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THE ARTICLE

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An Indian businessman in the UAE has helped repatriate nearly 3,700 prisoners trapped in a legal limbo in the United Arab Emirates. The ex-prisoners are from various nations including Bangladesh, India, Indonesia and Pakistan. They had all served their sentences but remained in UAE jails because they lacked the money to pay off the debts that led to their imprisonment, and could not afford the air ticket home. Firoz G. Merchant, 54, owner of the Pure Gold jewellery company, has spent about 3.7 million dirham (\$1,000,000) to secure the prisoners' release. He plans to help out another 1,000 inmates later this year. Mr Merchant said he only helps people who were sentenced over unpaid debts.

Philanthropist Mr Merchant said he was inspired to start helping release prisoners following the UAE's economic downturn in 2010. Thousands of construction workers were laid off and were left saddled with debt from education loans, credit cards and unpaid housing rent. He recalled: "There were a lot of people behind bars, especially labourers....It opened my eyes that this is my duty." He added that it was important for him to ensure the men returned home in time for Ramadan, which starts in the UAE this year on July 10th. He told reporters: "Ramadan is the month for giving, so I want to put greater effort into getting these prisoners back to their own countries...and reunited with their families."

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WARM-UPS

1. PHILANTHROPY: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about philanthropy. 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.

businessman / legal limbo / ex-prisoners / jails / lacked / debts / air ticket home / philanthropist / inspired / economic downturn / education loan / Ramadan / reunited

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

3. GIVING: How can we encourage greater charity from these people? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How to make them give (more)?	How much more?
World leaders		
Sports stars		
Internet billionaires		
Office workers		
University students		
Company CEOs		

4. DEBT: Students A **strongly** believe people should never get in debt for any reason; Students B **strongly** believe debt is unavoidable in today's world. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. PRISON: Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the things you think would be worst at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- the cell
- other prisoners
- the food
- prison bars
- the stigma
- boredom
- not seeing family
- the shower room

6. IMPRISONMENT: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'imprisonment'. 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/1307/130705-prisoners.html>

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

- a. A businessman living in India has helped Emirati prisoners in the UAE. T / F
- b. The prisoners have all served their sentences. T / F
- c. The businessman will repatriate 10,000 more later this year. T / F
- d. All of the prisoners were sentenced because they owed money. T / F
- e. The UAE's economic woes inspired the businessman to act. T / F
- f. The businessman felt sorry for labourers who lost their jobs. T / F
- g. The ex-prisoners won't get home until after Ramadan. T / F
- h. The businessman said he wants to bring prisoners' families to the UAE. T / F

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

- | | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. businessman | a. prison terms |
| 2. limbo | b. remembered |
| 3. sentences | c. pay for |
| 4. afford | d. burdened |
| 5. secure | e. energy |
| 6. inspired | f. entrepreneur |
| 7. saddled | g. in prison |
| 8. recalled | h. uncertainty |
| 9. behind bars | i. motivated |
| 10. effort | j. guarantee |

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

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. 3,700 prisoners trapped in a | a. to their imprisonment |
| 2. They had all served | b. downturn |
| 3. pay off the debts that led | c. bars |
| 4. secure the | d. legal limbo |
| 5. sentenced over | e. time for Ramadan |
| 6. economic | f. their sentences |
| 7. ...and were left saddled | g. with their families |
| 8. a lot of people behind | h. unpaid debts |
| 9. returned home in | i. prisoners' release |
| 10. reunited | j. with debt |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130705-prisoners.html>

An Indian businessman in the UAE has helped repatriate nearly 3,700 prisoners trapped in a legal (1) _____ in the United Arab Emirates. The ex-prisoners are from (2) _____ nations including Bangladesh, India, Indonesia and Pakistan. They had all (3) _____ their sentences but remained in UAE jails because they lacked the money to pay (4) _____ the debts that led to their imprisonment, and could not (5) _____ the air ticket home. Firoz G. Merchant, 54, owner of the Pure Gold jewellery company, has spent about 3.7 million dirham (\$1,000,000) to (6) _____ the prisoners' release. He plans to help out another 1,000 (7) _____ later this year. Mr Merchant said he only helps people who were sentenced over (8) _____ debts.

