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2024 to be biggest ever year for voting in elections

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240104-voting-in-elections.html>

The year 2024 will be the biggest ever year for voting. National elections will take place in around 64 countries, as well as in the European Union. An estimated two billion people - almost half the global population - could vote at some time this year. The results of these polls will bring big changes for the future of many people. Voters in the world's four largest electoral blocs - the EU, India, Indonesia and the USA - will be casting their votes. One of the first contests will be in Taiwan on January the 13th. For much of the year, eyes will be focused on events in the US. In November, there will be a repeat of the 2020 election if Donald Trump runs for President again.

Journalists are worried about how free and fair many elections will be. The website Bloomberg.com has already posed a question that is on the lips of many people. It asked: "Will 2024 be the year fake news destroys democracy?" Bloomberg said bad actors will use artificial intelligence to change the way people vote via phoney news articles. It said there will be "a storm of disinformation and digital manipulation unlike anything the world has ever seen". It added that disinformation has already begun to spread, and that this "gets harder to spot as fake with every passing month". Fact checkers will have to work extra hard to reduce the number of AI-based posts on social media.

Sources: <https://time.com/6550920/world-elections-2024/>
<https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2023-12-28/elections-2024-fake-news-could-destroy-democracy>
http://www.koreaherald.com/global_insite/view.php

WARM-UPS

1. ELECTIONS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about elections. 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?

the year 2024 / voting / elections / two billion people / the future / eyes / the USA / journalists / question / lips / fake news / democracy / artificial intelligence / facts

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

3. VOTE: Students A **strongly** believe it should be against the law not to vote; Students B **strongly** believe it shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. ELECTION ISSUES: What would you do about these election issues? Would your ideas work? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Would Do	How They Would Work
Health		
Jobs		
Policing		
Environment		
Artificial Intelligence		
Education		

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

6. 2024: Rank these with your partner. Put the things that will change for the positive at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Global warming
- World peace
- Artificial intelligence
- Healthcare
- Migration
- Global poverty
- Equality
- The economy

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 1. take place | a. The process of voting in an election. |
| 2. estimated | b. Stands as a candidate in an election. |
| 3. population | c. Happen. |
| 4. polls | d. All the people who live in a particular place. |
| 5. bloc | e. Of a value or number roughly calculated; about. |
| 6. casting | f. A group of countries or political parties with common interests who have joined together. |
| 7. runs | g. Registering a vote. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------|--|
| 8. journalist | h. Raised a question or matter for thinking about. |
| 9. posed | i. Not real or genuine; made to look real. |
| 10. fake | j. The action of controlling or influencing a person or situation, usually for bad reasons. |
| 11. democracy | k. A person who writes for newspapers, magazines, or news websites or prepares news to be broadcast. |
| 12. storm | l. False facts and figures that are used to trick people. |
| 13. manipulation | m. Very strong feelings or actions happening at the same time. |
| 14. disinformation | n. A system of government where the people vote for their leaders. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240104-voting-in-elections.html>

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

1. About 64 countries will hold national elections in 2024. **T / F**
2. A maximum of one billion people could vote in elections this year. **T / F**
3. Voters in the world's five largest voting blocks will vote. **T / F**
4. The first country that will hold elections in 2024 is Malaysia. **T / F**
5. A website asked a question that is on many people's lips. **T / F**
6. The website said phoney articles will influence the way people vote. **T / F**
7. The website said disinformation is already spreading. **T / F**
8. Fact checkers have gone on strike due to too many fake news stories. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. take place | a. fixed |
| 2. estimated | b. put forward |
| 3. vote | c. see |
| 4. focused | d. go to the polls |
| 5. repeat | e. fake |
| 6. worried | f. rerun |
| 7. posed | g. happen |
| 8. phoney | h. cut |
| 9. spot | i. approximate |
| 10. reduce | j. concerned |

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

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. elections will take | a. month |
| 2. almost half | b. for President |
| 3. the world's four largest | c. has ever seen |
| 4. eyes will be focused | d. the global population |
| 5. if Donald Trump runs | e. extra hard |
| 6. a question that is on the | f. on events in the US |
| 7. unlike anything the world | g. place in around 64 countries |
| 8. disinformation has already | h. lips of many people |
| 9. with every passing | i. electoral blocs |
| 10. Fact checkers will have to work | j. begun to spread |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240104-voting-in-elections.html>

