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THE ARTICLE

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Possible new marriage laws in Scotland could allow Jedi Knights to marry people. This means people could choose either a priest or a Star Wars warrior to perform their wedding ceremony. Scotland's government wants to give couples more choices when they tie the knot. It currently has two kinds of weddings – religious marriages and civil partnerships. Politicians want to add a third choice for people who believe in things other than religions. A government spokeswoman said groups like the Jedi Knights and other "belief bodies" would have to pass a test before they can carry out marriages. There are around 177,000 British people who say they are Jedi Knights, making them the biggest "alternative religion" in Britain.

The Free Church of Scotland has raised concerns about the possible new laws. Church spokesman Iver Martin, told the BBC: "The third category is quite astonishing because it [doesn't define] what 'belief' means." He added that 'belief' could be anything and could let all kinds of groups perform marriages. The Jedi Knights say they already have their own system for weddings. This includes the Jedi marriage vows where the Jedi Knight asks the happy couple: "In forces of darkness and forces of light, wherever you may go and whatever you may face, do you promise to share your life in marriage?" Other groups that could perform weddings include the Flat Earth Society, which believes the Earth is a flat disk.

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WARM-UPS

1. WEDDINGS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about weddings. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

marriage / Jedi Knights / Star Wars / tie the knot / politicians / weddings / religions / concerns / astonishing / belief / happy couple / forces of darkness / promise / Earth

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. LOCATIONS: What would it be like to get married in these places? Complete the table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

Wedding...	Good things	Bad things
in space		
under the ocean		
in the desert		
on Safari		
in the Taj Mahal		
in a rainforest		

4. RELIGIOUS: Students A **strongly** believe all weddings should be religious; Students B **strongly** believe not. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. MARRIED BY...: Who would be best to perform a wedding? Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- a Jedi Knight
- the US President
- the U.N. Secretary-General
- Shakira
- Minnie Mouse
- Oprah Winfrey
- Nelson Mandela
- the Pope

6. MARRIAGE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'marriage'. Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. Scotland has passed a law allowing Jedi Knights to perform weddings. | T / F |
| b. Scotland's government wants more people to tie the knot. | T / F |
| c. The Jedi Knights must pass a test before they can marry people. | T / F |
| d. There are over one hundred thousand Jedi Knights in Britain. | T / F |
| e. A Church of Scotland official isn't worried about the new laws. | T / F |
| f. The official is worried about what "belief" might mean. | T / F |
| g. The Jedi Knights said they would have to prepare a wedding system. | T / F |
| h. A group that thinks the Earth is flat could also perform weddings. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. choose | a. worries |
| 2. tie the knot | b. nonreligious |
| 3. civil | c. amazing |
| 4. bodies | d. different |
| 5. alternative | e. vow |
| 6. raised | f. select |
| 7. concerns | g. groups |
| 8. astonishing | h. opinion |
| 9. belief | i. get married |
| 10. promise | j. brought up |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. people could choose either a priest | a. partnerships |
| 2. wedding | b. darkness |
| 3. tie | c. religion in Britain |
| 4. civil | d. astonishing |
| 5. the biggest alternative | e. couple |
| 6. raised | f. or a Star Wars warrior |
| 7. quite | g. to share your life... |
| 8. the happy | h. the knot |
| 9. forces of | i. ceremony |
| 10. do you promise | j. concerns |

GAP FILL

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Possible new marriage laws in Scotland could (1) _____ Jedi Knights to marry people. This means people could choose either a priest or a Star Wars (2) _____ to perform their wedding ceremony. Scotland's government wants to give couples more (3) _____ when they tie the (4) _____. It currently has two kinds of weddings – religious marriages and civil partnerships. Politicians want to add a third (5) _____ for people who believe in things other than religions. A government spokeswoman said groups like the Jedi Knights and other "belief bodies" would have to (6) _____ a test before they can (7) _____ out marriages. There are around 177,000 British people who say they are Jedi Knights, making them the biggest "(8) _____ religion" in Britain.

carry
knot
warrior
alternative
choice
allow
pass
choices

The Free Church of Scotland has (9) _____ concerns about the possible new laws. Church spokesman Iver Martin, told the BBC: "The third (10) _____ is quite astonishing because it [doesn't (11) _____] what 'belief' means." He added that '(12) _____ ' could be anything and could let all kinds of groups perform marriages. The Jedi Knights say they already have their own system for weddings. This includes the Jedi marriage (13) _____ where the Jedi Knight asks the happy couple: "In forces of (14) _____ and forces of light, wherever you may go and whatever you may (15) _____, do you promise to share your life in marriage?" Other groups that could perform weddings include the Flat Earth Society, which believes the Earth is a flat (16) _____.

