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Typewriters to stop Russian computer leaks

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THE ARTICLE

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Western newspapers are reporting that Russia is to start using typewriters to stop computer leaks. However, Russian newspapers say this is not true. Western media says the Kremlin wants to keep its secrets secret by using the old-fashioned machines. The BBC wrote that Russia's intelligence service (FSO) bought the typewriters because of the leak of information on WikiLeaks and recent leaks by former U.S. intelligence worker Edward Snowden. The FSO reportedly told the Russian press that these scandals, plus reports about Russia's Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev being listened in on at the G20 summit in London, means it has "decided to expand the practice of creating paper documents".

A Russian government department said the Kremlin bought 20 electric typewriters for around \$14,800. The FSO told reporters that: "This purchase has been planned for more than a year now." It also said the order has nothing to do with WikiLeaks or Edward Snowden. An FSO official told Russia's RT news agency that the FSO has always used typewriters. He said that it was simply time to buy new ones because the old equipment was out of date. He said: "It's not something unusual....The time came to change them. All the special services use them, including the Ministry of Defense." A reader of the RT website suggested: "A \$5 padlock is often more effective than a \$24,000 surveillance system."

Sources: <http://www.rawstory.com/rs/2013/07/11/kremlin-turns-back-to-typewriters-to-avoid-security-leaks/>
<http://rt.com/news/typewriters-russia-order-surveillance-975/>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-23282308>

WARM-UPS

1. TYPEWRITERS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about typewriters. 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.

Western newspapers / computer leaks / secrets / intelligence / scandals / documents / typewriters / reporters / WikiLeaks / old equipment / unusual / padlock / surveillance

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

3. SECURITY: How can these be made safer? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How safe are they now?	How to make them safer?
computers		
e-mail		
paper documents		
meetings		
workers		
briefcases		

4. LEAKS: Students A **strongly** believe there will always be computer leaks; Students B **strongly** believe not. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. EQUIPMENT: Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the most useful to make documents with at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- typewriter
- iPad
- pen and paper
- laptop computer
- mobile phone
- desktop computer
- document company
- photocopier

6. COMPUTER: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'computer'. 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/1307/130715-computer_leaks.html

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

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. Asian newspapers are saying Russia will use typewriters. | T / F |
| b. The BBC said Russia has bought typewriters because of WikiLeaks. | T / F |
| c. Russia said someone spied on its prime minister in London. | T / F |
| d. Russia said it would start using paper documents more. | T / F |
| e. Russia has bought 2,000 typewriters for its security services. | T / F |
| f. The typewriter order happened earlier this month. | T / F |
| g. The FSO said it only bought new typewriters to replace old ones. | T / F |
| h. A Russian politician said a \$5 padlock is best for securing secret info. | T / F |

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

- | | |
|------------------|---------------|
| 1. stop | a. agent |
| 2. not true | b. fresh |
| 3. media | c. successful |
| 4. recent | d. prevent |
| 5. expand | e. section |
| 6. department | f. the press |
| 7. official | g. spying |
| 8. equipment | h. wrong |
| 9. effective | i. enlarge |
| 10. surveillance | j. stuff |

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

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. start using typewriters to | a. press |
| 2. the Kremlin wants to keep its secrets | b. out of date |
| 3. former U.S. intelligence | c. more than a year now |
| 4. told the Russian | d. stop computer leaks |
| 5. creating paper | e. department |
| 6. government | f. secret |
| 7. planned for | g. do with WikiLeaks |
| 8. nothing to | h. documents |
| 9. the old equipment was | i. system |
| 10. surveillance | j. worker Edward Snowden |

GAP FILL

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Western newspapers are (1) _____ that Russia is to start using typewriters to stop computer leaks. However, Russian newspapers say this is not (2) _____. Western media says the Kremlin wants to keep its secrets secret by using the old- (3) _____ machines. The BBC wrote that Russia's intelligence (4) _____ (FSO) bought the typewriters because of the leak of information on WikiLeaks and recent leaks by (5) _____ U.S. intelligence worker Edward Snowden. The FSO reportedly told the Russian press that these (6) _____, plus reports about Russia's Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev being (7) _____ in on at the G20 summit in London, means it has "decided to (8) _____ the practice of creating paper documents".