The year 2024 will be the biggest ever year for voting. National elections will take (1) _____ in around 64 countries, as well as in the European Union. An (2) _____ two billion people - almost half the global population - could vote at some time this year. The results of these (3) _____ will bring big changes for the future of many people. Voters in the world's four largest electoral (4) _____ - the EU, India, Indonesia and the USA - will be (5) _____ their votes. One of the first contests will be in Taiwan on January the 13th. For much of the year, (6) _____ will be focused on events in the US. In November, there will be a (7) _____ of the 2020 election if Donald Trump (8) _____ for President again.

blocs
place
repeat
polls
runs
casting
estimated
eyes

Journalists are worried about how (9) _____ and fair many elections will be. The website Bloomberg.com has already (10) _____ a question that is on the lips of many people. It asked: "Will 2024 be the year fake news destroys (11) _____?" Bloomberg said bad actors will use artificial intelligence to change the way people vote via (12) _____ news articles. It said there will be "a storm of disinformation and (13) _____ manipulation unlike anything the world has ever seen". It added that disinformation has already begun to spread, and that this "gets harder to spot as (14) _____ with every passing month". Fact checkers will have to work (15) _____ hard to reduce the (16) _____ of AI-based posts on social media.

phoney
posed
number
digital
democracy
extra
free
fake

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240104-voting-in-elections.html>

- 1) The year 2024 will be the biggest ever _____
 - a. years for voting
 - b. year from voting
 - c. year for voting
 - d. year four voting
- 2) An estimated two billion people - almost half _____
 - a. the globe all population
 - b. the global population
 - c. the global populations
 - d. the global populated
- 3) The results of these polls will bring big changes for the future _____
 - a. off many people
 - b. of many people
 - c. oft many people
 - d. rough many people
- 4) the EU, India, Indonesia and the USA - will be _____
 - a. casing their votes
 - b. cast in their votes
 - c. cars sting their votes
 - d. casting their votes
- 5) In November, there will be a repeat of the 2020 election if _____
 - a. Donald Trump runs
 - b. Donald Trump runes
 - c. Donald Trump runts
 - d. Donald Trump ruins
- 6) The website Bloomberg.com has already _____
 - a. poised a question
 - b. posted a question
 - c. praised a question
 - d. posed a question
- 7) It asked: "Will 2024 be the year fake _____?"
 - a. news destroy democracy
 - b. new destroys democracy
 - c. news destroys democracy
 - d. new destroy democracy
- 8) use artificial intelligence to change the way people vote via _____
 - a. phone knee news articles
 - b. phoney news articles
 - c. phoney news article
 - d. phoney new articles
- 9) It added that disinformation has already _____
 - a. began to spread
 - b. bugging to spread
 - c. begun to spread
 - d. beg gun to spread
- 10) Fact checkers will have to work extra hard to _____
 - a. reduce a number
 - b. redact the number
 - c. deduce the number
 - d. reduce the number

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The year 2024 will be the biggest ever (1) _____. National elections will take place in around 64 countries, as well as in the European Union. An estimated two billion people - almost (2) _____ population - could vote at some time this year. The results of these polls will (3) _____ for the future of many people. Voters in the world's four largest electoral blocs - the EU, India, Indonesia and the USA - will be casting their votes. One of the (4) _____ be in Taiwan on January the 13th. (5) _____ the year, eyes will be focused on events in the US. In November, there will be (6) _____ the 2020 election if Donald Trump runs for President again.

Journalists are worried about how (7) _____ many elections will be. The website Bloomberg.com has already (8) _____ that is on the lips of many people. It asked: "Will 2024 be the year fake news destroys democracy?" Bloomberg said bad actors (9) _____ intelligence to change the way people vote via (10) _____. It said there will be "a storm of disinformation and digital manipulation unlike anything the world has ever seen". It added that disinformation has already begun to spread, and that this "gets harder to (11) _____ with every passing month". Fact checkers will have to work (12) _____ reduce the number of AI-based posts on social media.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240104-voting-in-elections.html>

1. In how many countries will national elections be held in 2024?
2. What proportion of the world's voters could vote this year?
3. What electoral bloc will vote besides India, Indonesia and the USA?
4. When will Taiwan go to the polls?
5. What could the 2024 presidential election be a repeat of?
6. Who is worried about elections being fair and free?
7. What did Bloomberg.com pose that is in the lips of many people?
8. Who did Bloomberg say would use AI to change how people vote?
9. What did Bloomberg say had already begun to spread?
10. Who will have to work extra hard to reduce AI-based posts?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240104-voting-in-elections.html>

