

DR. OMAR BIN SULAIMAN

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

The United Arab Emirates is brimming with success stories. One of them is the visionary Dr. Omar Bin Sulaiman. Dr. Omar is a prime example of how vision and enterprise can combine to reach great heights. He is only in his thirties, but he is an inspirational role model for young and aspiring Arabs. Dr. Omar has shown that more than anything is possible.

His Excellency Dr. Omar Bin Sulaiman has excelled in everything he has ever done. He decided from a young age that education is one of the keys to success in life. After gaining a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering, he went on to achieve a Master's in Education. He then studied for a second postgraduate degree, an MBA in Finance, followed by a Ph.D. in leadership.

Dr. Omar's varied educational background gave him the know-how to become a remarkably successful business leader. His resume is unbelievably impressive, especially for someone so young. He is Vice Chairman of the UAE Central Bank and Governor of the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC). His ideas and leadership have helped shape Dubai's incredible success.

Dr. Omar is a guiding light behind many high-profile projects. He is chairman of the Young Arab Leaders, founder of the Dubai International Financial Exchange, and co-founder of Dubai Knowledge Village and the Dubai Aerospace Enterprise. He is a board member of many of the UAE's biggest companies. Dr. Omar also supports the Arts and many charities. He is married with two children.

247 words

SYNONYM MATCH: Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right. Are your answers the same as other students'?

Paragraphs 1 and 2

- | | |
|------------------|--------------|
| 1. brimming with | a. gain |
| 2. prime | b. ambitious |
| 3. aspiring | c. shone |
| 4. excelled | d. full of |
| 5. achieve | e. doctorate |
| 6. Ph.D. | f. classic |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 7. varied | g. mastermind |
| 8. resume | h. develop |
| 9. shape | i. funds |
| 10. guiding light | j. wide-ranging |
| 11. founder | k. inspiration |
| 12. supports | l. CV (curriculum vitae) |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. brimming with | a. to success in life |
| 2. He is only in | b. successful business leader |
| 3. an inspirational role | c. unbelievably impressive |
| 4. education is one of the keys | d. success stories |
| 5. He then studied for a second | e. his thirties |
| 6. Dr. Omar's varied educational | f. model |
| 7. an incredibly | g. postgraduate degree |
| 8. His resume is | h. Arts and many charities |
| 9. a guiding light behind | i. background |
| 10. Dr. Omar also supports the | j. many high-profile projects |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

The United Arab Emirates _____ success stories. One of them is the visionary Dr. Omar Bin Sulaiman. Dr. Omar is a prime _____ vision and enterprise can combine to reach great heights. He is only in his thirties, but he is an inspirational role _____ Arabs. Dr. Omar has shown that _____ is possible.

His Excellency Dr. Omar Bin Sulaiman _____ everything he has ever done. He decided from a young age that education _____ to success in life. After gaining a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering, he _____ a Master's in Education. He then studied for a second postgraduate degree, an MBA in Finance, _____ leadership.

Dr. Omar's varied educational background gave _____ become a remarkably successful business leader. His resume is unbelievably impressive, especially _____ young. He is Vice Chairman of the UAE Central Bank _____ Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC). His ideas and leadership _____ Dubai's incredible success.

Dr. Omar is a _____ many high-profile projects. He is chairman of the Young Arab Leaders, founder of the Dubai International Financial Exchange, _____ Dubai Knowledge Village and the Dubai Aerospace Enterprise. He _____ many of the UAE's biggest companies. Dr. Omar _____ and many charities. He is married with two children.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs in italics.

The United Arab Emirates is brimming with *success / succeed* stories. One of them is the visionary Dr. Omar Bin Sulaiman. Dr. Omar is a prime example of how vision and enterprise can combine to reach great heights. He is only in his *thirty / thirties*, but he is an inspirational *roll / role* model for young and aspiring Arabs. Dr. Omar has shown that more than anything *are / is* possible.

His Excellency Dr. Omar Bin Sulaiman has *excellent / excelled* in everything he has ever done. He decided from a young age that education is one of the *keys / key* to success in life. After gaining a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering, he went on to achieve a Master's in Education. He then *studying / studied* for a second postgraduate degree, an MBA in Finance, followed by a Ph.D. in *leadership / leaders*.