service
expand
true
scandals
reporting
listened
fashioned
former

A Russian government department said the Kremlin bought 20 (9) _____ typewriters for around \$14,800. The FSO told reporters that: "This (10) _____ has been planned for more than a year now." It also said the order has (11) _____ to do with WikiLeaks or Edward Snowden. An FSO official told Russia's RT news agency that the FSO has always used typewriters. He said that it was (12) _____ time to buy new ones because the old equipment was out of (13) _____. He said: "It's not something unusual...The time came to change them. All the special services use them, (14) _____ the Ministry of Defense." A reader of the RT website (15) _____: "A \$5 padlock is often more effective than a \$24,000 surveillance (16) _____."

including
nothing
suggested
date
electric
purchase
system
simply

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

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- 1) Russia is to start using typewriters to _____
 - a. stop computer leaks
 - b. stop computer leaks
 - c. stop computer leakages
 - d. stop computer's leak
- 2) the Kremlin wants to keep its secrets secret by using the _____
 - a. old-fashion machines
 - b. old-fashions machines
 - c. old-fashioning machines
 - d. old-fashioned machines
- 3) FSO bought the typewriters because of the _____
 - a. leak for information
 - b. leak of information
 - c. leak from information
 - d. leak off information
- 4) Dmitry Medvedev being listened in on at _____
 - a. the G20 sum it
 - b. the G20 sum mitt
 - c. the G20 some it
 - d. the G20 summit
- 5) it has decided to expand the practice of _____
 - a. creative paper documents
 - b. creation paper documents
 - c. creating paper documents
 - d. create in paper documents
- 6) the Kremlin bought 20 electric typewriters for _____
 - a. around \$40,800
 - b. around \$18,400
 - c. around \$18,800
 - d. around \$14,800
- 7) This purchase has been planned for more _____
 - a. than a year know
 - b. than a year now
 - c. than a year, not!
 - d. than a year, no?
- 8) it was simply time to buy new ones because the old equipment _____
 - a. was out of date
 - b. was in of date
 - c. was at of date
 - d. was outer date
- 9) All the special services use them, including the _____
 - a. Ministry of Defends
 - b. Ministers of Defense
 - c. Minister of Defends
 - d. Ministry of Defense
- 10) A \$5 padlock is often more effective than a \$24,000 _____
 - a. surveillance systemic
 - b. surveillance cisterns
 - c. surveillance system
 - d. surveillance cistern

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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A Russian government department said the Kremlin bought 20 electric typewriters (7) _____. The FSO told reporters that: "This purchase has been (8) _____ than a year now." It also said the order has (9) _____ WikiLeaks or Edward Snowden. An FSO official told Russia's RT news agency that the FSO has always used typewriters. He said that it (10) _____ to buy new ones because the old equipment (11) _____. He said: "It's not something unusual....The time came to change them. All the special services use them, including the Ministry of Defense." A reader of the RT website suggested: "A \$5 padlock is often (12) _____ a \$24,000 surveillance system."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130715-computer_leaks.html

1. Who said Russia has bought typewriters?

2. Who said Russia didn't buy typewriters for security reasons?

3. What does the Kremlin want to keep?

4. What is the FSO?

5. What will the FSO do more of?

6. How much did the typewriters cost?

7. For how long has the FSO used computers?

8. What was wrong with the old typewriters?

9. Which government ministry did the article mention?

10. What did someone say was better than a surveillance system?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130715-computer_leaks.html

1. Who said Russia has bought typewriters?
 - a) Edward Snowden
 - b) US and European newspapers
 - c) Russia's president
 - d) The Moscow Times
2. Who said Russia didn't buy typewriters for security reasons?
 - a) a typewriter company
 - b) Vladimir Putin
 - c) the KGB
 - d) Russian newspapers
3. What does the Kremlin want to keep?
 - a) secrets
 - b) its old typewriters
 - c) up to date with technology
 - d) old-fashioned machines
4. What is the FSO?
 - a) the typewriter company
 - b) the French Security Organisation
 - c) Russia's intelligence service
 - d) the Free Surveillance Office
5. What will the FSO do more of?
 - a) spy
 - b) use paper documents
 - c) go to international summits
 - d) leak information
6. How much did the typewriters cost?
 - a) \$14,800
 - b) \$14,400
 - c) \$18,800
 - d) \$18,400
7. For how long has the FSO used computers?
 - a) 150 years
 - b) 20 years
 - c) it has always used them
 - d) since August, 1932
8. What was wrong with the old typewriters?
 - a) they were out of date
 - b) they had no security software
 - c) they were too noisy
 - d) they wasted too much electricity
9. Which government ministry did the article mention?
 - a) Defense
 - b) Intelligence
 - c) Spying
 - d) Special Services
10. What did someone say was better than a surveillance system?
 - a) anti-virus software
 - b) a team of hackers
 - c) a security company
 - d) a cheap lock

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Typewriter

You think the typewriter is best for secrecy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their equipment. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): pen and paper, a desktop computer or iPads.