vows
define
face
raised
belief
disk
category
darkness

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

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- 1) new marriage laws in Scotland could allow Jedi Knights _____
 - a. to marriage people
 - b. to marry people
 - c. to married people
 - d. to marrying people
- 2) This means people could choose either a priest or a _____
 - a. Star Wars warrior
 - b. Star Wars worrier
 - c. Star Wars worry a
 - d. Star Wars wearer
- 3) It currently has two kinds of weddings – religious marriages _____
 - a. and civility partnerships
 - b. and civilian partnerships
 - c. and civil partnerships
 - d. and civilized partnerships
- 4) a third choice for people who believe in things _____
 - a. other than religious
 - b. other than religions
 - c. other than religiously
 - d. other than religion
- 5) the Jedi Knights and other "belief bodies" would _____
 - a. have to pass the test
 - b. have to pass 2 tests
 - c. have to pass a test
 - d. have to pass tests
- 6) it doesn't define _____
 - a. what 'belief' means
 - b. what 'believe' means
 - c. what 'believer' means
 - d. what 'beliefs' means
- 7) The Jedi Knights say they already have their own _____
 - a. system from weddings
 - b. system of weddings
 - c. system at weddings
 - d. system for weddings
- 8) This includes the Jedi marriage vows where the Jedi Knight _____
 - a. asks the happy couples
 - b. asks the unhappy couple
 - c. asks the happy couple
 - d. asks the happiest couple
- 9) In forces of darkness and _____
 - a. forces of lightness
 - b. forces of lighting
 - c. forces of light
 - d. forces of lit
- 10) the Flat Earth Society, which believes the Earth _____
 - a. is a flat disk
 - b. is a flat risk
 - c. is a flat dusk
 - d. is a flat circle

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Possible (1) _____ Scotland could allow Jedi Knights to marry people. This means (2) _____ a priest or a Star Wars warrior to perform their wedding ceremony. Scotland's government wants to give couples more choices (3) _____. It currently has two kinds of weddings – religious marriages and civil partnerships. Politicians want to (4) _____ people who believe in things other than religions. A government spokeswoman said groups like the Jedi Knights and other "belief bodies" would have to pass a test (5) _____ marriages. There are around 177,000 British people who say they are Jedi Knights, making them the biggest (6) _____ Britain.

The Free Church of Scotland has (7) _____ the possible new laws. Church spokesman Iver Martin, told the BBC: "The third (8) _____ because it [doesn't define] what 'belief' means." He added that 'belief' (9) _____ could let all kinds of groups perform marriages. The Jedi Knights say they already have their own system for weddings. This includes the Jedi marriage vows where the Jedi Knight (10) _____: "In forces of darkness and forces of light, wherever you may go and whatever you may face, do you (11) _____ in marriage?" Other groups that could perform weddings include the Flat Earth Society, (12) _____ a flat disk.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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1. What might allow Jedi Knights to marry people in Scotland?

2. What does the Scottish government want to give people?

3. What other choice do Scottish people have besides religious marriages?

4. What must Jedi Knights do before they can marry people?

5. How many Jedi Knights are there in Britain?

6. Which organization is worried about the possible new laws?

7. What doesn't the new law define?

8. Which two forces do the Jedi marriage vows mention?

9. What do people promise to share in a Jedi wedding?

10. What does the Flat Earth Society believe?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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1. What might allow Jedi Knights to marry people in Scotland?
 - a) the police
 - b) the Force
 - c) priests
 - d) possible new laws
2. What does the Scottish government want to give people?
 - a) free weddings
 - b) more choices
 - c) advice about getting married
 - d) a Star Wars warrior
3. What other choice do Scottish people have besides religious marriages?
 - a) many choices
 - b) no choice
 - c) civil partnerships
 - d) church weddings
4. What must Jedi Knights do before they can marry people?
 - a) pass a test
 - b) defeat Darth Vader
 - c) get married
 - d) become a Catholic priest
5. How many Jedi Knights are there in Britain?
 - a) 171,000
 - b) 117,000
 - c) 177,000
 - d) 170,000
6. Which organisation is worried about the possible new laws?
 - a) The Free Jedi Church
 - b) The Free Church of Scotland
 - c) The Expensive Church of Scotland
 - d) The Scottish Free Church
7. What doesn't the new law define?
 - a) "may the Force be with you"
 - b) Jedi Knights
 - c) the dictionary
 - d) the meaning of 'belief'
8. Which two forces do the Jedi marriage vows mention?
 - a) light and darkness
 - b) gravity and weightlessness
 - c) push and pull
 - d) love and hate
9. What do people promise to share in a Jedi wedding?
 - a) their light saber
 - b) their money
 - c) their life in marriage
 - d) their concerns
10. What does the Flat Earth Society believe?
 - a) that apartments will replace houses
 - b) the Earth is a flat disk
 - c) that the Earth isn't sharp
 - d) the Earth is a giant pancake

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Jedi Knight

You think Jedi weddings are very important. Tell the others three reasons why. Jedi marriages ask people to always follow the light and not the dark. Jedi marriage is very serious and people who get married must stay married forever. You think other marriages don't work.

