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Thai junta orders free World Cup TV for all

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THE ARTICLE

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Thailand has seen its fair share of upheaval and turmoil in the past few years. In an attempt to quell public unrest over the next month, the ruling military junta has ordered national broadcasters to air all games of the soccer World Cup for free. Many Thais are under curfew but the National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO) believes they will be happy if they can watch World Cup games for free. This will please poorer Thais who could not afford the special digital box needed to view the games. The NCPO arranged that all matches would be televised for free on the army-owned stations. It is not such good news for the satellite channel RS, which paid over \$20 million for the broadcasting rights.

NCPO leader Prayuth Chan-ocha said the move is to "return happiness to the Thai people". It is part of the junta's "happiness campaign" aimed at winning hearts and minds following last month's coup. The campaign has also seen free concerts and free haircuts for the poor. The junta is also promising to subsidise farmers, cap the costs of basic foods and start major infrastructure projects. Many soccer-mad Thais will have to watch the free games at home as there is a late-night curfew in most of the country. Thailand's national team is ranked 149th in the world rankings and has never qualified for the World Cup Finals. The tournament began on June the 12th and will finish on July the 13th.

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WARM-UPS

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

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

fair share / upheaval / past few years / broadcasters / under curfew / televised / rights / happiness / free concerts / subsidise farmers / infrastructure / rankings / qualified

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

3. FREE: Should these be free? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Free? Yes / No	How would life be different?
TV		
Internet		
Telephone calls		
Public transport		
Education		
Healthcare		

4. HAPPINESS: Students A **strongly** believe happiness is more important than wealth; Students B **strongly** believe qqqqqq. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. FREE STUFF: Rank these with your partner. Put the free things you want most at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- phone calls
- public transport
- Internet
- healthcare
- education
- museums
- movies
- water

6. UNREST: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "unrest". 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/1406/140614-free-world-cup.html>

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

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. The article says Thailand has seen an unfair share of unrest. | T / F |
| b. The Thai junta has ordered Internet providers to show live TV. | T / F |
| c. Poorer Thai people could not afford the equipment for the World Cup. | T / F |
| d. The article says the Junta will pay a satellite channel \$20 million. | T / F |
| e. The junta wants to make Thais happier with free World Cup games. | T / F |
| f. The junta has also given people free haircuts. | T / F |
| g. The Thai football team is in the world top 100. | T / F |
| h. Thailand last qualified for the World Cup in 1978. | T / F |

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

- | | |
|---------------|----------------|
| 1. turmoil | a. give back |
| 2. quell | b. watch |
| 3. free | c. support |
| 4. view | d. limit |
| 5. channel | e. calm |
| 6. return | f. got through |
| 7. aimed | g. station |
| 8. subsidise | h. disorder |
| 9. cap | i. targeted |
| 10. qualified | j. no charge |

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

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Thailand has seen its fair | a. air all games |
| 2. In an attempt to quell | b. costs of basic foods |
| 3. broadcasters to | c. owned stations |
| 4. free on the army- | d. and minds |
| 5. \$20 million for the | e. share of upheaval |
| 6. return happiness | f. broadcasting rights |
| 7. winning hearts | g. curfew |
| 8. cap the | h. public unrest |
| 9. a late-night | i. for the World Cup Finals |
| 10. never qualified | j. to the Thai people |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140614-free-world-cup.html>

Thailand has seen its fair (1) _____ of upheaval and turmoil in the past few years. In an attempt to (2) _____ public unrest over the next month, the (3) _____ military junta has ordered national broadcasters to (4) _____ all games of the soccer World Cup for free. Many Thais are under (5) _____ but the National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO) believes they will be happy if they can watch World Cup games for free. This will please (6) _____ Thais who could not afford the special digital box needed to view the games. The NCPO arranged that all matches would be televised for free on the army-(7) _____ stations. It is not such good news for the satellite channel RS, which paid over \$20 million for the broadcasting (8) _____.

curfew
owned
ruling
share
rights
poorer
quell
air

NCPO leader Prayuth Chan-ocha said the move is to "return happiness to the Thai people". It is (9) _____ of the junta's "happiness campaign" (10) _____ at winning hearts and minds following last month's (11) _____. The campaign has also seen free concerts and free haircuts for the poor. The junta is also (12) _____ to subsidise farmers, (13) _____ the costs of basic foods and start major infrastructure (14) _____. Many soccer-mad Thais will have to watch the free games at home as there is a late-night curfew in most of the country. Thailand's national team is (15) _____ 149th in the world rankings and has never (16) _____ for the World Cup Finals. The tournament began on June the 12th and will finish on July the 13th.