secure
served
unpaid
limbo
afford
various
inmates
off

Philanthropist Mr Merchant said he was (9) _____ to start helping release prisoners following the UAE's economic (10) _____ in 2010. Thousands of construction workers were laid off and were left (11) _____ with debt from education loans, credit cards and unpaid housing rent. He recalled: "There were a lot of people behind (12) _____, especially labourers....It opened my eyes that this is my duty." He added that it was important for him to (13) _____ the men returned home in (14) _____ for Ramadan, which starts in the UAE this year on July 10th. He told reporters: "Ramadan is the month for giving, so I want to put greater (15) _____ into getting these prisoners back to their own countries...and (16) _____ with their families."

effort
saddled
time
inspired
ensure
downturn
reunited
bars

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LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

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- 1) repatriate nearly 3,700 prisoners trapped in _____
 - a. a legal limb beau
 - b. a legal lingo
 - c. a legally in bow
 - d. a legal limbo
- 2) They had all served their sentences but _____
 - a. remain in UAE jails
 - b. remaining in UAE jails
 - c. remained in UAE jails
 - d. remains in UAE jails
- 3) they lacked the money to pay off the debts that led _____
 - a. to their in prison meant
 - b. to their imprisonment
 - c. to their imprison meant
 - d. to their imprisoned men
- 4) He plans to help out another _____
 - a. 1,000 inmates later
 - b. 1,000 intimates later
 - c. 1,000 in mates later
 - d. 1,000 mates in later
- 5) he only helps people who were sentenced _____
 - a. over unpaid debts
 - b. other unpaid debts
 - c. owe the unpaid debts
 - d. overly unpaid debts
- 6) start helping release prisoners following the _____
 - a. UAE's economics downturn
 - b. UAE's economical downturn
 - c. UAE's economically downturn
 - d. UAE's economic downturn
- 7) Thousands of construction workers _____
 - a. were laid off
 - b. were paid off
 - c. were raid off
 - d. were made off
- 8) _____ debt from education loans, credit cards and unpaid housing rent
 - a. left saddled which
 - b. left saddled with
 - c. left saddled wish
 - d. left saddled without
- 9) There were a lot of people behind bars, _____
 - a. especial labourers
 - b. especially labourers
 - c. and spatially labourers
 - d. and special labourers
- 10) getting these prisoners back to their own countries..._____ their families
 - a. and reunions with
 - b. and reuniting with
 - c. and reunites with
 - d. and reunited with

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LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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An Indian businessman in the UAE has helped repatriate nearly 3,700 prisoners (1) _____ in the United Arab Emirates. The ex-prisoners are (2) _____ Bangladesh, India, Indonesia and Pakistan. They had all served their sentences but remained in UAE jails because they lacked the money (3) _____ that led to their imprisonment, and (4) _____ ticket home. Firoz G. Merchant, 54, owner of the Pure Gold jewellery company, has spent about 3.7 million dirham (\$1,000,000) (5) _____ release. He plans to (6) _____ inmates later this year. Mr Merchant said he only helps people who were sentenced over unpaid debts.

