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Online dining latest craze in South Korea

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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140129-online-dining.html>

There is a new craze in South Korea that is very popular. It is watching other people eat online. The Reuters news agency reports there are over 3,500 people who eat live in front of their webcam. Thousands of people watch the shows. One of the most famous online diners is 34-year-old Park Seo-yeon. She is known as The Diva and has thousands of followers who watch her eat every day. She broadcasts her meals in real time for about three hours a day. She said she first tried it as a hobby, but then she started to get a lot of money. People click a link on her website to say they like her. She gets about nine U.S. cents per click. She now makes over \$9,000 a month from her show and has quit her regular job.

Many people in Korea watch the online dining webcasts because they are lonely. More and more Koreans are living alone in big cities and have no one to eat with. Reuters said: "One-person households are set to increase from 25.3 per cent of the total population in 2012 to 32.7 per cent in 2030." This is the fastest rate of any rich country in the world. Ms Park says she feels like she is providing a benefit to society. She told Reuters: "It is comforting for people who eat alone. It feels great when people said, 'Thank you for a fun and delicious time'". She also said people write to thank her for helping them with their eating problems. She enjoys being part of a big online community and talking about food.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/video/2014/01/26/watch-me-eat-an-online-craze-in-south-ko?videoId=276590552&videoChannel=4>

WARM-UPS

1. EATING: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about eating. 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.

craze / popular / news agency / webcam / followers / meals / hobby / click / link / lonely / big cities / population / benefit / society / comforting / delicious / community

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

3. ONLINE WATCHING: How useful or interesting might it be to watch people do these things live online? 10 = very useful; 1 = a total waste of time. Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

Watch people...	Useful 1 - 10	Why?	Interesting 1-10	Why?
eat				
exercise				
play a computer game				
do the gardening				
talk on the phone				
put on make-up				

4. ONLINE DINING: Students A **strongly** believe watching other people eat online is very interesting; Students B **strongly** believe it's a total waste of time. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. WEBCASTS: Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- how to use technology
- someone eating
- speeches
- pronunciation practice
- religious services
- the weather in a city
- of a panda in a zoo
- a wedding

6. FOLLOWER: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "follower". 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/1401/140129-online-dining.html>

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

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. The latest craze in S. Korea is eating at online restaurants. | T / F |
| b. Over 3,500 people in S. Korea broadcast themselves eating. | T / F |
| c. Thousands of people watch one woman eat three meals a day. | T / F |
| d. The woman said she will quit her job next year. | T / F |
| e. People watch webcasts of others eating because they are lonely. | T / F |
| f. Around a third of South Koreans will live alone in 2030. | T / F |
| g. The woman doesn't think what she is doing is so useful. | T / F |
| h. The woman has never received any messages from her followers. | T / F |

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

- | | |
|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. craze | a. alone |
| 2. followers | b. pace |
| 3. in real time | c. everyday |
| 4. makes | d. circle |
| 5. regular | e. earns |
| 6. lonely | f. fad |
| 7. increase | g. good |
| 8. rate | h. fans |
| 9. benefit | i. rise |
| 10. community | j. live |

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

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. people who eat live | a. who eat alone |
| 2. thousands of | b. real time |
| 3. She broadcasts her meals in | c. regular job |
| 4. She now makes over | d. her for helping them |
| 5. quit her | e. are set to increase |
| 6. have no one | f. in front of their webcam |
| 7. One-person households | g. a big online community |
| 8. It is comforting for people | h. \$9,000 a month |
| 9. people write to thank | i. to eat with |
| 10. She enjoys being part of | j. followers |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140129-online-dining.html>

There is a new craze in South Korea that is very (1) _____. It is watching other people eat online. The Reuters news agency reports there are over 3,500 people who eat (2) _____ in front of their webcam. Thousands of people watch the shows. One of the most famous online (3) _____ is 34-year-old Park Seo-yeon. She is known as The Diva and has thousands of (4) _____ who watch her eat every day. She broadcasts her (5) _____ in real time for about three hours a day. She said she first tried it as a (6) _____, but then she started to get a lot of money. People click a link on her website to say they like her. She gets about nine U.S. cents per (7) _____. She now makes over \$9,000 a month from her show and has (8) _____ her regular job.

followers

hobby

diners

quit

popular

click

live

meals

Many people in Korea watch the online dining (9) _____ because they are lonely. More and more Koreans are living alone in big cities and have no one to (10) _____ with. Reuters said: "One-person households are set to (11) _____ from 25.3 per cent of the total population in 2012 to 32.7 per cent in 2030." This is the fastest (12) _____ of any rich country in the world. Ms Park says she feels like she is providing a (13) _____ to society. She told Reuters: "It is comforting for people who eat alone. It feels great when people said, 'Thank you for a fun and (14) _____ time'". She also said people write to thank her for helping them with their eating (15) _____. She enjoys being part of a big online (16) _____ and talking about food.