projects
coup
qualified
part
cap
ranked
aimed
promising

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Thailand has seen its fair share of _____
 - a. upheaval and term oil
 - b. upheaval and turn oil
 - c. upheaval and turmoil
 - d. upheaval and thermal
- 2) In an attempt to quell _____
 - a. public and rest
 - b. public unrest
 - c. public end rest
 - d. public unless
- 3) the ruling military junta has ordered national broadcasters to _____
 - a. share all games
 - b. fair all games
 - c. air all games
 - d. wear all games
- 4) poorer Thais who could not afford the special digital box needed to _____
 - a. view the games
 - b. views the games
 - c. phew the games
 - d. brew the games
- 5) the satellite channel RS, which paid over \$20 million for the _____
 - a. broadcasting rights
 - b. broadcasting right
 - c. broadcasting lights
 - d. broadcasting light
- 6) It is part of the junta's " _____ "
 - a. happiness campaigns
 - b. happiness campaigned
 - c. happiness campaign
 - d. happiness campaigners
- 7) aimed at winning hearts and minds following _____
 - a. last month's coo
 - b. last month's clue
 - c. last month's crew
 - d. last month's coup
- 8) The junta is also promising _____
 - a. to subsidies farmers
 - b. to subsidise farmers
 - c. to subsidiaries farmers
 - d. to subsidises farmers
- 9) Thais will have to watch the free games at home as there is a _____
 - a. late-night curfews
 - b. late-night car fuel
 - c. late-night car few
 - d. late-night curfew
- 10) Thailand's national team is ranked 149th in _____
 - a. the world ranking
 - b. the world rankings
 - c. the world rank inns
 - d. the world rank kings

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Thailand (1) _____ share of upheaval and turmoil in the past few years. In an attempt to (2) _____ over the next month, the ruling military junta has ordered national broadcasters to air all games of the soccer World Cup for free. Many Thais (3) _____ but the National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO) believes they will be happy if they can watch World Cup games for free. This will please poorer Thais who (4) _____ the special digital box needed to view the games. The NCPO arranged that all matches would be televised (5) _____ army-owned stations. It is not such good news for the satellite channel RS, which paid over \$20 million for (6) _____.

NCPO leader Prayuth Chan-ocha said the (7) _____ happiness to the Thai people". It is part of the junta's "happiness campaign" aimed at winning (8) _____ following last month's coup. The campaign has also seen free concerts and free haircuts for the poor. The junta is also promising to subsidise farmers, (9) _____ basic foods and start (10) _____ projects. Many soccer-mad Thais will have to watch the free games (11) _____ is a late-night curfew in most of the country. Thailand's national team is ranked 149th in the world rankings and (12) _____ for the World Cup Finals. The tournament began on June the 12th and will finish on July the 13th.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140614-free-world-cup.html>

1. What has Thailand seen a fair share of in the past few years?

2. What is the Thai junta attempting to quell?

3. Who will the free games please most?

4. On which channels will Thais be able to watch the free games?

5. How much did a satellite channel pay to broadcast the games?

6. What is the "happiness campaign" aimed at winning?

7. What other free things has the junta provided?

8. What does the junta intend to limit the price of?

9. What is the current world ranking of the Thai national team?

10. How many times has Thailand qualified for the World Cup?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140614-free-world-cup.html>

1. What has Thailand seen a fair share of in the past few years?
 - a) termites and weevils
 - b) tourists and heavy drinking
 - c) turmoil and upheaval
 - d) tanning oil and heat waves
2. What is the Thai junta attempting to quell?
 - a) public dissatisfaction
 - b) public rest
 - c) heat waves
 - d) a revolution
3. Who will the free games please most?
 - a) the army
 - b) poorer Thais
 - c) a satellite channel
 - d) Thailand's football players
4. On which channels will Thais be able to watch the free games?
 - a) the ones run by the national broadcasters
 - b) the BBC and CNN
 - c) Channels 3 and T5
 - d) the ones the army owns
5. How much did a satellite channel pay to broadcast the games?
 - a) \$200,000,000
 - b) a million dollars per game
 - c) \$20,000,000
 - d) too much
6. What is the "happiness campaign" aimed at winning?
 - a) the 2018 World Cup
 - b) hearts and minds
 - c) money
 - d) votes
7. What other free things has the junta provided?
 - a) Internet and phone calls
 - b) advice
 - c) food and infrastructure
 - d) haircuts and concerts
8. What does the junta intend to limit the price of?
 - a) houses
 - b) basic foods
 - c) televisions
 - d) public transport
9. What is the current world ranking of the Thai national team?
 - a) 109th
 - b) 149th
 - c) 159th
 - d) 119th
10. How many times has Thailand qualified for the World Cup?
 - a) none
 - b) one
 - c) two
 - d) three

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Public transport

You think public transport is the most useful thing to make available for free. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so useful about their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): the Internet, healthcare or loans.