Philanthropist Mr Merchant said he was inspired to start helping release prisoners following the UAE's (7) _____. Thousands of construction workers were laid off (8) _____ debt from education loans, credit cards and unpaid housing rent. He recalled: "There were a lot (9) _____, especially labourers...It opened my eyes that this is my duty." He added that it was important for him to ensure the men (10) _____ Ramadan, which starts in the UAE this year on July 10th. He told reporters: "Ramadan is the month for giving, so I want to (11) _____ getting these prisoners back to their own countries... (12) _____ families."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130705-prisoners.html>

1. In what kind of situation were the prisoners trapped?

2. How far through their prison terms are the men?

3. What can't the men afford to do?

4. What is the philanthropist's occupation?

5. Who specifically does the philanthropist help?

6. When did the philanthropist first feel inspired to help?

7. What happened to thousands of labourers in 2010?

8. What loans did the article mention?

9. When did the philanthropist want the men home by?

10. Who does he want the workers to be with?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130705-prisoners.html>

1. In what kind of situation were the prisoners trapped?
 - a) a perilous one
 - b) a state of legal uncertainty
 - c) a business situation
 - d) one without food
2. How far through their prison terms are the men?
 - a) just started
 - b) half way through
 - c) a few months to go
 - d) all the way through
3. What can't the men afford to do?
 - a) buy an air ticket
 - b) work in the UAE again
 - c) buy the philanthropist a gift
 - d) the limbo
4. What is the philanthropist's occupation?
 - a) CEO of a charity
 - b) prison owner
 - c) jewellery company owner
 - d) construction company boss
5. Who specifically does the philanthropist help?
 - a) anyone in prison
 - b) men with debts
 - c) construction workers
 - d) 1,000 inmates
6. When did the philanthropist first feel inspired to help?
 - a) July 10th
 - b) last year
 - c) 2010
 - d) Ramadan
7. What happened to thousands of labourers in 2010?
 - a) they took out education loans
 - b) they got a pay raise
 - c) they met the philanthropist
 - d) they lost their jobs
8. What loans did the article mention?
 - a) education loans
 - b) bad loans
 - c) cheap loans
 - d) car loans
9. When did the philanthropist want the men home by?
 - a) Ramadan
 - b) the end of the year
 - c) the middle of next month
 - d) no special time
10. Who does he want the workers to be with?
 - a) him
 - b) their families
 - c) labourers
 - d) each other

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Poor university students

You think poor university students are most deserving of charity. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their projects don't need so much money. Also, tell the others which is the least deserving of these (and why): elderly homeless, medical research or the World Wildlife Fund.

Role B – Elderly homeless

You think elderly homeless are most deserving of charity. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their projects don't need so much money. Also, tell the others which is the least deserving of these (and why): poor university students, medical research or the World Wildlife Fund.

Role C – Medical research

You think medical research is most deserving of charity. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their projects don't need so much money. Also, tell the others which is the least deserving of these (and why): elderly homeless, poor university students or the World Wildlife Fund.

Role D – World Wildlife Fund

You think the World Wildlife Fund is most deserving of charity. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their projects don't need so much money. Also, tell the others which is the least deserving of these (and why): elderly homeless, medical research or poor university students.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130705-prisoners.html>

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

serve	sentence
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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">• legal• various• remained• afford• spent• 1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• inspired• laid• bars• eyes• Ramadan• families
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PHILANTHROPY SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about philanthropy 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.

PHILANTHROPY 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 'debt'?
- c) Have you had good / bad / any experiences with debt?
- d) What do you think of Mr Merchant's actions?
- e) What do you think being in legal limbo in the UAE would be like?
- f) Should there be a system to find funds to repatriate such prisoners?
- g) Wouldn't it be cheaper for the UAE to send the men home rather than keep them in prison?
- h) Would you give to a charity to help men such as those in the article?
- i) What three adjectives best describe Mr Merchant (and why)?
- j) What do you think of Mr Merchant's policy to only help debtors?

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PHILANTHROPY DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Shakespeare said, "Neither a borrower nor a lender be". Do you agree?
- c) Is it fair to imprison someone for being unable to repay a car loan?
- d) How can we encourage more philanthropy in the world?
- e) Do you prefer news like this or news of war, protests and spying?
- f) How dangerous is it to take out loans and use credit cards?
- g) Is it the duty of all of us to give regularly to charity (or volunteer)?
- h) What difference has Mr Merchant made to people's lives?
- i) Why are some rich people so philanthropic and others so mean?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Mr Merchant?

