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Level 6

More people die from selfies than shark attacks

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THE ARTICLE

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Travellers and phone-camera lovers need to note a new danger that has recently come to light. This new life-threatening hazard has sprung up in the past few years and is now a ubiquitous part of life. It is also proving to be twice as lethal as being killed by a shark. What is this potential new menace? Well, it is the selfie. Yes – love 'em or hate 'em, the desire to take a photo of yourself in front of a world-famous site or to strike a pose and pout with a friend has resulted in more deaths in 2015 than shark attacks. It has been reported that so far this year, 12 people have died as a result of trying to take a selfie. This compares to just six deaths due to unprovoked shark attacks.

Selfie-related accidents can happen in all manner of circumstances. The website Wikipedia.com has detailed the twelve deaths seen this year. They include two Russian men who were killed while taking a selfie with a hand grenade; three Indian students who were killed by an oncoming train while taking selfies on train tracks; and an American woman who fell to her death while taking a selfie with her boyfriend on a cliff in South Africa. The latest death came last month when a Japanese tourist died falling down the stairs while trying to get a shot of himself at the Taj Mahal in India. There may be more. A Russian government spokeswoman told reporters that in July, there were, "dozens of selfie-related deaths" in Russia alone.

Sources: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/selfie-deaths-shark-attacks_5602c0c5e4b0fde8b0d09cbe
<http://www.nydailynews.com/news/world/people-died-selfies-shark-attacks-year-article-1.2371747>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_selfie-related_injuries_and_deaths

WARM-UPS

1. SELFIES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about selfies. 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?

travellers / danger / life threatening / ubiquitous / lethal / shark / world famous / site / accidents / circumstances / hand grenade / train tracks / government / spokeswoman

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

3. DANGER: What dangers could these things pose? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Possible dangers	How dangerous
Video games		
Driving		
Fast food		
Hiking		
Using a mobile phone		
Travelling overseas		

4. BANNED: Students A **strongly** believe selfie sticks should be banned; Students B **strongly** believe not. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

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

- selfies
- photos of babies
- photos of food
- photos of kittens
- nature photos
- family photos
- wedding photos
- celebrity pics

6. CAMERA: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "camera". 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/1509/150926-selfies.html>

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

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. The article said a new danger is enlightening. | T / F |
| b. The article says the new danger is now very common in our lives. | T / F |
| c. The new danger has been twice as deadly as shark attacks this year. | T / F |
| d. Sharks have killed six people in unprovoked attacks this year. | T / F |
| e. Wikipedia outlined the way in which 12 people died because of selfies. | T / F |
| f. Three Russians died taking a selfie with a hand grenade. | T / F |
| g. An American man died after he fell off a cliff in South Africa. | T / F |
| h. A Russian government spokeswoman said 6 people died in Russia. | T / F |

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

- | | |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1. note | a. deadly |
| 2. hazard | b. consider |
| 3. ubiquitous | c. most recent |
| 4. lethal | d. very common |
| 5. resulted in | e. situations |
| 6. circumstances | f. danger |
| 7. death | g. journalists |
| 8. latest | h. exclusively |
| 9. reporters | i. lead to |
| 10. alone | j. end |

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

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. note a new | a. of life |
| 2. recently come | b. related deaths |
| 3. a ubiquitous part | c. danger |
| 4. a world- | d. grenade |
| 5. six deaths due to unprovoked | e. of circumstances |
| 6. happen in all manner | f. train |
| 7. hand | g. shark attacks |
| 8. killed by an oncoming | h. of himself |
| 9. trying to get a shot | i. to light |
| 10. selfie- | j. famous site |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1509/150926-selfies.html>

Travellers and phone-camera lovers need to (1) _____ a new danger that has recently come to (2) _____. This new life-threatening hazard has sprung up in the past few years and is now a ubiquitous (3) _____ of life. It is also proving to be twice as (4) _____ as being killed by a shark. What is this potential new menace? Well, it is the selfie. Yes – love 'em or hate 'em, the (5) _____ to take a photo of yourself in front of a world-famous site or to strike a pose and (6) _____ with a friend has resulted in more deaths in 2015 than shark attacks. It has been (7) _____ that so far this year, 12 people have died as a result of trying to take a selfie. This (8) _____ to just six deaths due to unprovoked shark attacks.

desire
part
reported
note
light
compares
lethal
pout

Selfie-related accidents can happen in all (9) _____ of circumstances. The website Wikipedia.com has (10) _____ the twelve deaths seen this year. They include two Russian men who were killed while taking a selfie with a (11) _____ grenade; three Indian students who were killed by an (12) _____ train while taking selfies on train tracks; and an American woman who fell to her death while taking a selfie with her boyfriend on a (13) _____ in South Africa. The latest death came last month when a Japanese tourist died falling down the stairs while trying to get a (14) _____ of himself at the Taj Mahal in India. There may be (15) _____. A Russian government spokeswoman told reporters that in July, there were, "(16) _____ of selfie-related deaths" in Russia alone.