Role B – Internet

You think the Internet is the most useful thing to make available for free. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so useful about their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): public transport, healthcare or loans.

Role C – Healthcare

You think healthcare is the most useful thing to make available for free. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so useful about their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): the Internet, public transport or loans.

Role D – Loans

You think loans are the most useful things to make available for free. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so useful about their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): the Internet, healthcare or public transport.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140614-free-world-cup.html>

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

fair	share
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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">• few• air• under• poorer• good• paid	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• move• hearts• haircuts• cap• ranked• finish
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FREE TV SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about free TV 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.

FREE TV 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 'free'?
- c) What do you think of Thailand's "happiness campaign"?
- d) What does your country do to make you happy?
- e) Should major sporting events be free on TV?
- f) What unrest has your country seen in recent years?
- g) What free things do the poor get in your country?
- h) Do you think free World Cup TV will make the junta popular?
- i) How popular is the FIFA World Cup in your country?
- j) Would free movies be better than free World Cup games?

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FREE TV DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) What should be part of the "happiness campaign"?
- c) Is it better for a government to focus on happiness or wealth?
- d) What has your government done to win your heart and mind?
- e) What do you think of military coups?
- f) Do you think governments should cap the price of basic foods?
- g) How would you feel if there was a curfew in your country?
- h) How interested are you in the World Cup?
- i) What things should all governments provide for free?
- j) What questions would you like to ask the junta's leader?

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) fear | (b) far | (c) fair | (d) flair |
| 2. | (a) quell | (b) well | (c) queue | (d) quail |
| 3. | (a) air | (b) wind | (c) breeze | (d) gust |
| 4. | (a) under | (b) over | (c) around | (d) between |
| 5. | (a) fork out | (b) work | (c) pay | (d) afford |
| 6. | (a) air | (b) gear | (c) views | (d) rights |
| 7. | (a) aimed | (b) viewed | (c) refreshed | (d) piloted |
| 8. | (a) clue | (b) soup | (c) reap | (d) coup |
| 9. | (a) cap | (b) cup | (c) clip | (d) cop |
| 10. | (a) sharp | (b) major | (c) bass | (d) forte |
| 11. | (a) listed | (b) ranked | (c) classified | (d) put |
| 12. | (a) qualified | (b) won | (c) played | (d) kicked off |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. its fair share of hvpalaeu and turmoil
2. an attempt to llequ public unrest
3. Many Thais are under frwuec
4. could not adorff the special digital box
5. eelistvde for free
6. \$20 million for the dsatbgincoar rights

Paragraph 2

7. happiness agnpcmai
8. last month's pcuo
9. sdiubesz (USA) / siubised (UK) farmers
10. urertnufstira projects
11. never idlfaqieu for the World Cup Finals
12. The ttuernonam began on June

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () promising to subsidise farmers, cap the costs of basic foods and start major infrastructure
- () qualified for the World Cup Finals. The tournament began on June the 12th and will finish on July the 13th.
- () poorer Thais who could not afford the special digital box needed to view the games. The NCPO
- () news for the satellite channel RS, which paid over \$20 million for the broadcasting rights.
- () Peace and Order (NCPO) believes they will be happy if they can watch World Cup games for free. This will please
- () NCPO leader Prayuth Chan-ocha said the move is to "return happiness to the Thai people". It is part
- () curfew in most of the country. Thailand's national team is ranked 149th in the world rankings and has never
- () public unrest over the next month, the ruling military junta has ordered national broadcasters to air
- () projects. Many soccer-mad Thais will have to watch the free games at home as there is a late-night
- () of the junta's "happiness campaign" aimed at winning hearts and minds following last month's
- () arranged that all matches would be televised for free on the army-owned stations. It is not such good
- () coup. The campaign has also seen free concerts and free haircuts for the poor. The junta is also
- () all games of the soccer World Cup for free. Many Thais are under curfew but the National Council for
- (**1**) Thailand has seen its fair share of upheaval and turmoil in the past few years. In an attempt to quell

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. upheaval its fair Thailand share has of seen.

2. attempt to quell public unrest over the next month An.

