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THE ARTICLE

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A new law has come into force in South Korea that effectively bans the wearing of miniskirts. The controversial piece of legislation is called the "overexposure law" and is an attempt by the government to curb what it views as public indecency. Anyone caught wearing a miniskirt could be fined around \$45. It is one of the first laws to be passed by new president Park Geun-hye and has come under considerable criticism. Her father, Park Chung-hee, who led the country between 1963 and 1979, introduced a similar decree on the appropriateness of what Korean women could and couldn't wear. A spokesperson from South Korea's police said the law is more concerned with public nudity than provocative clothing.

Celebrities and politicians are up in arms over the new law. Democratic United Party member Ki Sik Kim wrote on Twitter: "Why does the state interfere with how citizens dress? Park Geun-hye's government gives cause for concern that we are returning to the era when hair length and skirt length were regulated." Many female celebrities have posted photos of themselves in skimpy clothing online to make their feelings against the law known. Short skirts and shorts are extremely popular in South Korea. They are the fashion items of choice for the majority of the country's pop stars. Singer and fashion icon Lee Hyori tweeted: "Is the overexposure fine for real? I'm so dead."

Sources: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2296920/Miniskirts-banned-South-Korea-overexposure-law-comes-effect.html#ixzz2OEM06p00>
http://edition.cnn.com/2013/03/21/world/asia/south-korea-overexposure-law/?hpt=wo_mid

WARM-UPS

1. MINISKIRTS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about miniskirts. 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.

new laws / miniskirts / controversial / overexposure / public indecency / criticism / interfere / concerns / hair length / regulated / celebrities / fashion items / majority

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

3. FASHION POLICE: You are a member of the fashion police. Complete this table regarding "fashion laws" with your partner(s). Change partners and share often.

Law about...	People have to...	People can't...
miniskirts		
tattoos		
jewellery		
underwear		
footwear		
jeans		

4. CLOTHES: Students A **strongly** believe people can wear what they like, when they like; Students B **strongly** believe there are rules about dress. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. BANNED: What would you like to ban? Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- miniskirts
- chewing gum
- music players in public
- children in restaurants
- kissing in public
- mobile phones in cinemas
- drunkenness
- other _____

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

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1303/130323-miniskirts.html>

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

- a. Miniskirts have been banned in S. Korea to stop women catching colds. T / F
- b. Anyone wearing a miniskirt could be imprisoned. T / F
- c. The president's father introduced a similar law when he was leader. T / F
- d. S. Korean police said they aren't so interested in miniskirt violations. T / F
- e. Politicians and celebrities said arms should also be covered. T / F
- f. A politician asked why S. Korea was returning to an age of regulation. T / F
- g. Women protested by uploading pics of themselves in revealing clothes. T / F
- h. A pop star said she thought the law was necessary for teenagers. T / F

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

- | | |
|-------------------|----------------|
| 1. effectively | a. control |
| 2. curb | b. revealing |
| 3. considerable | c. indecent |
| 4. nudity | d. butt into |
| 5. provocative | e. pretty much |
| 6. up in arms | f. reason |
| 7. interfere with | g. nakedness |
| 8. cause | h. superstar |
| 9. skimpy | i. sizable |
| 10. icon | j. angry |

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

- | | |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1. A new law has come | a. considerable criticism |
| 2. controversial piece | b. in arms |
| 3. come under | c. clothing |
| 4. the appropriateness of what Korean women | d. into force |
| 5. more concerned with public nudity than | e. concern |
| 6. politicians are up | f. could and couldn't wear |
| 7. interfere with | g. provocative clothing |
| 8. cause for | h. items of choice |
| 9. skimpy | i. of legislation |
| 10. the fashion | j. how citizens dress |

