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THE ARTICLE

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Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has died aged 87. She had a stroke at The Ritz Hotel in London after being in poor health for many years. Mrs Thatcher became famous after becoming the U.K.'s first ever female leader. She was in power from 1979 to 1990 – the longest time in office for a Prime Minister in over 150 years. Her tough style earned her the nickname the "Iron Lady". Her 11 years of leadership greatly changed British society. Many praised her for transforming Britain into a more free-market economy. Others hated her for selling government-owned industries and breaking up communities. She also took the decision to go to war with Argentina in 1982 to recover the Falkland Islands.

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WARM-UPS

1. MARGARET THATCHER: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Margaret Thatcher. 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.

former / stroke / poor health / female leader / leadership / society / go to war / newspapers / disagree / headline / tribute / global impact / place in history / respect

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

3. LEADER: What would you do about these things in your country? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What's wrong now?	How to make things better?
The economy		
The environment		
The Internet		
Schools		
Crime		
Jobs		

4. LEADERSHIP: Students A **strongly** believe women make stronger and better leaders than men; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. REMEMBERING: What is the best way to remember Margaret Thatcher? Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- a Thatcher Day national holiday
- name a mountain after her
- a charity
- all schoolchildren must study about her
- a statue in the capital city
- an Internet site
- a museum exhibition
- Margaret Thatcher postage stamps

6. FEMALE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'female'. Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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1. TRUE / FALSE:

Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. Margaret Thatcher died from a stroke in her home. | T / F |
| b. She had very little money when she died. | T / F |
| c. Margaret Thatcher was Britain's shortest-serving leader. | T / F |
| d. Her nickname was the "Iron Lady". | T / F |
| e. A left wing newspaper said she saved Britain. | T / F |
| f. An ex-British Prime Minister said she changed the world. | T / F |
| g. The present British Prime Minister said she loved Britain. | T / F |
| h. David Cameron said British people would thank Thatcher forever. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| 1. former | a. approach |
| 2. in poor health | b. huge |
| 3. over | c. argue |
| 4. style | d. admired |
| 5. praised | e. influence |
| 6. disagree | f. ill |
| 7. ran | g. always |
| 8. impact | h. more than |
| 9. vast | i. printed |
| 10. forever | j. ex- |

3. PHRASE MATCH:

(Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. being in poor | a. in history |
| 2. Her tough style earned her the | b. economy |
| 3. Her 11 years of leadership greatly | c. tribute to |
| 4. a more free-market | d. thank her forever |
| 5. took the decision to go | e. changed British society |
| 6. paid | f. of their country |
| 7. the political landscape | g. health for many years |
| 8. Her global | h. to war |
| 9. she has her well-earned place | i. nickname the "Iron Lady" |
| 10. people would respect and | j. impact was vast |

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GAP FILL

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greatly
office
breaking
stroke
style
decision
becoming
praised

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vast
history
left
change
disagree
thank
served
paid

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LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

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- 1) She had _____
 - a. a stoke
 - b. a stroke
 - c. a strike
 - d. a streak
- 2) Mrs Thatcher became _____ the U.K.'s first ever female leader
 - a. famous before becoming
 - b. famous then becoming
 - c. famous from becoming
 - d. famous after becoming
- 3) Her _____ her the nickname the "Iron Lady"
 - a. tough style earned
 - b. tough styles earned
 - c. tough stylish earned
 - d. tough stylist earned
- 4) transforming Britain into a more _____
 - a. freer-market economy
 - b. fair-market economy
 - c. free-market economy
 - d. freed-market economy
- 5) selling government-owned industries and _____
 - a. breaking down communities
 - b. breaking up communities
 - c. breaking in communities
 - d. breaking all communities
- 6) Britain's _____ newspapers also disagree about Margaret Thatcher.
 - a. better-selling
 - b. boast-selling
 - c. baste-selling
 - d. best-selling
- 7) _____ get to change not only the political landscape of their country
 - a. Very small leaders
 - b. Very far leaders
 - c. Very few leaders
 - d. Very view leaders
- 8) Her global impact _____
 - a. was vast
 - b. was fast
 - c. was past
 - d. was vase
- 9) she has her well-earned _____
 - a. place on history
 - b. place an history
 - c. place into history
 - d. place in history
- 10) the British people would respect and _____
 - a. thank her forever
 - b. thanks her forever
 - c. thanked her forever
 - d. thank you her forever

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LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Britain (5) _____ economy. Others hated her for selling
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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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1. What did Margaret Thatcher die of / from?