delicious

increase

community

rate

webcasts

eat

problems

benefit

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140129-online-dining.html>

- 1) There is a new craze in South Korea that _____
 - a. is very popularly
 - b. is very poplar
 - c. is very popularity
 - d. is very popular
- 2) there are over 3,500 people who eat live in front _____
 - a. of their web camera
 - b. of their webcam
 - c. of their webcams
 - d. of their webs cam
- 3) She _____ in real time for about three hours a day
 - a. broadcast her meals
 - b. board casts her meals
 - c. broad cast her meals
 - d. broadcasts her meals
- 4) she first tried it as a hobby, but then she started to get _____
 - a. a lot for money
 - b. a lot of money
 - c. a lot from money
 - d. a lot if money
- 5) She now makes over \$9,000 a month from her show and has quit _____
 - a. her regularly job
 - b. her regulars job
 - c. her regular job
 - d. her regulation job
- 6) Many people in Korea watch the online dining webcasts because _____
 - a. they are lovely
 - b. they are loosely
 - c. they are loony
 - d. they are lonely
- 7) Reuters said: "One-person households are _____
 - a. get to increase
 - b. let to increase
 - c. set to increase
 - d. bet to increase
- 8) Ms Park says she feels like she is providing a _____
 - a. benefit to society
 - b. benefit too society
 - c. benefit two society
 - d. benefit at society
- 9) people write to thank her for helping them with _____
 - a. their eating problems
 - b. their eating problems
 - c. their eating problematic
 - d. their eating problem is
- 10) She enjoys being part of a big _____
 - a. online community
 - b. online communities
 - c. online commune city
 - d. online come mutiny

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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There (1) _____ South Korea that is very popular. It is watching other people eat online. The Reuters news agency reports there are over 3,500 people who eat (2) _____ their webcam. Thousands of people watch the shows. One of the most famous online diners is 34-year-old Park Seo-yeon. (3) _____ The Diva and has thousands of followers who watch her eat every day. She broadcasts her (4) _____ about three hours a day. She said she first tried it as a hobby, but then she started to get a lot of money. (5) _____ her website to say they like her. She gets about nine U.S. cents per click. She now makes over \$9,000 a month from her show and has (6) _____ job.

Many people in Korea watch the online dining webcasts because they are lonely. More and more Koreans (7) _____ big cities and have no one to eat with. Reuters said: "One-person households are set to increase from 25.3 per cent (8) _____ in 2012 to 32.7 per cent in 2030." This is (9) _____ of any rich country in the world. Ms Park says she feels like she is providing a benefit to society. She told Reuters: "It is (10) _____ who eat alone. It feels great when people said, 'Thank you for (11) _____ time'". She also said people write to thank her for helping them with their eating problems. She enjoys being (12) _____ community and talking about food.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140129-online-dining.html>

1. What is now very popular in South Korea?

2. How many people eat live online in South Korea?

3. How old is The Diva?

4. For how long each day does Park Seo-yeon broadcast?

5. How much does Park Seo-yeon get per click?

6. Why do South Koreans watch online dining webcasts?

7. How many one-person households will there be in S. Korea in 2030?

8. What does Ms Park believe she is giving to society?

9. What do people think Ms Park helps them with?

10. What does Ms Park enjoy being part of?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140129-online-dining.html>

1. What is now very popular in South Korea?
 - a) eating on Skype
 - b) watching people eat online
 - c) new crazes
 - d) learning how to cook different food
2. How many people eat live online in South Korea?
 - a) around 3,500
 - b) just under 3,500
 - c) more than 3,500
 - d) exactly 3,500
3. How old is The Diva?
 - a) 24
 - b) 14
 - c) 44
 - d) 34
4. For how long each day does Park Seo-yeon broadcast?
 - a) 1 hour
 - b) 3 hours
 - c) 7 hours
 - d) 11 hours
5. How much does Park Seo-yeon get per click?
 - a) nine U.S. cents
 - b) \$9,000
 - c) \$1.19
 - d) 9 to 90 cents
6. Why do South Koreans watch online dining webcasts?
 - a) because they are lonely
 - b) because they want to learn good eating manners
 - c) because they love food
 - d) because TV is boring
7. How many one-person households will there be in S. Korea in 2030?
 - a) 32% of young people
 - b) 327,000
 - c) 3.27 million
 - d) 32.7% of the population
8. What does Ms Park believe she is giving to society?
 - a) an eating superstar
 - b) fun
 - c) a benefit
 - d) dinner
9. What do people think Ms Park helps them with?
 - a) food problems
 - b) Internet problems
 - c) problems about what to have for dinner
 - d) eating problems
10. What does Ms Park enjoy being part of?
 - a) the problem
 - b) an online community
 - c) feeling great
 - d) the food chain

ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140129-online-dining.html>

Role A – How to use technology

You think how-to-use-technology webcasts are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their webcasts. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): pronunciation-practice webcasts, panda webcasts or webcasts that show religious services.