detailed
cliff
hand
more
manner
dozens
oncoming
shot

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1509/150926-selfies.html>

- 1) Travellers and phone-camera lovers need to note a new danger that has recently _____
 - a. come to lights
 - b. come to right
 - c. come to light
 - d. come to rights
- 2) This new life-threatening hazard has sprung up in the _____
 - a. passed few years
 - b. past few years
 - c. parsed few years
 - d. paste few years
- 3) It is also proving to be twice as lethal as being killed _____
 - a. by the shark
 - b. by a shark
 - c. by sharks
 - d. bye a shark
- 4) take a photo of yourself in front of a world-famous site or to strike _____
 - a. a pose and pout
 - b. a pose and spout
 - c. a pose and put
 - d. a pose and part
- 5) It has been reported that so far this year, 12 people have died as a _____
 - a. result off trying
 - b. result by trying
 - c. result for trying
 - d. result of trying
- 6) Selfie-related accidents can happen in all manner _____
 - a. of circumstantial
 - b. of circumstance
 - c. of circumstances
 - d. of sir come stances
- 7) They include two Russian men who were killed while taking a selfie with _____
 - a. a handy grenade
 - b. a hand grenade
 - c. a hands grenade
 - d. a handed grenade
- 8) three Indian students who were killed by an oncoming train while taking selfies _____
 - a. on train tracks
 - b. on train track
 - c. on train tacks
 - d. on train tack
- 9) The latest death came last month when a Japanese tourist died falling _____
 - a. down the stair
 - b. down the spares
 - c. down the snares
 - d. down the stairs
- 10) in July, there were, "dozens of selfie-related deaths" _____
 - a. in Russia alone
 - b. in Russia a lone
 - c. in Russia lonesome
 - d. in Russia lonely

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1509/150926-selfies.html>

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Selfie-related accidents can happen (7) _____ circumstances. The website Wikipedia.com has detailed the twelve deaths seen this year. They include two Russian men (8) _____ while taking a selfie with a hand grenade; three Indian students who were killed by (9) _____ while taking selfies on train tracks; and an American woman who fell to her death while taking a selfie with her boyfriend (10) _____ South Africa. The latest death came last month when a Japanese tourist died falling down the stairs while trying to get (11) _____ at the Taj Mahal in India. There may be more. A Russian government spokeswoman told reporters that in July, there were, "dozens of (12) _____" in Russia alone.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1509/150926-selfies.html>

1. Who, besides travellers, needs to note a new danger?

2. How common in our life is this new danger?

3. How many times as lethal as shark attacks are deaths due to selfies?

4. Who does the article say people strike a pose with?

5. How many people died in 2015 from unprovoked shark attacks?

6. What website detailed the selfie deaths?

7. What were two Russian men taking a selfie with?

8. Where did three Indian students die?

9. What did an American woman fall to her death from?

10. At what world-famous site did a Japanese tourist die?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1509/150926-selfies.html>

1. Who, besides travellers, needs to note a new danger?
 - a) shark experts
 - b) tour guides
 - c) scared people
 - d) camera-phone lovers
2. How common in our life is this new danger?
 - a) not at all common
 - b) it's ubiquitous
 - c) quite common
 - d) not so common
3. How many times as lethal as shark attacks are deaths due to selfies?
 - a) 5
 - b) 4
 - c) 3
 - d) 2
4. Who does the article say people strike a pose with?
 - a) poseurs
 - b) sharks
 - c) friends
 - d) tourists
5. How many people died in 2015 from unprovoked shark attacks?
 - a) 9
 - b) 8
 - c) 7
 - d) 6
6. What website detailed the selfie deaths?
 - a) MSN
 - b) BBC.com
 - c) Wikipedia
 - d) Google
7. What were two Russian men taking a selfie with?
 - a) a hand grenade
 - b) a tank
 - c) a rifle
 - d) a missile
8. Where did three Indian students die?
 - a) in a shopping mall
 - b) in a university
 - c) on train tracks
 - d) on the beach
9. What did an American woman fall to her death from?
 - a) the roof of her house
 - b) a cliff
 - c) a tower
 - d) a shopping mall
10. At what world-famous site did a Japanese tourist die?
 - a) Taj Mahal
 - b) Eiffel Tower
 - c) Sydney Opera House
 - d) Empire State Building

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Selfies

You think selfies are the best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): wedding photos, photos of nature or photos of food.