GAP FILL

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A new law has come into (1) _____ in South Korea that effectively bans the wearing of miniskirts. The controversial (2) _____ of legislation is called the "overexposure law" and is an attempt by the government to (3) _____ what it views as public (4) _____. Anyone caught wearing a miniskirt could be fined around \$45. It is one of the first laws to be passed by new president Park Geun-hye and has come under considerable (5) _____. Her father, Park Chung-hee, who led the country between 1963 and 1979, introduced a similar (6) _____ on the appropriateness of what Korean women could and couldn't wear. A spokesperson from South Korea's police said the law is more (7) _____ with public (8) _____ than provocative clothing.

decree

nudity

piece

criticism

indecentry

force

concerned

curb

Celebrities and politicians are up in (9) _____ over the new law. Democratic United Party member Ki Sik Kim wrote on Twitter: "Why does the state (10) _____ with how citizens dress? Park Geun-hye's government gives cause for concern that we are returning to the (11) _____ when hair length and skirt length were (12) _____." Many female celebrities have posted photos of themselves in (13) _____ clothing online to make their feelings against the law (14) _____. Short skirts and shorts are extremely popular in South Korea. They are the fashion (15) _____ of choice for the majority of the country's pop stars. Singer and fashion (16) _____ Lee Hyori tweeted: "Is the overexposure fine for real? I'm so dead."

regulated

icon

interfere

items

skimpy

arms

era

known

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1303/130323-miniskirts.html>

- 1) A new law has come _____
 - a. into farce
 - b. in two forces
 - c. into a force
 - d. into force
- 2) an attempt by the government to curb what it views _____
 - a. as public indecency
 - b. as publicity indecency
 - c. as publicly indecency
 - d. as publicist indecency
- 3) come under _____
 - a. considerable criticisms
 - b. considerably critical
 - c. considerable criticising
 - d. considerable criticism
- 4) Park Chung-hee, who led the country between 1963 and 1979, introduced _____
 - a. a similarity decree
 - b. a similar decry
 - c. a similar decree
 - d. a similar decreed
- 5) more concerned with public nudity than _____
 - a. provocative clothing
 - b. proactive clothing
 - c. provocative clothing
 - d. provocatively clothing
- 6) Celebrities and politicians are _____ the new law
 - a. up in legs over
 - b. up in arms under
 - c. down in arms over
 - d. up in arms over
- 7) Why does the _____ how citizens dress?
 - a. state interferes with
 - b. state interfered with
 - c. state interfering with
 - d. state interfere with
- 8) returning to the era when hair length and skirt _____
 - a. length were regulated
 - b. length were regulation
 - c. length were regulations
 - d. length were regulatory
- 9) Many female celebrities have posted photos of themselves _____
 - a. in skimpy clothing
 - b. in simply clothing
 - c. in crumply clothing
 - d. in scrimping clothing
- 10) They are the fashion _____
 - a. item of choice
 - b. items of choose
 - c. items of chose
 - d. items of choice

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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A new law (1) _____ in South Korea that effectively bans the wearing of miniskirts. The controversial piece of legislation is called the "overexposure law" and is an attempt by the (2) _____ it (3) _____. Anyone caught wearing a miniskirt could be fined around \$45. It is one of the first laws to be passed by new president Park Geun-hye and has come (4) _____. Her father, Park Chung-hee, who led the country between 1963 and 1979, introduced a similar (5) _____ of what Korean women could and couldn't wear. A spokesperson from South Korea's police said the law is more concerned with public nudity (6) _____.

Celebrities and politicians are (7) _____ new law. Democratic United Party member Ki Sik Kim wrote on Twitter: "Why does the state interfere (8) _____? Park Geun-hye's government gives cause for concern that we are (9) _____ when hair length and skirt length were regulated." Many female celebrities have posted photos of themselves (10) _____ to make their feelings against the law known. Short skirts and shorts are extremely popular in South Korea. They are the (11) _____ for the majority of the country's pop stars. Singer and fashion icon Lee Hyori tweeted: "Is the (12) _____? I'm so dead."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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1. What does the Korean government hope to control with the new law?