Role B – Priest

You think the only kind of weddings should be religious ones. Tell the others three reasons why. All other weddings are not real and not serious. Marriage must be watched over by God. You think Jedi weddings are a joke. Tell Scotland's leader that (s)he must stop them.

Role C – Scotland's leader

You think that there must be other kinds of weddings because it is the 21st century. Tell the others three reasons why. You think it is up to people to choose how they want to get married. No religion or group should tell the others they are bad.

Role D – Single person

You don't agree with any kind of marriage. Tell the others three reasons why. You think few people take marriage seriously. Millions say "I do" and then get divorced. Tell everyone it's much easier simply to live with someone instead of marry them.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'tie' and 'knot'.

tie	knot

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• choose• tie• two• third• carry• biggest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• raised• define• kinds• system• face• disk
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WEDDINGS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about weddings in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

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

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WEDDINGS DISCUSSION

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

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'marriage'?
- c) What do you think of Jedi Knights marrying couples?
- d) How important is a wedding ceremony?
- e) What kind of wedding ceremony would you like?
- f) Why is the Scottish government thinking about new marriage laws?
- g) Do you think all marriages should be religious?
- h) What kind of test might the Jedi Knights have to pass?
- i) What do you think Jedi Knights believe in?
- j) Do you think people take marriage less seriously these days?

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WEDDINGS DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) What do you know about Jedi Knights?
- c) What is the Free Church of Scotland worried about?
- d) What does 'belief' mean? What is your belief?
- e) What promises should a couple make when they get married?
- f) What do you think about marriage vows that refer to forces of light and darkness?
- g) What do you think of the Flat Earth Society?
- h) What do you think of people who get married underwater or in hot air balloons?
- i) Who would you like to perform your wedding ceremony?
- j) What questions would you like to ask a Jedi Knight?

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. _____

MULTIPLE CHOICE - LANGUAGE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 1. | (a) Possible | (b) Possibility | (c) Possibly | (d) Possibilities |
| 2. | (a) neither | (b) nether | (c) either | (d) ether |
| 3. | (a) cut | (b) knot | (c) tie | (d) untie |
| 4. | (a) chosen | (b) chooses | (c) choose | (d) choice |
| 5. | (a) in | (b) on | (c) at | (d) as |
| 6. | (a) makes | (b) making | (c) made | (d) make |
| 7. | (a) risen | (b) elevated | (c) upped | (d) raised |
| 8. | (a) quit | (b) quite | (c) quaint | (d) quiet |
| 9. | (a) definition | (b) defend | (c) define | (d) deafen |
| 10. | (a) bows | (b) hows | (c) rows | (d) vows |
| 11. | (a) say | (b) day | (c) lay | (d) may |
| 12. | (a) inclusive | (b) include | (c) including | (d) excludes |

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SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. slpiboes new marriage laws
2. a Star Wars laworr
3. wedding mreecyno
4. eiusolgir marriages
5. A ovemngtner spokeswoman
6. the biggest nlatteriave religion in Britain

Paragraph 2

7. raised nrnocsce about the possible new laws
8. The third gytrceo
9. quite sanihniotgs
10. they already have their own stesym
11. it doesn't deinef what 'belief' means
12. This dinlsuec the Jedi marriage vows

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () of weddings – religious marriages and civil partnerships. Politicians want to add a
- () weddings include the Flat Earth Society, which believes the Earth is a flat disk.
- () like the Jedi Knights and other "belief bodies" would have to pass a test before they can carry out marriages. There are
- () couple: "In forces of darkness and forces of light, wherever you may go and whatever you may
- () wants to give couples more choices when they tie the knot. It currently has two kinds
- (**1**) Possible new marriage laws in Scotland could allow Jedi Knights to marry people. This means people could
- () choose either a priest or a Star Wars warrior to perform their wedding ceremony. Scotland's government
- () already have their own system for weddings. This includes the Jedi marriage vows where the Jedi Knight asks the happy
- () Iver Martin, told the BBC: "The third category is quite astonishing because it [doesn't define] what 'belief'
- () third choice for people who believe in things other than religions. A government spokeswoman said groups
- () means." He added that 'belief' could be anything and could let all kinds of groups perform marriages. The Jedi Knights say they
- () face, do you promise to share your life in marriage?" Other groups that could perform
- () around 177,000 British people who say they are Jedi Knights, making them the biggest "alternative religion" in Britain.
- () The Free Church of Scotland has raised concerns about the possible new laws. Church spokesman

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. Knights to marry . people Laws in Scotland could allow Jedi

2. either or Wars Choose priest Star a a warrior.

