

Answer Key

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A Saudi woman who dared to drive

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Note-taking Activity

1. She chose to drive in Saudi Arabia and posted it on YouTube.
2. Over 20 years.
3. No. It is a religious fatwa or decree.
4. She was kept in prison for 9 days.
5. She was not charged with any crime.
6. The unofficial ban on women drivers came about based on an official Saudi study which claimed that in countries where women drive there are more crimes against women, more adultery and more pregnancies out of wedlock.
7. Only one – Saudi Arabia.
8. In Saudi Arabia, women are treated as inferior to men, which is to say they are treated similarly to children.
9. She is making these talks because she loves her country and wants the women in Saudi Arabia to be free.
10. Yes. There is more support every year and last year women were given the right to drive.