2. Who might have to pay \$45?

3. Who previously introduced a similar ban on miniskirts?

4. For how long was Park Chung-hee president?

5. What are the police more worried about?

6. How are celebrities feeling about the new law?

7. Who questioned the state's interference in clothing rules?

8. What other thing used to be regulated besides the length of skirts?

9. Who uploaded photos of themselves?

10. Who chooses to wear miniskirts?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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1. What does the Korean government hope to control with the new law?
 - a) fashion tastes
 - b) public indecency
 - c) young people
 - d) the fashion industry
2. Who might have to pay \$45?
 - a) tourists
 - b) clothes shop owners
 - c) people who wear miniskirts
 - d) parents
3. Who previously introduced a similar ban on miniskirts?
 - a) all South Korean junior high schools
 - b) the last president
 - c) Seoul University
 - d) Park Geun-hye's father
4. For how long was Park Chung-hee president?
 - a) 14 years
 - b) 16 years
 - c) 18 years
 - d) 22 years
5. What are the police more worried about?
 - a) public nudity
 - b) soccer hooliganism
 - c) counterfeit goods
 - d) corruption
6. How are celebrities feeling about the new law?
 - a) they are up in arms
 - b) they are down in the mouth
 - c) they haven't a leg to stand on
 - d) they are tongue-tied
7. Who questioned the state's interference in clothing rules?
 - a) a teenager
 - b) an actor
 - c) a fashion designer
 - d) a politician
8. What other thing used to be regulated besides the length of skirts?
 - a) jacket colour
 - b) tattoos
 - c) hair length
 - d) nose length
9. Who uploaded photos of themselves?
 - a) the South Korean police
 - b) politicians
 - c) female office workers
 - d) famous women
10. Who chooses to wear miniskirts?
 - a) fashion models
 - b) most S. Korean pop stars
 - c) young teens
 - d) women in their late 20s / early 30s

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Korean pop star

You think the miniskirt ban is totally stupid. Tell the others three reasons why. Ask Park Geun-hye why she passed this law. Tell her women across the country will vote her out of power. Tell her there are more important things to make laws about.

Role B – President Park Geun-hye

You think the new law is very important. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell the others also that it's important that the country goes back to being more conservative. Tell them there are plenty of lovely clothes that women can wear that are below the knee.

Role C – Government opposition leader

You think the new law is dangerous. Tell the others three reasons why. Ask Park Geun-hye why she's focusing on miniskirts when the North is developing nuclear weapons and the world is in recession. Tell her that fashion is an important aspect of personal freedom.

Role D – Mother

You think Park Geun-hye is a hero. Tell the others three reasons why. You have three teenage girls and are shocked at what they wear. Miniskirts are not part of Korean culture. You hate pop stars for influencing how young girls dress. Tell the opposition leader Korean culture is important.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1303/130323-miniskirts.html>

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

mini	skirt
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- 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">• force• piece• caught• under• decree• police	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• arms• state• concern• posted• choice• fine
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MINISKIRTS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about miniskirts 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.

MINISKIRTS 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 'miniskirt'?
- c) What do you think of the miniskirt ban?
- d) How important is the ban in relation to other problems in Korea?
- e) Is it strange Koreans wear miniskirts that are not part of the culture?
- f) What do you think of an "overexposure" law?
- g) What do you think of people wearing clothes that reveal a lot of skin?
- h) Would a \$45 fine stop you wearing clothes you like?
- i) Is the ban an attack on personal freedom?
- j) Do you think the ban will affect Park Geun-hye's re-election chances?

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MINISKIRTS DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) When was the last time you were up in arms about something?
- c) Do you think the law is repressive?
- d) What would people do if the next thing to be regulated was hair length?
- e) Would you be happy if your daughters wore miniskirts?
- f) Is there a minimum or maximum age for wearing a miniskirt?
- g) What fashion is unacceptable in your country?
- h) What is the minimum that people should wear in public?
- i) Should we go back to more conservative ways of dressing?
- j) What questions would you like to ask president Park Geun-hye?

