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Ethiopia plants 350 million trees in 12 hours

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190803-planting-trees.html>

Ethiopia has broken the world record for the largest number of trees planted in one day, while simultaneously making the world a little greener. Ethiopians planted more than 350 million trees in just 12 hours earlier this week. This smashed the previous record, held by India, by 50 million trees. Ethiopia's minister of innovation and technology announced his country's record-breaking feat on Twitter. He proudly revealed that people had planted 353,633,660 trees in a bid to help the environment. Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, who participated in the tree planting festivities, congratulated everyone involved in the record for their efforts and for doing their bit for the planet.

Ethiopia's record-breaking achievement is part of a wider strategy of planting 4 billion trees between May and October. The country is well on its way to achieving this goal. So far, volunteers, businesses and government workers have planted more than 2.6 billion trees nationwide. Ethiopia is attempting to reverse the cutting down of many of its forests. The Farm Africa organization reports that less than 4 per cent of Ethiopia's land is forested. This is a sharp decline from the 30 per cent of land on which trees grew at the end of the 19th century. A recent study reported that planting billions of trees was the cheapest and most effective way to absorb carbon dioxide and thus help to tackle global warming.

Sources: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/ethiopia-plants-350-million-trees-12-hours-breaking-world-record-2019-07-30/>
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WARM-UPS

1. PLANTING TREES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about planting trees. 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?

world record / trees / earlier this week / India / innovation / environment / planet / achievement / volunteers / government workers / forests / land / 19th century / CO2

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

3. PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY: Students A **strongly** believe it is our personal responsibility to plant trees every year; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. A GREENER WORLD: How effective are these things at making the world greener? Would you do them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Effectiveness	Would You Do Them?
Planting trees		
Being vegetarian		
Cycling		
Recycling		
Using solar energy		
Buy second-hand goods		

5. GREEN: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "green". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. TREES: Rank these with your partner. Put the best trees at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- apple tree
- palm tree
- oak tree
- pine tree
- maple tree
- cherry tree
- banyan tree
- mahogany tree

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| 1. simultaneously | a. Easily beat something (i.e. a record or another competitor). |
| 2. smashed | b. Made previously unknown or secret information known to others. |
| 3. innovation | c. An achievement that requires great courage, skill, or strength. |
| 4. feat | d. The action or process of making changes in something established, especially by introducing new methods, ideas, or products. |
| 5. revealed | e. At the same time. |
| 6. bid | f. The celebration of something in a joyful and energetic way. |
| 7. festivities | g. An attempt or effort to achieve something. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| 8. achievement | h. Take in or soak up energy or a liquid or other substance by chemical or physical action. |
| 9. volunteer | i. A thing done successfully, typically by effort, courage, or skill. |
| 10. reverse | j. Successful in producing a desired or intended result. |
| 11. sharp | k. Make determined efforts to deal with a problem or difficult task. |
| 12. effective | l. Make something the opposite of what it was. |
| 13. absorb | m. Sudden and dramatic. |
| 14. tackle | n. A person who works for an organization without being paid. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190803-planting-trees.html>

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

- a. The article said Ethiopia has helped make the world a little browner. **T / F**
- b. The previous tree-planting record was held by China. **T / F**
- c. The record-breaking feat was announced by the government on Twitter. **T / F**
- d. Ethiopia's prime minister did not take part in the tree planting. **T / F**
- e. Ethiopia has a plan to plant four billion trees. **T / F**
- f. Ethiopia is over half-way in meeting its tree-planting strategy. **T / F**
- g. Less than four per cent of Ethiopia is forested. **T / F**
- h. Planting trees is an expensive way of tackling global warming. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. broken | a. fight |
| 2. simultaneously | b. change |
| 3. previous | c. accomplishment |
| 4. innovation | d. earlier |
| 5. participated | e. overturn |
| 6. achievement | f. shattered |
| 7. reverse | g. reduction |
| 8. decline | h. soak up |
| 9. absorb | i. at the same time |
| 10. tackle | j. joined in |

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

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 1. Ethiopia has broken | a. land is forested |
| 2. simultaneously making the world | b. feat on Twitter |
| 3. Ethiopia's minister of innovation | c. for the planet |
| 4. announced his country's record-breaking | d. to absorb carbon dioxide |
| 5. doing their bit | e. achieving this goal |
| 6. part of a wider | f. a little greener |
| 7. The country is well on its way to | g. of many of its forests |
| 8. reverse the cutting down | h. the world record |
| 9. less than 4 per cent of Ethiopia's | i. strategy |
| 10. the cheapest and most effective way | j. and technology |