- 1) In how many countries will national elections be held in 2024?
 - a) 63
 - b) 64
 - c) 62
 - d) 65
- 2) What proportion of the world's voters could vote this year?
 - a) three-fifth
 - b) two-thirds
 - c) three-quarters
 - d) almost half
- 3) What electoral bloc will vote besides India, Indonesia and the USA?
 - a) CIS
 - b) ASEAN
 - c) the European Union
 - d) CONCACAF
- 4) When will Taiwan go to the polls?
 - a) January 13
 - b) January 14
 - c) January 15
 - d) January 16
- 5) What could the 2024 presidential election be a repeat of?
 - a) a movie about an election
 - b) the 2020 US election
 - c) the 2000 US election
 - d) a by-election
- 6) Who is worried about elections being fair and free?
 - a) journalists
 - b) voters
 - c) pollsters
 - d) fact checkers
- 7) What did Bloomberg.com pose that is in the lips of many people?
 - a) a problem
 - b) lipstick
 - c) a question
 - d) a threat
- 8) Who did Bloomberg say would use AI to change how people vote?
 - a) bad actors
 - b) poor poets
 - c) terrible singers
 - d) phoney artists
- 9) What did Bloomberg say had already begun to spread?
 - a) bad news
 - b) a virus
 - c) wildfire
 - d) disinformation
- 10) Who will have to work extra hard to reduce AI-based posts?
 - a) web designers
 - b) pollsters
 - c) fact checkers
 - d) Bob

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Global Warming

You think global warming is the thing that will improve most in 2024. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things won't improve. Also, tell the others which is the least likely to change of these (and why): world peace, equality or the economy.

Role B – World Peace

You think world peace is the thing that will improve most in 2024. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things won't improve. Also, tell the others which is the least likely to change of these (and why): global warming, equality or the economy.

Role C – Equality

You think equality is the thing that will improve most in 2024. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things won't improve. Also, tell the others which is the least likely to change of these (and why): world peace, global warming or the economy.

Role D – The Economy

You think the economy is the thing that will improve most in 2024. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things won't improve. Also, tell the others which is the least likely to change of these (and why): world peace, equality or global warming.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240104-voting-in-elections.html>

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

vote	election
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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">• place• estimated• some• four• contests• repeat	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• posed• fake• artificial• storm• spot• extra
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ELECTIONS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about elections 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.

ELECTIONS 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 'vote'?
3. What kind of year will 2024 be for the world?
4. What do you think of voting in elections?
5. Why is voting important?
6. How might the lives of people change because of the elections?
7. How do you think the U.S. election will go?
8. What do you think of Donald Trump?
9. How would the USA change if Trump became president again?
10. What would you do if you were leader of your country?

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ELECTIONS 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 'election'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of elections?
15. Why are free and fair elections important?
16. What do you think of fake news?
17. What does fake news do for democracy?
18. How much do you believe what you read online?
19. What kind of year will 2024 be for you?
20. What questions would you like to ask your country'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) as | (b) by | (c) from | (d) for |
| 2. | (a) estate | (b) streamed | (c) esteemed | (d) estimated |
| 3. | (a) halves | (b) half | (c) halved | (d) halt |
| 4. | (a) bricks | (b) backs | (c) blocs | (d) becks |
| 5. | (a) in | (b) of | (c) on | (d) at |
| 6. | (a) runs | (b) walks | (c) paces | (d) strolls |
| 7. | (a) fare | (b) fair | (c) fear | (d) far |
| 8. | (a) posed | (b) dosed | (c) nosed | (d) hosed |
| 9. | (a) called | (b) phoney | (c) policy | (d) printed |
| 10. | (a) thunder | (b) lightning | (c) storm | (d) gale |
| 11. | (a) speck | (b) blemish | (c) spot | (d) stain |
| 12. | (a) arduous | (b) firm | (c) tough | (d) hard |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240104-voting-in-elections.html>

Paragraph 1

1. An eeaitsdtm two billion people
2. almost half the global uliopoptna
3. The results of these sollp
4. the world's four largest electoral lscbo
5. cansitg their votes
6. osecfdu on events in the US

Paragraph 2

7. pesod a question
8. fake news destroys ceymrdaco
9. raicitlfai intelligence
10. news tsarlcie
11. digital anpiultanmo
12. eedurc the number of AI-based posts