Role B – Wedding photos

You think wedding photos are the best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): selfies, photos of nature or photos of food.

Role C – Photos of nature

You think photos of nature are the best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): wedding photos, selfies or photos of food.

Role D – Photos of food

You think photos of food are the best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): wedding photos, photos of nature or selfies.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1509/150926-selfies.html>

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

phone	camera
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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">• note• past• twice• love• site• 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• manner• hand• tracks• cliff• more• alone
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SELFIES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about selfies 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.

SELFIES DISCUSSION

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

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'selfie'?
- 3) What do you think about what you read?
- 4) How important are selfies to you?
- 5) What's the favourite photo you have of yourself?
- 6) Why is the world selfie-crazy?
- 7) What safety instructions should be on selfie sticks ?
- 8) Should selfie sticks be banned?
- 9) How dangerous are selfies?
- 10) Do you like photos of yourself?

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SELFIES 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 the idea of a selfie stick?
- 13) What do you think when you see people with selfie sticks?
- 14) What do you think of the selfie deaths reported on Wikipedia?
- 15) Are there places you should never take selfies?
- 16) Who would you like to have a selfie with, and why?
- 17) Are selfies better than taking photos of other people?
- 18) Where would you like a photo of yourself?
- 19) Why have some places banned selfie sticks?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask a selfie-stick maker?

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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Selfie-related accidents can happen in (7) _____ manner of circumstances. The website Wikipedia.com has detailed the twelve deaths seen this year. They include two Russian men who were killed (8) _____ taking a selfie with a hand grenade; three Indian students who were killed by an (9) _____ train while taking selfies on train tracks; and an American woman who fell to her (10) _____ while taking a selfie with her boyfriend on a cliff in South Africa. The latest death came last month when a Japanese tourist died falling down the stairs while trying to get a (11) _____ of himself at the Taj Mahal in India. There may be more. A Russian government spokeswoman told reporters that in July, there were, "dozens of selfie-related deaths" in Russia (12) _____.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) noted | (b) note | (c) notation | (d) notary |
| 2. | (a) spring | (b) sprung | (c) sprang | (d) springs |
| 3. | (a) is | (b) was | (c) has | (d) as |
| 4. | (a) post | (b) pose | (c) posh | (d) posit |
| 5. | (a) to | (b) in | (c) at | (d) by |
| 6. | (a) because | (b) for | (c) due | (d) by |
| 7. | (a) every | (b) whole | (c) all | (d) both |
| 8. | (a) which | (b) whichever | (c) while | (d) however |
| 9. | (a) outgoing | (b) came | (c) arrival | (d) oncoming |
| 10. | (a) dying | (b) dead | (c) die | (d) death |
| 11. | (a) shot | (b) shoot | (c) shout | (d) spot |
| 12. | (a) lonely | (b) loner | (c) alone | (d) lone |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. life-threatening dzhraa
2. a tsubuiiuoq part of life
3. twice as ahlte
4. potential new mceena
5. This moarepsc to just six
6. due to rkdoevoupn shark attacks

Paragraph 2

7. in all manner of massicncrcute
8. a hand dneaerg
9. killed by an mngocino train
10. a Japanese itotsru
11. veegrnotmn spokeswoman
12. noeszd of selfie-related deaths

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

()	grenade; three Indian students who were killed by an oncoming train while taking selfies on train
()	threatening hazard has sprung up in the past few years and is now a ubiquitous part
()	Selfie-related accidents can happen in all manner of circumstances. The website Wikipedia.com has detailed
()	in South Africa. The latest death came last month when a Japanese tourist died falling down the stairs while
()	the twelve deaths seen this year. They include two Russian men who were killed while taking a selfie with a hand
()	of life. It is also proving to be twice as lethal as being killed by a shark. What is this potential new
()	famous site or to strike a pose and pout with a friend has resulted in more deaths in 2015 than shark attacks. It has
()	to just six deaths due to unprovoked shark attacks.
()	tracks; and an American woman who fell to her death while taking a selfie with her boyfriend on a cliff
()	spokeswoman told reporters that in July, there were, "dozens of selfie-related deaths" in Russia alone.
(1)	Travellers and phone-camera lovers need to note a new danger that has recently come to light. This new life-
()	been reported that so far this year, 12 people have died as a result of trying to take a selfie. This compares
()	trying to get a shot of himself at the Taj Mahal in India. There may be more. A Russian government
()	menace? Well, it is the selfie. Yes – love 'em or hate 'em, the desire to take a photo of yourself in front of a world-

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. light Note a new danger that has recently come to .