GAP FILL

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Ethiopia has broken the world record for the (1) _____ number of trees planted in one day, while simultaneously making the world a little (2) _____. Ethiopians planted more than 350 million trees in just 12 hours earlier this week. This (3) _____ the previous record, held by India, by 50 million trees. Ethiopia's minister of innovation and technology announced his country's record-breaking (4) _____ on Twitter. He (5) _____ revealed that people had planted 353,633,660 trees in a (6) _____ to help the environment. Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, who participated in the tree planting (7) _____, congratulated everyone involved in the record for their efforts and for doing their (8) _____ for the planet.

greener
proudly
festivities
smashed
largest
bit
bid
feat

Ethiopia's record-breaking achievement is part of a (9) _____ strategy of planting 4 billion trees between May and October. The country is well on its (10) _____ to achieving this goal. So far, volunteers, businesses and government workers have planted more than 2.6 billion trees (11) _____. Ethiopia is attempting to (12) _____ the cutting down of many of its forests. The Farm Africa organization reports that less than 4 per cent of Ethiopia's land is (13) _____. This is a sharp decline from the 30 per cent of land on which trees grew at the (14) _____ of the 19th century. A recent study reported that planting billions of trees was the cheapest and most (15) _____ way to absorb carbon dioxide and thus help to (16) _____ global warming.

way
forested
effective
reverse
tackle
wider
nationwide
end

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Ethiopia has broken the world record for the largest number of trees planted _____
 - a. in one a day
 - b. in once day
 - c. in one day
 - d. in won day
- 2) minister of innovation and technology announced his country's _____
 - a. record-broken feat
 - b. record-broken feet
 - c. record-breaking feat
 - d. record-breaking feet
- 3) He proudly revealed that people had planted 353,633,660 trees _____ help
 - a. in a bid to
 - b. inner bid to
 - c. in avid to
 - d. inner vid too
- 4) Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, who participated in the tree _____
 - a. planting festivals
 - b. planting festive it is
 - c. planting fest cavities
 - d. planting festivities
- 5) congratulated everyone involved in the record for their efforts and for _____
 - a. doing their bit
 - b. doing their bid
 - c. doing their bite
 - d. doing their byte
- 6) Ethiopia's record-breaking achievement is part of a _____
 - a. widen strategy
 - b. wide a strategy
 - c. wider strategy
 - d. widens strategy
- 7) The country is well on its way to _____ goal
 - a. achieving this
 - b. achieve in this
 - c. a chief in this
 - d. ache evening this
- 8) The Farm Africa organization reports that less than 4 per cent of Ethiopia's _____
 - a. land is forest it
 - b. land is forested
 - c. land is for rested
 - d. land is fore stead
- 9) a sharp decline from the 30 per cent of land on which trees grew at the _____ century
 - a. lend of the 19th
 - b. end of the 19th
 - c. send of the 19th
 - d. mend of the 19th
- 10) most effective way to absorb carbon dioxide and thus help to _____ warming
 - a. tickle global
 - b. track all global
 - c. tack all global
 - d. tackle global

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190803-planting-trees.html>

1. What did the article say the tree planting had made the world?
2. Which country previously held the tree-planting record?
3. By how much did Ethiopia break the previous record?
4. Where did the government announce the record-breaking feat?
5. What did the prime minister congratulate people for doing?
6. How many trees does Ethiopia hope to plant?
7. How many trees has Ethiopia planted so far?
8. How much of Ethiopia is currently covered in trees?
9. When was 30 per cent of Ethiopia covered in trees?
10. What is the cheapest way of absorbing carbon dioxide?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190803-planting-trees.html>

- 1) What did the article say the tree planting had made the world?
 - a) safer
 - b) a little greener
 - c) more exotic
 - d) better for birds
- 2) Which country previously held the tree-planting record?
 - a) Russia
 - b) China
 - c) India
 - d) Brazil
- 3) By how much did Ethiopia break the previous record?
 - a) by half a million trees
 - b) by 5 million trees
 - c) by 10 million trees
 - d) by 50 million trees
- 4) Where did the government announce the record-breaking feat?
 - a) on TV
 - b) on Twitter
 - c) in the newspapers
 - d) in a forest
- 5) What did the prime minister congratulate people for doing?
 - a) their bit
 - b) clapping
 - c) being happy
 - d) everything
- 6) How many trees does Ethiopia hope to plant?
 - a) four billion
 - b) three billion
 - c) half a billion
 - d) one billion
- 7) How many trees has Ethiopia planted so far?
 - a) 900,000,000,000
 - b) 900,000,000
 - c) half a billion
 - d) more than 2.6 billion
- 8) How much of Ethiopia is currently covered in trees?
 - a) about four per cent
 - b) exactly four per cent
 - c) less than four per cent
 - d) over four per cent
- 9) When was 30 per cent of Ethiopia covered in trees?
 - a) in the 1930s
 - b) in the Stone Age
 - c) in the Middle Ages
 - d) in the 19th century
- 10) What is the cheapest way of absorbing carbon dioxide?
 - a) recycling
 - b) planting trees
 - c) eating less meat
 - d) using bicycles

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Apple Trees

You think apple trees are the best trees. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their trees. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): pine trees, palm trees or mahogany trees.