Role B – Pen and paper

You think pen and paper are best for secrecy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their equipment. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the typewriter, a desktop computer or iPads.

Role C – Desktop computer

You think a desktop computer is best for secrecy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their equipment. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): pen and paper, the typewriter or iPads.

Role D – iPad

You think iPads is best for secrecy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their equipment. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): pen and paper, a desktop computer or the typewriter.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130715-computer_leaks.html

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

computer	leak
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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">• start• true• wrote• former• plus• decided	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20• planned• nothing• equipment• special• 5
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TYPEWRITERS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about typewriters 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.

TYPEWRITERS 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 'typewriter'?
- c) What experience do you have with typewriters?
- d) How did typewriters change the world?
- e) Are typewriters a good way of keeping data safe?
- f) Are you surprised the Russian government is buying typewriters?
- g) Is public knowledge of the typewriters a leak?
- h) Do you think Russia is worried about WikiLeaks and Edward Snowden?
- i) Which places do you know of that still use typewriters?
- j) Do you know how to use a typewriter?

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TYPEWRITERS 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 typewriters?
- c) What are the advantages of typewriters over computers?
- d) What do you know about WikiLeaks and Edward Snowden?
- e) If you had a typewriter, what would you use it for?
- f) How useful were typewriters 50 years ago?
- g) What out-of-date equipment do you have?
- h) Is old fashioned bad?
- i) Is a padlock to stop someone stealing a laptop better than surveillance?
- j) What questions would you like to ask the FSO boss?

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) reported | (b) reporter | (c) reports | (d) reporting |
| 2. | (a) truthfully | (b) truthfulness | (c) truly | (d) true |
| 3. | (a) antique | (b) fashioned | (c) trendy | (d) modern |
| 4. | (a) lastly | (b) since | (c) recent | (d) then |
| 5. | (a) plus | (b) minus | (c) multiply | (d) divide |
| 6. | (a) of | (b) at | (c) to | (d) by |
| 7. | (a) paper chase | (b) chase | (c) chaste | (d) purchase |
| 8. | (a) do | (b) have | (c) be | (d) take |
| 9. | (a) easily | (b) simply | (c) justly | (d) early |
| 10. | (a) up | (b) in | (c) out | (d) late |
| 11. | (a) timings | (b) timed | (c) time | (d) timer |
| 12. | (a) forever | (b) justly | (c) well | (d) often |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. eWtners newspapers
2. old-ifohesnda machines
3. eciliengelnt worker
4. at the G20 iumsmt in London
5. decided to enadpx the practice
6. paper tcmnsou

Paragraph 2

7. A Russian government peratmdet
8. this arcpseuh
9. Russia's RT news gayecn
10. the old pinuqetm was out of date
11. A \$5 padlock is often more etfcvefie
12. aeliulncvser system

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () reports about Russia's Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev being listened in on at the G20 summit
- () worker Edward Snowden. The FSO reportedly told the Russian press that these scandals, plus
- () a year now." It also said the order has nothing to do with WikiLeaks or Edward Snowden. An FSO official told Russia's RT news
- () A Russian government department said the Kremlin bought 20 electric typewriters for
- (**1**) Western newspapers are reporting that Russia is to start using typewriters to stop computer
- () secret by using the old-fashioned machines. The BBC wrote that Russia's intelligence service (FSO) bought the typewriters because
- () around \$14,800. The FSO told reporters that: "This purchase has been planned for more than
- () agency that the FSO has always used typewriters. He said that it was simply time to
- () of the leak of information on WikiLeaks and recent leaks by former U.S. intelligence
- () leaks. However, Russian newspapers say this is not true. Western media says the Kremlin wants to keep its secrets
- () website suggested: "A \$5 padlock is often more effective than a \$24,000 surveillance system."
- () in London, means it has "decided to expand the practice of creating paper documents".
- () buy new ones because the old equipment was out of date. He said: "It's not something unusual....The time
- () came to change them. All the special services use them, including the Ministry of Defense." A reader of the RT

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. using stop Russia start to leaks to typewriters computer is.