Dr. Omar's *varied / various* educational background gave him the know-how to become a remarkably successful business leader. His resume is unbelievably *impression / impressive*, especially for someone so *youngish / young*. He is Vice Chairman of the UAE Central Bank and Governor of the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC). His ideas and leadership have *helped / helpful* shape Dubai's incredible success.

Dr. Omar is a guiding *light / lighter* behind many high-profile projects. He is chairman of the Young Arab Leaders, *found / founder* of the Dubai International Financial Exchange, and co-founder of Dubai Knowledge Village and the Dubai Aerospace Enterprise. He is a board *membership / member* of many of the UAE's biggest companies. Dr. Omar also supports the Arts and many *charities / charity*. He is married with two children.

SPELLING:

These jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. success iosrtes
2. reach great esihhgt
3. an inspirational role eodlm
4. anything is pbslsieo

Paragraph 2

5. exdclee in everything he has ever done
6. education is one of the kyes to success
7. a Bachelor's greeed
8. a Ph.D. in driehlsepa

Paragraph 3

9. Dr. Omar's areivd educational background
10. a remarkably successful business erdlea
11. someone so nguoy
12. Dubai's rbieencild success

Paragraph 4

13. a guiding lghti
14. high-pofrlei projects
15. a odbra member
16. Dr. Omar also pturpsos the Arts

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () heights. He is only in his thirties, but he is an inspirational role model for young and
- () of the UAE Central Bank and Governor of the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC). His ideas
- () business leader. His resume is unbelievably impressive, especially for someone so young. He is Vice Chairman
- () Dr. Omar's varied educational background gave him the know-how to become a remarkably successful
- () His Excellency Dr. Omar Bin Sulaiman has excelled in everything he has ever done. He decided from a young
- () went on to achieve a Master's in Education. He then studied for a second
- () postgraduate degree, an MBA in Finance, followed by a Ph.D. in leadership.
- () Dubai Aerospace Enterprise. He is a board member of many of the UAE's biggest companies. Dr. Omar also supports
- () founder of the Dubai International Financial Exchange, and co-founder of Dubai Knowledge Village and the
- () age that education is one of the keys to success in life. After gaining a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering, he
- () Dr. Omar Bin Sulaiman. Dr. Omar is a prime example of how vision and enterprise can combine to reach great
- () the Arts and many charities. He is married with two children.
- (**1**) The United Arab Emirates is brimming with success stories. One of them is the visionary
- () and leadership have helped shape Dubai's incredible success.
- () aspiring Arabs. Dr. Omar has shown that more than anything is possible.
- () Dr. Omar is a guiding light behind many high-profile projects. He is chairman of the Young Arab Leaders,

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. and reach enterprise great can heights combine vision to

2. role inspirational an is he model

3. has excelled ever in done everything Sulaiman he has

4. keys in is the success education of to life one

5. Ph.d. by leadership followed a in

6. become leader business successful remarkably a

7. resume impressive is His unbelievably

8. Bank of He the is UAE Vice Central Chairman

9. supported conservation He on legislation

10. two with married is He children

DR. OMAR BIN SULAIMAN DISCUSSION:

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What do you know about Dr. Omar Bin Sulaiman?
2. Would you like to meet Dr. Omar Bin Sulaiman?
3. What would you like to know about Dr. Omar Bin Sulaiman and why?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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DR. OMAR BIN SULAIMAN DISCUSSION:

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. What did you learn from this text about Dr. Omar Bin Sulaiman?
2. What questions would you like to ask Dr. Omar Bin Sulaiman?
3. What would his answers be to those questions?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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DR. OMAR BIN SULAIMAN SURVEY:

Write five questions about Dr. Omar Bin Sulaiman in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

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. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Dr. Omar Bin Sulaiman. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. DR. OMAR BIN SULAIMAN POSTER: Make a poster showing the different achievements of Dr. Omar Bin Sulaiman. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Dr. Omar Bin Sulaiman. Include an imaginary interview with him. Write about what he does every day and what he thinks about.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to Dr. Omar Bin Sulaiman. Ask him three questions about his life. Give him three suggestions on what he should do in his future. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your "Dr. Omar Bin Sulaiman expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

SYNONYM MATCH:

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ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.