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) farce | (b) fierce | (c) force | (d) fleece |
| 2. | (a) piece | (b) equipment | (c) product | (d) thing |
| 3. | (a) curb | (b) curd | (c) curve | (d) carve |
| 4. | (a) come | (b) driven | (c) passed | (d) arrived |
| 5. | (a) same | (b) sameness | (c) similarity | (d) similar |
| 6. | (a) concerning | (b) concern | (c) concerns | (d) concerned |
| 7. | (a) arms | (b) legs | (c) hands | (d) feet |
| 8. | (a) interpret | (b) confer | (c) refer | (d) interfere |
| 9. | (a) cause | (b) pause | (c) nausea | (d) because |
| 10. | (a) deregulated | (b) regulated | (c) congregated | (d) undulated |
| 11. | (a) unknown | (b) known | (c) knowing | (d) knew |
| 12. | (a) for | (b) at | (c) true | (d) as |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. fcltiyfevee bans the wearing of miniskirts
2. controversial piece of iilleonasgt
3. public cncednyie
4. come under socnaredielb criticism
5. introduced a msrliai decree
6. opocavreivt clothing

Paragraph 2

7. Why does the state fetrriene...
8. how scniztei dress
9. cause for crcneon
10. hair length and skirt length were letauedgr
11. female ibtcrelseei
12. fashion items of choice for the majityro

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () citizens dress? Park Geun-hye's government gives cause for concern that we are returning to the
- () Celebrities and politicians are up in arms over the new law. Democratic United Party
- () era when hair length and skirt length were regulated." Many female celebrities have posted
- () could and couldn't wear. A spokesperson from South Korea's police said the law is more concerned with public nudity than provocative clothing.
- () photos of themselves in skimpy clothing online to make their feelings against the law known. Short skirts and shorts are
- () curb what it views as public indecency. Anyone caught wearing a miniskirt could
- () between 1963 and 1979, introduced a similar decree on the appropriateness of what Korean women
- () extremely popular in South Korea. They are the fashion items of choice for the majority
- () member Ki Sik Kim wrote on Twitter: "Why does the state interfere with how
- () be fined around \$45. It is one of the first laws to be passed by new president Park Geun-hye and has come
- (**1**) A new law has come into force in South Korea that effectively bans the wearing of miniskirts. The controversial
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- () piece of legislation is called the "overexposure law" and is an attempt by the government to
- () of the country's pop stars. Singer and fashion icon Lee Hyori tweeted: "Is the overexposure fine for real? I'm so dead."

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PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. Korea A new law has come . into force in South

2. indecency public as views it what Curb.

3. miniskirt Anyone could caught be wearing fined a.

4. couldn't and could women Korean What wear.

5. provocative with clothing public nudity More than concerned.

6. law are arms new Politicians in the up over.

7. does interfere citizens Why state how the with dress?

8. and were The hair length when skirt regulated era.

9. their . Make known law the against feelings

10. the items majority of choice The for fashion.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1303/130323-miniskirts.html>

A new law has come into *farce / force* in South Korea that effectively bans the wearing of miniskirts. The controversial piece of *legislation / litigation* is called the "overexposure law" and is an attempt by the government to *curd / curb* what it views as public *decency / indecency*. Anyone caught wearing a miniskirt could be *fined / punished* around \$45. It is one of the first laws to be *passed / past* by new president Park Geun-hye and has come *under / over* considerable *criticism / critical*. Her father, Park Chung-hee, who led the country between 1963 and 1979, introduced a similar *decry / decree* on the appropriateness of what Korean women could and couldn't wear. A spokesperson from South Korea's police said the law is more concerned with public *nudity / nude* than provocative clothing.