2. Where did she die?

3. For how long was she British Prime Minister?

4. What was her nickname?

5. What do some people say she broke up?

6. What left wing newspaper was mentioned in the article?

7. Who was in office in Britain between 1997-2007?

8. How many leaders get to change the political landscape?

9. What did David Cameron say Margaret Thatcher loved?

10. For how long did David Cameron say people would be grateful to Mrs Thatcher?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1304/130410-margaret_thatcher.html

1. What did Margaret Thatcher die of / from?
 - a) cancer
 - b) a heart attack
 - c) old age
 - d) a stroke
2. Where did she die?
 - a) at home
 - b) in a hotel
 - c) in a car
 - d) in a store
3. For how long was she British Prime Minister?
 - a) 9 years
 - b) 10 years
 - c) 11 years
 - d) 12 years
4. What was her nickname?
 - a) the "Iron Lady"
 - b) the "Golden Girl"
 - c) "Superwoman"
 - d) the "Woman of Steel"
5. What do some people say she broke up?
 - a) towns
 - b) economies
 - c) communities
 - d) politics
6. What left wing newspaper was mentioned in the article?
 - a) The Daily Mail
 - b) The Daily Mirror
 - c) The Daily Star
 - d) The Daily Sun
7. Who was in office in Britain between 1997-2007?
 - a) Winston Churchill
 - b) Margaret Thatcher
 - c) David Cameron
 - d) Tony Blair
8. How many leaders get to change the political landscape?
 - a) very few
 - b) 3
 - c) many
 - d) they all do
9. What did David Cameron say Margaret Thatcher loved?
 - a) leadership
 - b) her party
 - c) the U.K. / G.B.
 - d) serving
10. For how long did Cameron say people would be grateful to Mrs Thatcher?
 - a) 11 years
 - b) forever
 - c) a few weeks
 - d) until her funeral

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AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

female	leader

- 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">• stroke• ever• tough• society• selling• 1982	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• right• left• paid• few• loved• forever
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MARGARET THATCHER SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Margaret Thatcher 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.

MARGARET THATCHER 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 name 'Margaret Thatcher'?
- c) What do you know about Margaret Thatcher?
- d) Do you think Margaret Thatcher was a good or bad leader?
- e) What would you like to know about Margaret Thatcher?
- f) Why was Margaret Thatcher called the "Iron Lady"?
- g) What images do you have of her from TV, the Internet, etc.?
- h) Why are there not more female leaders?
- i) What did Margaret Thatcher change for women?
- j) Why do so many people love her and so many hate her?

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MARGARET THATCHER DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) How do you think she "saved" Britain?
- c) How do you think she "divided" Britain?
- d) How important was Margaret Thatcher in the world?
- e) What do people in your country think of Margaret Thatcher?
- f) What three adjectives best describe Margaret Thatcher (and why)?
- g) Which female leaders are similar to Margaret Thatcher?
- h) Do you think there should be more female leaders?
- i) How are male and female leaders different?
- j) What questions would you like to ask a Margaret Thatcher expert?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

MULTIPLE CHOICE - LANGUAGE

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. | (a) dead | (b) died | (c) death | (d) dies |
| 2. | (a) poorly | (b) poor | (c) poorest | (d) poorer |
| 3. | (a) off | (b) on | (c) out | (d) in |
| 4. | (a) store | (b) office | (c) factory | (d) home |
| 5. | (a) solely | (b) greatly | (c) badly | (d) weekly |
| 6. | (a) fight | (b) wage | (c) go | (d) win |
| 7. | (a) arm | (b) head | (c) wing | (d) hand |
| 8. | (a) walked | (b) jogged | (c) ran | (d) paced |
| 9. | (a) invested | (b) sold | (c) bought | (d) paid |
| 10. | (a) such | (b) much | (c) so | (d) many |
| 11. | (a) had | (b) took | (c) saw | (d) thought |
| 12. | (a) reserve | (b) restive | (c) respect | (d) rescue |

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SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. She had a otkres
2. the U.K.'s first ever emelaf leader
3. the longest time in fiefoc
4. Many saipder her
5. breaking up ctmiiomunse
6. took the icoidesn to go to war

Paragraph 2

7. newspapers also sidrgeae
8. the dheiaenl
9. paid biurtet to Mrs Thatcher
10. Her global impact was tavs
11. her well-rneeda place in history
12. tpersec and thank her