3. could the box who afford digital Thais not special.

4. army stations for the owned Televised on - free.

5. is not such good news for the satellite channel It.

6. is the "happiness It of . part junta's campaign"

7. following Winning last hearts month's and coup minds.

8. is farmers also promising The to junta subsidise.

9. games free the watch to have will Thais mad - Soccer.

10. national ranked the Thailand's is in team 149th world.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Thailand has seen its fair *share / shares* of upheaval and turmoil in the past few years. In an *attempt / attempting* to quell public unrest over the next month, the *ruling / ruler* military junta has ordered national broadcasters to *air / wind* all games of the soccer World Cup *for / as* free. Many Thais are *under / over* curfew but the National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO) believes they will be happy if they can watch World Cup games for free. This will please *poverty / poorer* Thais who could not afford the *specially / special* digital box needed to *view / viewing* the games. The NCPO arranged that all matches would be televised for free on the army-owned stations. It is not such good news for the satellite channel RS, which paid over \$20 million for the broadcasting *rights / airs*.

NCPO leader Prayuth Chan-ocha said the *move / moving* is to "return happiness to the Thai people". It is *part / partner* of the junta's "happiness campaign" aimed *for / at* winning hearts and minds *following / followed* last month's coup. The campaign has also *seen / been* free concerts and free haircuts for the poor. The junta is also promising to subsidise farmers, *cap / cup* the costs of basic foods and start *major / majorly* infrastructure projects. Many soccer-mad Thais will have to watch the free games at home *as / has* there is a late-night curfew in most of the country. Thailand's *national / international* team is ranked 149th in the world rankings and has never qualified *from / for* the World Cup Finals. The tournament began on June the 12th and will finish on July the 13th.

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__l__nd h__s s__n __ts f__r sh__r__ f__ph__v__l__nd
t__rm__l__n th__p__st f__w__y__rs. __n __n__tt__mpt t__q__ll
p__bl__c__nr__st__v__r th__n__xt m__nth, th__r__l__ng m__l__t__ry
j__nt__h__s __rd__r__d n__t__n__l br__dc__st__rs t____r__ll
g__m__s __f th__s__cc__r W__rld C__p f__r fr___. M__ny Th__s
__r__nd__r c__rf__w__b__t th__N__t__n__l C__nc__l f__r P__c__
__nd__rd__r (NCP__) b__l__v__s th__y w__ll b__h__ppy __f th__y
c__n w__tch W__rld C__p g__m__s f__r fr___. Th__s w__ll pl__s__
p__r__r Th__s wh__c__ld n__t __ff__rd th__sp__c__ld g__t__l
b__x n__d__d t__v__w th__g__m__s. Th__NCP__ __rr__ng__d
th__t__ll m__tch__s w__ld b__t__l__v__s__d f__r fr____n th__
__rmy__wn__d st__t__ns. __t__s n__t s__ch g__d n__ws f__r th__
s__t__ll__t__ch__nn__l RS, wh__ch p__d__v__r \$20 m__ll__n f__r
th__br__dc__st__ng r__ghts.

NCP__l__d__r Pr__y__th Ch__n__ch__s__d th__m__v____s t__
"r__t__rn h__pp__n__ss t__th__Th__p__pl__". __t__s p__rt__f
th__j__nt__'s "h__pp__n__ss c__mp__gn" __m__d__t w__nn__ng
h__rts __nd m__nds f__ll__w__ng l__st m__nth's c__p. Th__
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h__rc__ts f__r th__p__r. Th__j__nt__s__ls__pr__m__s__ng t__
s__bs__d__s__f__rm__rs, c__p th__c__sts __f b__s__c__f__ds __nd
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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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 Thailand's military junta. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. WORLD CUP: Make a poster about the 2014 World Cup. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. FREE TV: Write a magazine article about Thailand showing the World Cup games for free. 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 the leader of Thailand's junta. Ask him three questions about the free World Cup games on TV. Give him three more ideas for his "happiness campaign". 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 F e T f T g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. turmoil | a. disorder |
| 2. quell | b. calm |
| 3. free | c. no charge |
| 4. view | d. watch |
| 5. channel | e. station |
| 6. return | f. give back |
| 7. aimed | g. targeted |
| 8. subsidise | h. support |
| 9. cap | i. limit |
| 10. qualified | j. got through |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Upheaval and turmoil
2. Public unrest
3. Poorer Thais
4. Army-owned channels
5. \$20 million
6. Hearts and minds
7. Concerts and haircuts
8. Basic foods
9. 149th
10. None

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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