Role B – Pine Trees

You think pine trees are the best trees. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their trees. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): apple trees, palm trees or mahogany trees.

Role C – Palm Trees

You think palm trees are the best trees. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their trees. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): pine trees, apple trees or mahogany trees.

Role D – Mahogany Trees

You think mahogany trees are the best trees. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their trees. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): pine trees, palm trees or apple trees.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190803-planting-trees.html>

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

plant	trees
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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">• largest• little• previous• feat• bid• bit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• wider• well• far• less• study• help
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PLANTING TREES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about planting trees 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.

PLANTING TREES DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'trees'?
3. What is your experience of planting trees?
4. Why are trees so important?
5. What kind of trees are there near where you live?
6. What do you think of the record of over 350 million trees planted?
7. Why doesn't every country plant millions of trees?
8. How much will the trees help the environment?
9. What do you know about Ethiopia?
10. In what way are you doing your bit for the planet?

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PLANTING TREES DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'planting'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How great is it that Ethiopia will plant 4 billion trees?
15. Why doesn't the world restore all forests cut down by humans?
16. In what other ways can we tackle global warming?
17. Should laws be passed to stop companies cutting down trees?
18. How green is the area in which you live?
19. What is your favourite tree, and why?
20. What questions would you like to ask the tree planters?

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) breaking | (b) broken | (c) braked | (d) bracken |
| 2. | (a) greenish | (b) greener | (c) greens | (d) greenie |
| 3. | (a) prized | (b) smoothed | (c) pulped | (d) smashed |
| 4. | (a) fate | (b) feat | (c) fleet | (d) feet |
| 5. | (a) hid | (b) bid | (c) lib | (d) nib |
| 6. | (a) bite | (b) byte | (c) bit | (d) bid |
| 7. | (a) strata | (b) stratosphere | (c) strategy | (d) staged |
| 8. | (a) good | (b) fine | (c) well | (d) best |
| 9. | (a) venture | (b) effort | (c) tried | (d) attempting |
| 10. | (a) sharp | (b) shape | (c) shipped | (d) shave |
| 11. | (a) end | (b) late | (c) latter | (d) last |
| 12. | (a) reflect | (b) mop | (c) absorb | (d) sponge |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. the algsert number of trees
2. This smashed the eusorvpi record
3. Ethiopia's minister of atnnnivoio
4. He proudly learevde that
5. congratulated everyone elvnodiv
6. the record for their ftrofse

Paragraph 2

7. part of a wider etygsrat
8. well on its way to ngcaeihvi this goal
9. vrneoletsu, businesses and government workers
10. vrreese the cutting down of many of its forests
11. This is a sharp eicdnel
12. the cheapest and most vfetiecf way

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190803-planting-trees.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- (**1**) Ethiopia has broken the world record for the largest number of trees planted in one day, while
- () Abiy Ahmed, who participated in the tree planting festivities, congratulated everyone involved
- () reverse the cutting down of many of its forests. The Farm Africa organization reports that less
- () earlier this week. This smashed the previous record, held by India, by 50 million trees. Ethiopia's minister
- () and most effective way to absorb carbon dioxide and thus help to tackle global warming.
- () and government workers have planted more than 2.6 billion trees nationwide. Ethiopia is attempting to
- () in the record for their efforts and for doing their bit for the planet.
- () revealed that people had planted 353,633,660 trees in a bid to help the environment. Prime Minister
- () than 4 per cent of Ethiopia's land is forested. This is a sharp decline from the 30 per cent of land on which trees grew
- () May and October. The country is well on its way to achieving this goal. So far, volunteers, businesses
- () at the end of the 19th century. A recent study reported that planting billions of trees was the cheapest
- () simultaneously making the world a little greener. Ethiopians planted more than 350 million trees in just 12 hours
- () Ethiopia's record-breaking achievement is part of a wider strategy of planting 4 billion trees between
- () of innovation and technology announced his country's record-breaking feat on Twitter. He proudly

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. trees planted . record number for of largest The
2. the simultaneously making greener . little a world While
3. previous record This the held by India . smashed
4. to 353,633,660 help . Planted a in bid trees
5. He involved congratulated the everyone in record .
6. trees . wider A billion strategy planting of 4
7. to on achieving its Well way this goal .
8. nationwide . more than billion Planted trees 2 .6
9. The of its down cutting forests . of many
10. to most effective way carbon The absorb dioxide .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190803-planting-trees.html>

Ethiopia has broken the *wide / world* record for the largest number of trees planted in one day, while *simultaneous / simultaneously* making the world a little *greener / greenish*. Ethiopians planted more than 350 million trees in just 12 hours *earlier / earliest* this week. This *smashed / splashed* the previous record, held by India, by 50 million trees. Ethiopia's minister of innovation and technology announced his country's record-breaking *feet / feat* on Twitter. He proudly revealed that people had *planned / planted* 353,633,660 trees in a *bid / bide* to help the environment. Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, who participated in the tree planting festivities, *congratulations / congratulated* everyone involved in the record for their efforts and for doing their *bite / bit* for the planet.