Role B – Pronunciation practice

You think pronunciation-practice webcasts are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their webcasts. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): how-to-use-technology webcasts, panda webcasts or webcasts that show religious services.

Role C – Pandas

You think panda webcasts are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their webcasts. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): pronunciation-practice webcasts, how-to-use-technology webcasts or webcasts that show religious services.

Role D – Religious services

You think webcasts that show religious services are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their webcasts. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): pronunciation-practice webcasts, panda webcasts or how-to-use-technology webcasts.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140129-online-dining.html>

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

online	dining

- 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">• 3,500• thousands• 34• 3• 9• 9,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• big• total• rate• feels• great• part
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EATING SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140129-online-dining.html>

Write five GOOD questions about eating 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.

EATING 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 'dining'?
- c) What do you think of the online dining craze?
- d) Would you like to watch people eating online?
- e) Why do you think people like watching others eat online?
- f) What would you like to watch people doing online?
- g) Why do people want others to watch them eating online?
- h) Would you let people watch you eat if you got money for it?
- i) What do you think of someone getting \$9,000 a month for eating?
- j) What would you really like to watch someone eat?

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EATING DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Should eating be a private thing?
- c) What should people do when they eat if they are lonely?
- d) Is there a problem when there are so many one-person households?
- e) What do you do when you are lonely?
- f) Is it better to eat alone or with someone else?
- g) What benefits is Ms Park providing to society?
- h) Does online dining show society is becoming less friendly?
- i) Would you like to be part of an online dining community?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Ms Park?

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. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. | (a) polar | (b) popular | (c) populated | (d) popularity |
| 2. | (a) living | (b) live | (c) lively | (d) livelihood |
| 3. | (a) dins | (b) dines | (c) dinners | (d) diners |
| 4. | (a) of | (b) in | (c) at | (d) on |
| 5. | (a) clack | (b) clock | (c) cluck | (d) click |
| 6. | (a) end | (b) finish | (c) quit | (d) stop |
| 7. | (a) lonely | (b) loosely | (c) lovely | (d) luckily |
| 8. | (a) bet | (b) get | (c) set | (d) let |
| 9. | (a) limit | (b) time | (c) interest | (d) rate |
| 10. | (a) comforting | (b) comforts | (c) comfortable | (d) comforter |
| 11. | (a) helping | (b) helped | (c) helper | (d) helps |
| 12. | (a) community | (b) conference | (c) constellation | (d) configuration |

SPELLING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140129-online-dining.html>

Paragraph 1

1. very aprpluo
2. news ncyega
3. She is known as The Diva and has sdnaousht
4. ellsofrwo who watch her eat every day
5. She catsboasdr her meals in real time
6. quit her aegrrl job

Paragraph 2

7. because they are eylonl
8. 25.3 per cent of the total tiaoponulp
9. she is providing a benefit to yceosti
10. It is omgrifcnto for people who eat alone
11. Thank you for a fun and iulecdsio time
12. part of a big online ucnitmoym

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140129-online-dining.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () over \$9,000 a month from her show and has quit her regular job.
- () a link on her website to say they like her. She gets about nine U.S. cents per click. She now makes
- () alone in big cities and have no one to eat with. Reuters said: "One-person households are set to increase
- () from 25.3 per cent of the total population in 2012 to 32.7 per cent in 2030." This is the fastest
- () to society. She told Reuters: "It is comforting for people who eat alone. It feels
- () as The Diva and has thousands of followers who watch her eat every day. She broadcasts her meals in real time for about three hours
- () them with their eating problems. She enjoys being part of a big online community and talking about food.
- () people watch the shows. One of the most famous online diners is 34-year-old Park Seo-yeon. She is known
- (**1**) There is a new craze in South Korea that is very popular. It is watching other people eat online. The Reuters news
- () rate of any rich country in the world. Ms Park says she feels like she is providing a benefit
- () Many people in Korea watch the online dining webcasts because they are lonely. More and more Koreans are living
- () a day. She said she first tried it as a hobby, but then she started to get a lot of money. People click
- () great when people said, 'Thank you for a fun and delicious time'. She also said people write to thank her for helping
- () agency reports there are over 3,500 people who eat live in front of their webcam. Thousands of

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140129-online-dining.html>

1. in a is South new There very Korea craze is popular that.