3. when the Give choices tie more they knot couples.

4. to third people want a for Politicians add choice.

5. can marriages a they out Pass before carry test.

6. has Free raised Church concerns of Scotland The.

7. He anything be could 'belief' that added.

8. They weddings for system own their have already

9. may Wherever go you may whatever face you and.

10. share in Do to life promise your marriage you?

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Possible new marriage *law / laws* in Scotland could allow Jedi Knights to marry people. This means people could choose *neither / either* a priest or a Star Wars warrior to *perform / performance* their wedding ceremony. Scotland's government wants to give *couple / couples* more choices when they *tie / untie* the knot. It currently has two *kinds / kind* of weddings – religious marriages and civil partnerships. Politicians want to add a *thirdly / third* choice for people who believe *on / in* things other than religions. A government spokeswoman said groups like the Jedi Knights and other "belief bodies" would have to pass a test before they can *bring / carry* out marriages. There are around 177,000 British people who say they are Jedi Knights, making them the biggest "*alternative / alteration* religion" in Britain.

The Free Church of Scotland has *risen / raised* concerns about the possible new laws. Church spokesman Iver Martin, *told / said* the BBC: "The third category is quite *astonishing / astonished* because it [doesn't define] what 'belief' means." He added that 'belief' could *do / be* anything and could let all kinds of groups perform marriages. The Jedi Knights *tell / say* they already have their *own / town* system for weddings. This includes the Jedi marriage *vows / rows* where the Jedi Knight asks the *happy / unhappy* couple: "In forces of darkness and forces of light, wherever you may go and whatever you may *head / face*, do you promise to share your life in marriage?" Other groups that could perform weddings *include / including* the Flat Earth Society, which believes the Earth is a flat disk.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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P_ss_bl_ n_w m_rr_g_ l_ws _n Sc_tl_nd c__ld __ll_w
J_d_ Kn_ghts t_ m_ry p__pl_. Th_s m__ns p__pl_
c__ld ch__s__ __th_r__ pr__st__r__ St_r W_rs w_rr__r
t_ p_rf_rm th__r w_dd_ng c_r_m_ny. Sc_tl_nd's
g_v_rnm_nt w_nts t_ g_v_ c__pl_s m_r_ ch__c_s wh_n
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b_gg_st "_lt_rn_t_v_r_l_g__n" __n Br_t__n.

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t_ld th_ BBC: "Th_ th_rd c_t_g_ry __s q__t_
__st_n_sh_ng b_c__s__ __t [d__sn't d_f_n_] wh_t 'b_l__f'
m__ns." H_ __dd_d th_t 'b_l__f' c__ld b__nyth_ng __nd
c__ld l_t __ll k_nds __f gr__ps p_rf_rm m_rr_g_s. Th_
J_d_ Kn_ghts s_y th_y __lr__dy h_v_ th__r __wn syst_m
f_r w_dd_ngs. Th_s __ncl_d_s th_ J_d_ m_rr_g_ v_ws
wh_r th_ J_d_ Kn_ght __sks th_ h_ppy c__pl_: "__n
f_rc_s __f d_rkn_ss __nd f_rc_s __f l_gh_t, wh_r v_r y__
m_y g__nd wh_t v_r y__ m_y f_c_, d_y__ pr_m_s__t__
sh_r_y__r_l_f__n m_rr_g_?" __th_r gr__ps th_t c__ld
p_rf_rm w_dd_ngs __ncl_d th_ Fl_t __rth S_c__ty,
wh_ch b_l__v_s th_ __rth __s __fl_t d_sk.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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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 out more about alternative weddings. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. WEDDINGS: Make a poster about weddings. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. JEDI KNIGHTS: Write a magazine article about Jedi Knight weddings. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against them.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. 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.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to Scotland's leader. Ask him three questions about weddings. Give him three pieces of advice on the Jedi Knight weddings. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b F c T d T e F f T g F h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. choose | a. select |
| 2. tie the knot | b. get married |
| 3. civil | c. nonreligious |
| 4. bodies | d. groups |
| 5. alternative | e. different |
| 6. raised | f. brought up |
| 7. concerns | g. worries |
| 8. astonishing | h. amazing |
| 9. belief | i. opinion |
| 10. promise | j. vow |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. New marriage laws
2. More choice
3. Civil Partnerships
4. Take a test
5. 177,000
6. The Free Church of Scotland
7. What 'belief' means
8. Light and darkness
9. Life in marriage
10. The Earth is a flat disk

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. d 2. b 3. c 4. a 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. a 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)