2. new threatening sprung This - has life hazard up .

3. as It proving twice also be lethal is to .

4. in Take world yourself a of site of photo famous front a - .

5. of as People a trying a have selfie to result died take .

6. all Accidents manner can of happen circumstances in .

7. taking with grenade while selfie hand Killed a a .

8. killed oncoming Indian were an Three who by train students .

9. A down Japanese the tourist stairs died falling .

10. alone Russia in deaths related - selfie of dozens were There .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1509/150926-selfies.html>

Travellers and phone-camera *lovers / lovelies* need to note a new danger that has recently come to *dark / light*. This new life-threatening hazard has sprung *up / down* in the past few years and is now a ubiquitous *part / partner* of life. It is also proving to be twice as *lethally / lethal* as being killed by a shark. What is this potential new menace? Well, it is the selfie. Yes – love 'em or hate 'em, the desire to *fake / take* a photo of yourself in front of a world-famous site or to *strike / stake* a pose and pout with a friend has resulted *on / in* more deaths in 2015 than shark attacks. It has been reported that so far *this / that* year, 12 people have died as a result of trying to take a selfie. This compares to just six deaths due *to / for* unprovoked shark attacks.

Selfie-related accidents can *happening / happen* in all manner *for / of* circumstances. The website Wikipedia.com has detailed the twelve deaths seen this year. They *include / including* two Russian men who were killed while taking a selfie with a *hand / handy* grenade; three Indian students who were killed by an oncoming train while taking selfies on train *tracks / tacks*; and an American woman who fell *for / to* her death while taking a selfie with her boyfriend on a *cleft / cliff* in South Africa. The latest death came last month when a Japanese tourist died *falling / fallen* down the stairs while trying to get a *short / shot* of himself at the Taj Mahal in India. There may be more. A Russian government spokeswoman told reporters that in July, there were, "dozens of selfie-related deaths" in Russia *alone / lonely*.

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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Tr_v_ll_rs _nd ph_n_-c_m_r_ l_v_rs n__d t_ n_t_ _
n_w d_ng_r th_t h_s r_c ntly c_m_ t_ l_gh_t. Th_s n_w
l_f_-thr__t_n ng h_z_r_d h_s spr_ng _p_n th_ p_st f_w
y__rs _nd _s n_w _ _b_q__t__s p_rt _f_l_f_. _t_s _l_s_
pr_v_ng t_ b_ tw_c_ _s l_th_l_ _s b__ng k_ll_d by _
sh_rk. Wh_t _s th_s p_t_nt__l_n_w m_n_c_? W_ll, _t_s
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d_t_l_d th_ tw_lv_ d__th_s s__n th_s y__r. Th_y
_ncl_d_ tw_ R_ss__n m_n wh_ w_r_ k_ll_d wh_l_
t_k_ng _s_l_f__ w_th _ h_nd gr_n_d; thr__ _nd__n
st_d_nts wh_ w_r_ k_ll_d by _n _nc_m_ng tr__n wh_l_
t_k_ng s_l_f__s _n tr__n tr_cks; _nd _n _m_r_c_n
w_m_n wh_ f_ll_t_ h_r_d__th wh_l_ t_k_ng _s_l_f__
w_th h_r_b_yfr__nd _n _cl_ff _n S__th _fr_c_. Th_
l_t_st d__th c_m_l_st m_nth wh_n _ J_p_n_s_t__r_st
d__d_f_ll_ng d_wn th_ st__rs wh_l_ try_ng t_ g_t _
sh_t _f h_ms_lf _t th_ T_j M_h_l _n _nd___. Th_r_ m_y
b_ m_r_. _ R_ss__n g_v_rnm_nt sp_k_sw_m_n t_ld
r_p_r_t_rs th_t _n J_ly, th_r_ w_r_, "d_z_ns _f s_l_f__-
r_l_t_d d__th_s" _n R_ss__l_n_.

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

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

4. BANNED: Write a magazine article about banning selfie sticks. 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 selfies. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three ideas on how to make taking selfies safer. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. note | a. consider |
| 2. hazard | b. danger |
| 3. ubiquitous | c. very common |
| 4. lethal | d. deadly |
| 5. resulted in | e. lead to |
| 6. circumstances | f. situations |
| 7. death | g. end |
| 8. latest | h. most recent |
| 9. reporters | i. journalists |
| 10. alone | j. exclusively |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Phone-camera lovers
2. It's ubiquitous (very common)
3. 2
4. Friends
5. 6
6. Wikipedia
7. A hand grenade
8. On train tracks
9. A cliff
10. The Taj Mahal

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. d 2. b 3. d 4. c 5. d 6. c 7. a 8. c 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 ;-)