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () stroke at The Ritz Hotel in London after being in poor health for many years. Mrs Thatcher became
- () it with all she had. For that, she has her well-earned place in history." He added
- () wing "Daily Mail" said she was: "The Woman Who Saved Britain." However, the left wing "Daily Mirror" ran the
- () famous after becoming the U.K.'s first ever female leader. She was in power from 1979 to 1990 – the longest time in
- () selling government-owned industries and breaking up communities. She also took the
- () landscape of their country but of the world. Margaret was such a leader. Her global impact was
- () vast." Current British leader David Cameron said: "Margaret Thatcher loved this country and served
- () the British people would respect and thank her forever.
- () Britain's best-selling newspapers also disagree about Margaret Thatcher. The right
- (**1**) Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has died aged 87. She had a
- () greatly changed British society. Many praised her for transforming Britain into a more free-market economy. Others hated her for
- () office for a Prime Minister in over 150 years. Her tough style earned her the nickname the "Iron Lady". Her 11 years of leadership
- () headline: "The Woman Who Divided A Nation." Tony Blair (Prime Minister from 1997-2007) paid tribute to Mrs Thatcher, saying: "Very few leaders get to change not only the political
- () decision to go to war with Argentina in 1982 to recover the Falkland Islands.

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PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. 1979 was to in 1990 power from She.

2. nickname the her earned style tough Her.

3. Britain Many her transforming praised for.

4. for her . government-owned industries hated selling Others

5. war also decision to She the go took to.

6. disagree also newspapers selling - best Britain's.

7. was She Britain saved who woman the.

8. The who a woman divided nation.

9. her earned history has - in She well place.

10. and British thank people her would forever respect.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Britain's best-selling newspapers also *disagree / disagreement* about Margaret Thatcher. The right *wing / hand* "Daily Mail" said she was: "The Woman Who Saved Britain." However, the *lift / left* wing "Daily Mirror" ran the headline: "The Woman Who *Division / Divided* A Nation." Tony Blair (Prime Minister from 1997-2007) *paid / pay* tribute to Mrs Thatcher, saying: "Very few leaders *let / get* to change not only the political *landscape / portrait* of their country but of the world. Margaret was such a leader. Her global impact was *fast / vast*." Current British leader David Cameron said: "Margaret Thatcher loved this country and served it with all she *owned / had*. For that, she has her well-earned place *in / at* history." He added the British people would respect and thank her forever.

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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F_rm_r Br_t_sh Pr_m_ M_n_st_r M_rg_r_t Th_tch_r h_s
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__nd s__rv_d__t w__th__ll sh__h__d. F_r th__t, sh__h__s h_r
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p__pl__w__ld r_s_p__ct__nd th__nk h_r f_r_v_r.

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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former british prime minister margaret thatcher has died aged 87 she had a stroke at the ritz hotel in london after being in poor health for many years mrs thatcher became famous after becoming the uk's first ever female leader she was in power from 1979 to 1990 – the longest time in office for a prime minister in over 150 years her tough style earned her the nickname the "iron lady" her 11 years of leadership greatly changed british society many praised her for transforming britain into a more free-market economy others hated her for selling government-owned industries and breaking up communities she also took the decision to go to war with argentina in 1982 to recover the falkland islands

britain's best-selling newspapers also disagree about margaret thatcher the right wing "daily mail" said she was "the woman who saved britain" however the left wing "daily mirror" ran the headline "the woman who divided a nation" tony blair (prime minister from 1997-2007) paid tribute to mrs thatcher saying "very few leaders get to change not only the political landscape of their country but of the world margaret was such a leader her global impact was vast" current british leader david cameron said "margaret thatcher loved this country and served it with all she had for that she has her well-earned place in history" he added the british people would respect and thank her forever

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1304/130410-margaret_thatcher.html

Write about **Margaret Thatcher** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

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Women are better national leaders than men. Discuss.

HOMework

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

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

3. MARGARET THATCHER: Make a poster about Margaret Thatcher. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. FEMALE LEADERS: Write a magazine article about female leaders. Include imaginary interviews with some.

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 Margaret Thatcher. Ask him/her three questions about her. Give him/her three of your opinions. 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. F d. T e. F f. T g. T h. T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-------------------|--------------|
| 1. former | a. ex- |
| 2. in poor health | b. ill |
| 3. over | c. more than |
| 4. style | d. approach |
| 5. praised | e. admired |
| 6. disagree | f. argue |
| 7. ran | g. printed |
| 8. impact | h. influence |
| 9. vast | i. huge |
| 10. forever | j. always |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. A stroke
2. The Ritz Hotel in London
3. 11 years
4. The "Iron Lady"
5. Communities
6. The Daily Mirror
7. Tony Blair
8. Very few
9. Britain / The U.K.
10. Forever

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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