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) hula | (b) salsa | (c) limbo | (d) break |
| 2. | (a) served | (b) serviced | (c) severed | (d) servitude |
| 3. | (a) off | (b) up | (c) on | (d) in |
| 4. | (a) imprisonment | (b) in prison | (c) imprison | (d) inmates |
| 5. | (a) secrete | (b) secret | (c) seclude | (d) secure |
| 6. | (a) around | (b) under | (c) through | (d) over |
| 7. | (a) release | (b) released | (c) releasing | (d) releases |
| 8. | (a) held | (b) taken | (c) put | (d) laid |
| 9. | (a) saddled | (b) booted | (c) blanketed | (d) bridled |
| 10. | (a) blocks | (b) bars | (c) rods | (d) bricks |
| 11. | (a) returnee | (b) returned | (c) returning | (d) returns |
| 12. | (a) reunited | (b) untied | (c) reunified | (d) revitalised |

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SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. from ivsuoar nations
2. They had all evsdre their sentences
3. pay off the tedbs
4. could not foafdr the air ticket home
5. ersuce the prisoners' release
6. another 1,000 emanits

Paragraph 2

7. ohtlrpspitniha Mr Merchant
8. irtnnousotcc workers
9. this is my dytu
10. nrseue the men returned home
11. greater fotrfe
12. enedutir with their families

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () bars, especially labourers....It opened my eyes that this is my duty." He added that it was important
- () out another 1,000 inmates later this year. Mr Merchant said he only helps people who were sentenced over unpaid debts.
- () effort into getting these prisoners back to their own countries...and reunited with their families."
- () limbo in the United Arab Emirates. The ex-prisoners are from various nations including
- () loans, credit cards and unpaid housing rent. He recalled: "There were a lot of people behind
- (**1**) An Indian businessman in the UAE has helped repatriate nearly 3,700 prisoners trapped in a legal
- () Philanthropist Mr Merchant said he was inspired to start helping release prisoners following the UAE's economic
- () for him to ensure the men returned home in time for Ramadan, which starts in the UAE this
- () spent about 3.7 million dirham (\$1,000,000) to secure the prisoners' release. He plans to help
- () jails because they lacked the money to pay off the debts that led to their imprisonment, and could not
- () afford the air ticket home. Firoz G. Merchant, 54, owner of the Pure Gold jewellery company, has
- () downturn in 2010. Thousands of construction workers were laid off and were left saddled with debt from education
- () Bangladesh, India, Indonesia and Pakistan. They had all served their sentences but remained in UAE
- () year on July 10th. He told reporters: "Ramadan is the month for giving, so I want to put greater

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PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. limbo legal a in trapped prisoners 3,700 nearly Repatriate.

2. to the the pay They debts money lacked off.

3. prisoners' about the \$1,000,000 Spent secure to release.

4. inmates this Help another later year out 1,000.

5. over sentenced were who People debts unpaid.

6. prisoners to start He helping was release inspired.

7. off laid were workers construction of Thousands.

8. saddled Left loans education from debt with.

9. my this duty opened that my It eyes is.

10. back into getting Put these greater prisoners effort.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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An Indian businessman in the UAE has helped repatriate nearly 3,700 prisoners trapped in a *legal / legally* limbo in the United Arab Emirates. The ex-prisoners are from *variety / various* nations including Bangladesh, India, Indonesia and Pakistan. They had all *severed / served* their sentences but *remained / remanded* in UAE jails because they lacked the money to pay *up / off* the debts that *led / lead* to their imprisonment, and could not afford the *air / fare* ticket home. Firoz G. Merchant, 54, owner of the Pure Gold jewellery company, has spent about 3.7 million dirham (\$1,000,000) to *rescue / secure* the prisoners' release. He plans to help out another 1,000 *inmates / mates* later this year. Mr Merchant said he only helps people who were sentenced over unpaid *debtors / debts*.