2. true not is this say newspapers Russian.

3. keep The its Kremlin secrets wants secret to.

4. reportedly FSO The press Russian the told.

5. paper creating of practice the Expand documents.

6. bought electric Kremlin 20 typewriters The.

7. it that said He ones new buy to time simply was.

8. The date of out was equipment old.

9. the services them All special use.

10. is A often \$5 more effective padlock.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Western newspapers are reporting that Russia is to start *used / using* typewriters to stop computer *leeks / leaks*. However, Russian newspapers say this is not *true / truly*. Western media says the Kremlin wants to keep its *secrets / secretly* secret by using the old-fashioned machines. The BBC *wrote / scribbled* that Russia's intelligence service (FSO) bought the typewriters because of the leak of information on WikiLeaks and *lately / recent* leaks by former U.S. *intelligent / intelligence* worker Edward Snowden. The FSO *reported / reportedly* told the Russian press that these scandals, *plus / minus* reports about Russia's Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev being listened in on at the G20 summit in London, means it has "*decided / decision* to expand the practice of creating paper documents".

A Russian government *department / departments* said the Kremlin bought 20 electric typewriters *for / of* around \$14,800. The FSO told reporters that: "This *purchase / chase* has been planned for more than a year *know / now*." It also said the order has nothing to *be / do* with WikiLeaks or Edward Snowden. An FSO *official / officially* told Russia's RT news agency that the FSO has always used typewriters. He said that it was *simple / simply* time to buy new ones because the old equipment was *out / in* of date. He said: "It's not something unusual....The time came to change them. *All / Every* the special services use them, including the Ministry of Defense." A reader of the RT website suggested: "A \$5 padlock is often more *affective / effective* than a \$24,000 surveillance system."

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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W_st_rn n_wsp_p_rs _r_r_p_r_t_n_g th_t R_ss__ _s_t
st_r_t _s_n_g typ_wr_t_rs t_st_p_c_m_p_t_r_l__ks.
H_w_v_r, R_ss__n n_wsp_p_rs s_y th_s _s_n_t tr__.
W_st_rn m_d__ s_y_s th_ Kr_ml_n w_nts t_k__p__ts
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pl_s_r_p_r_ts _b__t R_ss__'s Pr_m_ M_n_st_r Dm_try
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_g_ncy th_t th_ FS_ h_s _lw_ys _s_d typ_wr_t_rs. H_
s__d th_t _t_w_s s_mply t_m_t_b_y_n_w_n_s b_c__s_
th_ _ld_q__pm_nt w_s __t_f_d_t_. H_s__d: "_t's n_t
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ll th sp_c__l s_rv_c_s _s th_m, _ncl_d_n_g th_
M_nstry _f D_f_ns_." _r__d_r _f th_ RT w_bs_t_
s_gg_st_d: "_ \$5 p_dl_ck _s_ft_n m_r_ _ff_ct_v_ th_n
_ \$24,000 s_rv__ll_nc_ syst_m."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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a russian government department said the kremlin bought 20 electric typewriters for around \$14800 the fso told reporters that "this purchase has been planned for more than a year now" it also said the order has nothing to do with wikileaks or edward snowden an fso official told russia's rt news agency that the fso has always used typewriters he said that it was simply time to buy new ones because the old equipment was out of date he said "it's not something unusual...the time came to change them all the special services use them including the ministry of defense" a reader of the rt website suggested "a \$5 padlock is often more effective than a \$24000 surveillance system"

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ACADEMIC WRITING

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Security was better before we had computers. Discuss.

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

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

4. COMPUTER LEAKS: Write a magazine article about computer leaks and Russia's purchase of typewriters. 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 an Internet security expert. Ask him/her three questions about typewriters. Give him/her three of your opinions on them. 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 T d T e F f F g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|------------------|---------------|
| 1. stop | a. prevent |
| 2. not true | b. wrong |
| 3. media | c. the press |
| 4. recent | d. fresh |
| 5. expand | e. enlarge |
| 6. department | f. section |
| 7. official | g. agent |
| 8. equipment | h. stuff |
| 9. effective | i. successful |
| 10. surveillance | j. spying |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Western newspapers
2. Russian newspapers
3. Secrets
4. Russia's intelligence service
5. Create paper documents
6. \$14,800
7. It has always used them
8. They were out of date
9. Ministry of Defense
10. A \$5 padlock

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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