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Families get government help with housework

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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1704/170424-household-help.html>

Working families in two towns in Germany will get government help with the housework. The towns are in the German state of Baden-Wuerttemberg. The government decided to test a new project to help people, especially women, who work overtime. The plan is to give vouchers to employees who work extra hours. The employees can use the vouchers to get help with the housework, such as cleaning, laundry, ironing, vacuuming and dusting. The idea behind the project is to help support family life and to reduce the shadow economy. The shadow economy is when people pay for goods and services in cash but do not pay tax on them. This means the government loses a lot of money.

Government spokesman Christian Rauch explained more about the project. He said: "Our experience shows that well-qualified women work fewer hours than they would like because they want to carry out household duties in addition to family responsibilities. If these women increase their working hours by five to ten hours and receive a voucher from us, they can afford quality help with the housework." He added that the new system would also create more jobs for people in the household-help industry and create more tax for the government. Another spokesman, Dr. Ralf Kleindiek, said: "With professional help in the home, it is easier to balance work and family life."

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WARM-UPS

1. HOUSEWORK: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about housework. 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?

working / families / housework / project / vouchers / laundry / support / cash / tax
spokesman / experience / duties / quality / system / industry / professional / balance

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

3. SUPPORT: Students A **strongly** believe the government should help families with the housework; Students B **strongly** believe that is silly. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. HOUSEWORK DUTIES: How can we make housework duties more fun? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Idea 1	Idea 2	Idea 3
Laundry			
Dusting			
Vacuuming			
Washing dishes			
Ironing			
Cleaning toilets			

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

6. DUTIES: Rank these with your partner. Put the worst housework duties at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- laundry
- ironing
- washing dishes
- dusting
- vacuuming
- cleaning
- cooking
- house repairs

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1704/170424-household-help.html>

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

- a. Families all across Germany will get government help with housework. **T / F**
- b. The new project is especially aimed at men. **T / F**
- c. The government also wants to get people to pay more tax. **T / F**
- d. The shadow economy helps the government to get more money. **T / F**
- e. A spokesman said well-qualified women want to work less. **T / F**
- f. Women need to work an extra five to ten hours to get a voucher. **T / F**
- g. The new system will help to create more jobs. **T / F**
- h. A spokesman said the project will help to balance work and family life. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. help | a. lower |
| 2. especially | b. do |
| 3. employees | c. particularly |
| 4. laundry | d. make |
| 5. reduce | e. washing |
| 6. explained | f. responsibilities |
| 7. carry out | g. assistance |
| 8. duties | h. described |
| 9. create | i. paid |
| 10. professional | j. workers |

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

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. give vouchers to employees who | a. economy |
| 2. laundry, ironing, vacuuming | b. duties |
| 3. shadow | c. a lot of money |
| 4. people pay for goods and services | d. for the government |
| 5. This means the government loses | e. by five to ten hours |
| 6. carry out household | f. work extra hours |
| 7. increase their working hours | g. work and family life |
| 8. they can afford quality | h. in cash |
| 9. create more tax | i. help with the housework |
| 10. it is easier to balance | j. and dusting |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1704/170424-household-help.html>

Working families in two towns in Germany will get government (1) _____ with the housework. The towns are in the German state of Baden-Wuerttemberg. The government decided to (2) _____ a new project to help people, (3) _____ women, who work overtime. The plan is to give vouchers to employees who work (4) _____ hours. The employees can use the vouchers to get help with the housework, such as cleaning, (5) _____, ironing, vacuuming and dusting. The idea behind the (6) _____ is to help support family life and to reduce the shadow economy. The shadow economy is when people pay for (7) _____ and services in cash but do not pay tax on them. This means the government (8) _____ a lot of money.

