are taking to the streets.doc
<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-50804392>, 10m 26s (task by S.K. Meyer)



(IMAGE: Clipart in Microsoft Word)

GIST: Ms. Meyer's kids – young adults, by now – want to go to the Middle East for a few months, but she's 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. **LISTEN ONCE;** while you're listening **COUNT** the number of times that you **HEAR** these words, then *afterward* use the pulldown menus to **CHOOSE** the correct numbers. Hey! Her kids really want to go, scary or not, so they've 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 Ms. Meyer, better. **READ** these questions **TWICE**, then – *WITHOUT* looking at the questions – **LISTEN** to the video *ONLY TWICE* (at 75% is OK), then **TICK** the correct True (T) – False (F) answers, according to the information IN THE VIDEO. 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