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240104-voting-in-elections.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- (**1**) The year 2024 will be the biggest ever year for voting. National elections will take
- () checkers will have to work extra hard to reduce the number of AI-based posts on social media.
- () on events in the US. In November, there will be a repeat of the 2020 election if Donald Trump runs for President again.
- () polls will bring big changes for the future of many people. Voters in the world's four largest electoral blocs –
- () the EU, India, Indonesia and the USA - will be casting their votes. One of the first contests will
- () vote via phoney news articles. It said there will be "a storm of disinformation and digital manipulation
- () spread, and that this "gets harder to spot as fake with every passing month". Fact
- () be in Taiwan on January the 13th. For much of the year, eyes will be focused
- () unlike anything the world has ever seen". It added that disinformation has already begun to
- () billion people - almost half the global population - could vote at some time this year. The results of these
- () question that is on the lips of many people. It asked: "Will 2024 be the year fake
- () place in around 64 countries, as well as in the European Union. An estimated two
- () Journalists are worried about how free and fair many elections will be. The website Bloomberg.com has already posed a
- () news destroys democracy?" Bloomberg said bad actors will use artificial intelligence to change the way people

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240104-voting-in-elections.html>

1. in 64 place countries . take will around Elections
2. polls results of bring will changes . these The
3. in largest Voters the electoral blocs . world's four
4. Eyes events focused on be in America . will
5. be of repeat 2020 the a election . There'll
6. many on the lips people . question of A
7. change AI Use vote . way to people the
8. begun to spread . It already has disinformation said
9. will checkers hard . work Fact have extra to
10. websites . on AI-based number the posts of Reduce

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240104-voting-in-elections.html>

The year 2024 will be the biggest *ever / even* year for voting. National elections will take place in around 64 countries, as *well / good* as in the European Union. An estimated two billion people - almost *halve / half* the global population - could vote at *some / same* time this year. The results of these polls will bring big changes for *a / the* future of many people. Voters in the world's four largest electoral *docs / blocs* - the EU, India, Indonesia and the USA - will be *casing / casting* their votes. One of the first contests will be in Taiwan on January the 13th. For *much / many* of the year, eyes will be focused *in / on* events in the US. In November, there will be a repeat of the 2020 election if Donald Trump *runs / walks* for President again.

Journalists are *worried / cautioned* about how free and fair many elections will *do / be*. The website Bloomberg.com has already posed a question that is on the *mouth / lips* of many people. It asked: "Will 2024 be the year *flake / fake* news destroys democracy?" Bloomberg said *bad / badly* actors will use artificial intelligence to change the way people vote via *phone / phoney* news articles. It said there will be "a *storm / steam* of disinformation and digital manipulation *unlike / unlikely* anything the world has ever seen". It added that disinformation has already begun to spread, and that this "gets harder to spot *has / as* fake with every passing month". Fact checkers will have to work extra hard to reduce the number of AI-based posts *on / at* social media.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240104-voting-in-elections.html>

Th_ y__r 2024 w_ll b_ th_ b_gg_st _v_r y__r f_r
v_t_ng. N_t__n_l _l_ct__ns w_ll t_k_ pl_c_ _n _r__nd
64 c__ntr__s, _s w_ll _s _n th_ __r_p__n _n__n. _n
_st_m_t_d tw_ b_ll__n p__pl_ - _lm_st h_lf th_ gl_b_l
p_p_l_t__n - c__ld v_t_ _t s_m_ t_m_ th_s y__r. Th_
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F_r m_ch _f th_ y__r, _y_s w_ll b_ f_c_s_d _n _v_nts
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_l_ct__ns w_ll b_. Th_ w_bs_t_ Bl__mb_rg.c_m h_s
_lr__dy p_s_d _ q__st__n th_t _s _n th_ l_ps _f m_ny
p__pl_. _t _sk_d: "W_ll 2024 b_ th_ y__r f_k_ n_ws
d_str_ys d_m_cr_cy?" Bl__mb_rg s__d b_d _ct_rs w_ll
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240104-voting-in-elections.html>

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

4. VOTING: Write a magazine article about giving people heavy fines if they do not vote in national elections. 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 elections. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to keep elections free and fair. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 T 2 F 3 F 4 F 5 T 6 T 7 T 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. i	3. d	4. a	5. f
6. j	7. b	8. e	9. c	10. h

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Sixty-four
- Almost half
- The European Union
- The 13th of January
- The 2020 US election
- Journalists
- A question
- Bad actors
- Disinformation
- Fact checkers

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Elections will take place in around 64 countries.
- The results of these polls will bring changes.
- Voters in the world's four largest electoral blocs.
- Eyes will be focused on events in America.
- There'll be a repeat of the 2020 election.
- A question on the lips of many people.
- Use AI to change the way people vote.
- It said disinformation has already begun to spread.
- Fact checkers will have to work extra hard.
- Reduce the number of AI-based posts on websites.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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