Ethiopia's record-breaking achievement is part of a wider *strategies / strategy* of planting 4 billion trees between May and October. The country is *good / well* on its way to *achieving / achievement* this goal. So far, volunteers, businesses and government workers have planted more than 2.6 billion trees nationwide. Ethiopia is attempting to *reserve / reverse* the cutting down of many of its *forest / forests*. The Farm Africa organization reports that less *that / than* 4 per cent of Ethiopia's land is forested. This is a sharp *incline / decline* from the 30 per cent of land on which trees grew at the end of the 19th century. A *recently / recent* study reported that planting billions of trees was the cheapest and most *effective / effectively* way to absorb carbon dioxide and thus help to *tackle / trickle* global warming.

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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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190803-planting-trees.html>

ethiopia has broken the world record for the largest number of trees planted in one day while simultaneously making the world a little greener ethiopians planted more than 350000 trees in just 12 hours earlier this week this smashed the previous record held by india by 50 million trees ethiopias minister of innovation and technology announced his countrys recordbreaking feat on twitter he proudly revealed that people had planted 353633660 trees in a bid to help the environment prime minister abiy ahmed who participated in the tree planting festivities congratulated everyone involved in the record for their efforts and for doing their bit for the planet

ethiopias recordbreaking achievement is part of a wider strategy of planting 4 billion trees between may and october the country is well on its way to achieving this goal so far volunteers businesses and government workers have planted more than 26 billion trees nationwide ethiopia is attempting to reverse the cutting down of many of its forests the farm africa organization reports that less than 4 per cent of ethiopias land is forested this is a sharp decline from the 30 per cent of land on which trees grew at the end of the 19th century a recent study reported that planting billions of trees was the cheapest and most effective way to absorb carbon dioxide and thus help to tackle global warming.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Ethiopia has broken the world record for the largest number of trees planted in one day, while simultaneously making the world a little greener. Ethiopians planted more than 350,000 trees in just 12 hours earlier this week. This smashed the previous record, held by India, by 50 million trees. Ethiopia's minister of innovation and technology announced his country's record-breaking feat on Twitter. He proudly revealed that people had planted 353,633,660 trees in a bid to help the environment. Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, who participated in the tree planting festivities, congratulated everyone involved in the record for their efforts and for doing their bit for the planet. Ethiopia's record-breaking achievement is part of a wider strategy of planting 4 billion trees between May and October. The country is well on its way to achieving this goal. So far, volunteers, businesses and government workers have planted more than 2.6 billion trees nationwide. Ethiopia is attempting to reverse the cutting down of many of its forests. The Farm Africa organization reports that less than 4 percent of Ethiopia's land is deforested. This is a sharp decline from the 30 percent of land on which trees grew at the end of the 19th century. A recent study reported that planting billionsof trees was the cheapest and most effective way to absorb carbon dioxide and thus help to tackle global warming.

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

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

4. PLANTING TREES: Write a magazine article about all of us having to plant at least one tree every year. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 planting trees. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make the planet greener. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e 2. a 3. d 4. c 5. b 6. g 7. f
8. i 9. n 10. l 11. m 12. j 13. h 14. k

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b F c T d F e T f T g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. broken | a. shattered |
| 2. simultaneously | b. at the same time |
| 3. previous | c. earlier |
| 4. innovation | d. change |
| 5. participated | e. joined in |
| 6. achievement | f. accomplishment |
| 7. reverse | g. overturn |
| 8. decline | h. reduction |
| 9. absorb | i. soak up |
| 10. tackle | j. fight |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. A little greener
2. India
3. By 50 million trees
4. On Twitter
5. Their bit for the planet
6. Four billion
7. More than 2.6 billion
8. Less than 4 per cent
9. In the 19th century
10. Planting trees

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. The record for largest number of trees planted.
2. While simultaneously making the world a little greener.
3. This smashed the previous record held by India.
4. Planted 353,633,660 trees in a bid to help.
5. He congratulated everyone involved in the record.
6. A wider strategy of planting 4 billion trees.
7. Well on its way to achieving this goal.
8. Planted more than 2.6 billion trees nationwide.
9. The cutting down of many of its forests.
10. The most effective way to absorb carbon dioxide.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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 ;-)