Philanthropist Mr Merchant said he was *inspirational / inspired* to start helping release prisoners *following / followed* the UAE's economic downturn in 2010. Thousands of construction workers were *laid / lain* off and were left saddled *with / for* debt from education loans, credit cards and unpaid *housing / housed* rent. He recalled: "There were a lot of people behind *rods / bars*, especially labourers....It opened my eyes that this is my *dutiful / duty*." He added that it was important for him to *ensure / insure* the men returned home in time for Ramadan, which starts in the UAE this year on July 10th. He told reporters: "Ramadan is the month for *gift / giving*, so I want to put greater effort into getting these prisoners back to their own countries...and *reunited / reunion* with their families."

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 _____nd_____n _____b _____s _____n _____ssm _____n _____n _____th_____ _____h _____s _____h _____lp _____d _____r _____p _____tr _____t _____n _____r _____ly _____3,700 _____pr _____s _____n _____rs _____tr _____pp _____d _____n _____l _____g _____l _____l _____mb _____n _____th_____ _____n _____t _____d _____r _____b _____m _____r _____t _____s. _____Th_____ _____x _____p _____r _____s _____n _____rs _____r _____fr _____m _____v _____r _____s _____n _____t _____ns _____n _____cl _____d _____ng _____B _____ng _____l _____d _____sh, _____nd _____, _____nd _____n _____s _____nd _____P _____k _____st _____n. _____Th_____ _____y _____h _____d _____ll _____s _____rv _____d _____th_____ _____r _____s _____nt _____nc _____s _____b _____t _____r _____m _____n _____d _____n _____ _____j _____ll _____s _____b _____c _____s _____th_____ _____y _____l _____ck _____d _____th_____ _____m _____n _____y _____t _____p _____y _____ff _____th_____ _____d _____b _____ts _____th_____ _____t _____l _____d _____t _____th_____ _____r _____ _____mp _____r _____s _____nm _____nt, _____nd _____c _____ld _____n _____t _____ff _____rd _____th_____ _____r _____t _____ck _____t _____h _____m _____. _____F _____r _____z _____G. _____M _____rch _____nt, _____54, _____wn _____r _____f _____th_____ _____P _____r _____G _____ld _____j _____w _____ll _____ry _____c _____mp _____ny, _____h _____s _____sp _____nt _____b _____t _____3.7 _____m _____ll _____n _____d _____rh _____m _____(\$1,000,000) _____t _____s _____c _____r _____th_____ _____pr _____s _____n _____rs' _____r _____l _____s _____. _____H _____pl _____ns _____t _____h _____lp _____ _____t _____n _____th_____ _____r _____1,000 _____nm _____t _____s _____l _____t _____r _____th_____ _____s _____y _____r _____. _____Mr _____M _____rch _____nt _____s _____d _____h _____ _____n _____ly _____h _____lp _____s _____p _____pl _____wh _____w _____r _____s _____nt _____nc _____d _____v _____r _____np _____d _____d _____b _____ts.

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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 this story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

4. REPATRIATED: Write a magazine article about one of the repatriated prisoners. Include imaginary interviews with him and with Mr Merchant.

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 a philanthropist. Ask him/her three questions about philanthropy. Give him/her three of your ideas on who to help. 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 T c F d T e T f T g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- | | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. businessman | a. entrepreneur |
| 2. limbo | b. uncertainty |
| 3. sentences | c. prison terms |
| 4. afford | d. pay for |
| 5. secure | e. guarantee |
| 6. inspired | f. motivated |
| 7. saddled | g. burdened |
| 8. recalled | h. remembered |
| 9. behind bars | i. in prison |
| 10. effort | j. energy |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. A legal limbo
2. All they way
3. Clear their debts and buy an air ticket
4. He owns a jewelry company
5. Men sentenced over unpaid debts
6. 2010
7. They lost their jobs
8. Education loans
9. Ramadan
10. Their families

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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