Celebrities and politicians are up in *arms / legs* over the new law. Democratic United Party *membership / member* Ki Sik Kim wrote on Twitter: "Why does the state interfere with how citizens *clothe / dress*? Park Geun-hye's government gives cause *for / of* concern that we are returning to the era when hair length and skirt length were *regulations / regulated*." Many *female / ladies* celebrities have posted photos of themselves in *frumpy / skimpy* clothing online to make their feelings against the law *knowing / known*. Short skirts and shorts are extremely popular in South Korea. They are the fashion items of *chose / choice* for the majority of the country's pop stars. Singer and fashion icon Lee Hyori tweeted: "Is the overexposure fine for *real / really*? I'm so dead."

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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_ n_w l_w h_s c_m _ nt_ f_rc_ _ n S__ th K_r__ th_t
_ ff_ct_v_ly b_ns th_ w__ r_ng _ f m_n sk_rts. Th_
c_ntr_v_rs__ l_p_c_ _ f l_g_sl_t__ n _s c_ll_d th_
" _v_r_xp_s_r_ l_w" _nd _s _n _tt_mpt by th_
g_v_rnm_nt t_ c_rb wh_t _t v__ws _s p_bl_c
_nd_c_ncy. _ny_n_ c__ght w__r_ng _ m_n sk_rt c__ld
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wr_t_ _n Tw_tt_r: "Why d__s th_ st_t__nt_rf_r_ w_th
h_w c_t_z_ns dr_ss? P_rk G__n-hy_'s g_v_rnm_nt
g_v_s c__s_f_r c_nc_rn th_t w__r_r_t_rn_ng t_th_
r wh_n h__r l_ngth _nd sk_rt l_ngth w_r_r_g_l_t_d."
M_ny f_m_l_ c_l_br_t__s h_v_ p_st_d ph_t_s _f
th_ms lv_s _n sk_mpy cl_th_ng _nl_n_t m_k_th__r
f__l_ngs _g__nst th_ l_w kn_wn. Sh_rt sk_rts _nd
sh_rts _r_ _xtr_m_ly p_p_l_r_n S__th K_r__. Th_y _r_
th_ f_sh__n _t_ms _f ch__c_f_r th_ m_j_r_ty _f th_
c__ntry's p_p_st_rs. S_ng_r _nd f_sh__n _c_n L__
Hy_r_ tw__t_d: "_s th_ _v_r_xp_s_r_ f_n_ f_r r__l?
_ 'm_s_d__d."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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celebrities and politicians are up in arms over the new law democratic united party member ki sik kim wrote on twitter "why does the state interfere with how citizens dress park geun-hye's government gives cause for concern that we are returning to the era when hair length and skirt length were regulated" many female celebrities have posted photos of themselves in skimpy clothing online to make their feelings against the law known short skirts and shorts are extremely popular in south korea they are the fashion items of choice for the majority of the country's pop stars singer and fashion icon lee hyori tweeted "is the overexposure fine for real i'm so dead"

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Put the punctuation marks back into the following text:

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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 clothes rules in different countries. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

4. BANNED: Write a magazine article about the South Korea miniskirt ban. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

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 S. Korean president Park Geun-hye. Ask her three questions about the miniskirt ban. Give her three of your opinions on it. 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 T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-------------------|----------------|
| 1. effectively | a. pretty much |
| 2. curb | b. control |
| 3. considerable | c. sizable |
| 4. nudity | d. nakedness |
| 5. provocative | e. indecent |
| 6. up in arms | f. angry |
| 7. interfere with | g. butt into |
| 8. cause | h. reason |
| 9. skimpy | i. revealing |
| 10. icon | j. superstar |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Public indecency
2. People who wear miniskirts
3. Park Geun-hye's father, Park Chung-hee
4. 16 years
5. Public nudity
6. Angry / up in arms
7. Democratic United Party member Ki Sik Kim
8. Hair length
9. Many female celebrities
10. The majority of the country's pop stars

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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