2. her day of watch every Thousands who eat followers.

3. tried a She first as she it hobby said.

4. like to on click her say her a they website link People.

5. her , now from She month a over show \$9,000 makes.

6. and more Koreans are living alone in big cities More.

7. feels like she is providing a benefit to society She.

8. people It who is eat comforting alone for.

9. for write helping to them thank her People.

10. being a community enjoys of online She part big.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140129-online-dining.html>

There is a new craze in South Korea that is very *popularity / popular*. It is watching other people *eat / eating* online. The Reuters news agency reports there are *more / over* 3,500 people who eat *lively / live* in front of their webcam. Thousands of people watch the shows. One of the *best / most* famous online *dinners / diners* is 34-year-old Park Seo-yeon. She is known as The Diva and has *thousands / thousand* of followers who watch her eat every day. She broadcasts her meals in *really / real* time for about three hours a day. She said she first tried it as a hobby, but then she started to get a lot of money. People click a link on her website to say they like her. She gets about nine U.S. cents *par / per* click. She now makes over \$9,000 a month from her show and has quit her *regular / regularly* job.

Many people in Korea watch the online dining webcasts because they are *lonely / lovely*. More and more Koreans are living alone in big cities and have no one to eat *for / with*. Reuters said: "One-person households are *get / set* to increase from 25.3 per cent of the *totally / total* population in 2012 to 32.7 per cent in 2030." This is the fastest *late / rate* of any rich country in the world. Ms Park says she feels like she is *proving / providing* a benefit to society. She told Reuters: "It is *comforting / comfortable* for people who eat alone. It *feeling / feels* great when people said, 'Thank you for a fun and delicious time'". She also said people write to thank her for helping *her / them* with their eating problems. She enjoys being part of a big online *community / communities* and talking about food.

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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Th_r_ _s_ _n_w cr_z_ _n S__th K_r__ th_t _s v_ry
p_p_l_r. _t _s w_tch_ng th_r p__pl_ __t _nl_n_. Th_
R__t_rs n_ws _g_ncy r_p_rts th_r_ _r_ _v_r 3,500
p__pl_ wh_ __t l_v_ _n fr_nt _f th__r w_bc_m.
Th__s_nds _f p__pl_ w_tch th_ sh_ws. _n_ _f th_ m_st
f_m__s _nl_n_ d_n_rs _s 34-y__r-_ld P_rk S__-y__n.
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h_r m__ls _n r__l_t_m_ f_r _b__t thr__ h__rs _ d_y.
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w_bc_sts b_c__s_ th_y _r_ l_n_ly. M_r_ _nd m_r_
K_r__ns _r_ l_v_ng _l_n_ _n b_g c_t__s _nd h_v_n_
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140129-online-dining.html>

there is a new craze in south korea that is very popular it is watching other people eat online the reuters news agency reports there are over 3500 people who eat live in front of their webcam thousands of people watch the shows one of the most famous online diners is 34-year-old park seo-yeon she is known as the diva and has thousands of followers who watch her eat every day she broadcasts her meals in real time for about three hours a day she said she first tried it as a hobby but then she started to get a lot of money people click a link on her website to say they like her she gets about nine us cents per click she now makes over \$9000 a month from her show and has quit her regular job

many people in korea watch the online dining webcasts because they are lonely more and more koreans are living alone in big cities and have no one to eat with reuters said "one-person households are set to increase from 253 per cent of the total population in 2012 to 327 per cent in 2030" this is the fastest rate of any rich country in the world ms park says she feels like she is providing a benefit to society she told reuters "it is comforting for people who eat alone it feels great when people said 'thank you for a fun and delicious time'" she also said people write to thank her for helping them with their eating problems she enjoys being part of a big online community and talking about food

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

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

4. ONLINE DINING: Write a magazine article about watching other people eat on the Internet. 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 expert on human relations. Ask him/her three questions about lonely people watching other people eat online. Give him/her three of your opinions on this. 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 F e T f T g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. craze | a. fad |
| 2. followers | b. fans |
| 3. in real time | c. live |
| 4. makes | d. earns |
| 5. regular | e. everyday |
| 6. lonely | f. alone |
| 7. increase | g. rise |
| 8. rate | h. pace |
| 9. benefit | i. good |
| 10. community | j. circle |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. An online dining craze
2. Over 3,500
3. 34
4. 3 hours
5. 9 U.S. cents
6. Because they are lonely
7. 32.7% of the population
8. A benefit
9. Eating problems
10. An online community

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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