project
test
loses
extra
help
goods
laundry
especially

Government spokesman Christian Rauch (9) _____ more about the project. He said: "Our (10) _____ shows that well-qualified women work fewer hours than they would like because they want to carry out household duties in (11) _____ to family responsibilities. If these women increase their working hours by five to ten hours and receive a voucher from us, they can (12) _____ quality help with the housework." He added that the new (13) _____ would also create more jobs for people in the household-help (14) _____ and create more tax for the government. Another spokesman, Dr. Ralf Kleindiek, said: "With professional (15) _____ in the home, it is easier to (16) _____ work and family life."

experience
system
explained
balance
afford
help
addition
industry

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1704/170424-household-help.html>

- 1) a new project to help people, especially women, who _____
 - a. works overtime
 - b. worker over time
 - c. work overtime
 - d. work over time
- 2) The plan is to give vouchers to employees who _____
 - a. work extra hour
 - b. work extra hours
 - c. work extra hourly
 - d. work extra hourlong
- 3) help with the housework, such as cleaning, laundry, ironing, vacuuming _____
 - a. and dusting
 - b. and busting
 - c. and gusting
 - d. and ousting
- 4) The idea behind the project is to help support family life and to reduce _____
 - a. the shadows economy
 - b. the shadow economy
 - c. the shadowed economy
 - d. the shadowy economy
- 5) when people pay for goods and services in cash but do _____ them
 - a. not paid tax on
 - b. not payee tax on
 - c. not pays tax on
 - d. not pay tax on
- 6) Government spokesman Christian Rauch explained more _____
 - a. about the projected
 - b. about the projects
 - c. about the project
 - d. about the projection
- 7) work fewer hours than they would like because they want to carry _____
 - a. out household duty
 - b. out household duties
 - c. out household beauties
 - d. out household beauty
- 8) increase their working hours by five to ten hours and _____
 - a. receive the voucher
 - b. receive a voucher
 - c. receives a voucher
 - d. received a voucher
- 9) the new system would also create more jobs for people in the _____ industry
 - a. household-helps
 - b. household-help
 - c. household-helping
 - d. household-helper
- 10) With professional help in the home, it is easier to balance work _____
 - a. and family rife
 - b. and family lively
 - c. and family live
 - d. and family life

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Working (1) _____ towns in Germany will get government help with the housework. The towns are in the German state of Baden-Wuerttemberg. The government decided (2) _____ project to help people, especially women, who work overtime. (3) _____ give vouchers to employees who work extra hours. The employees can use the vouchers to get help with the housework, such as cleaning, laundry, (4) _____ and dusting. The idea behind the project is to help support family life and (5) _____ shadow economy. The shadow economy is when people pay for goods and services in cash but do not pay tax on them. This means the government (6) _____ money.

Government spokesman Christian Rauch (7) _____ the project. He said: "Our experience shows that well-qualified women work fewer hours than they would like because they (8) _____ household duties (9) _____ family responsibilities. If these women increase their working hours by five to ten hours and receive a voucher from us, they (10) _____ help with the housework." He added that the new system (11) _____ more jobs for people in the household-help industry and create more tax for the government. Another spokesman, Dr. Ralf Kleindiek, said: "With professional help in the home, it is easier to (12) _____ family life."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1704/170424-household-help.html>

1. How many German towns are trying out the new project?
2. Who in particular do officials want to help with this project?
3. What can employees exchange for help with the housework?
4. What does the government hope to reduce with the project?
5. What does the article say the government loses a lot of?
6. Who is Christian Rauch?
7. What do well-qualified women want to do instead of working more hours?
8. How many hours longer should women work to get a voucher?
9. What will the new project create besides more taxes?
10. What will the project mean people can balance work with?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1704/170424-household-help.html>

- 1) How many German towns are trying out the new project?
 - a) one
 - b) two
 - c) three
 - d) four
- 2) Who in particular do officials want to help with this project?
 - a) fathers
 - b) older people
 - c) younger people
 - d) women
- 3) What can employees exchange for help with the housework?
 - a) tax cuts
 - b) food
 - c) vouchers
 - d) money
- 4) What does the government hope to reduce with the project?
 - a) the shadow economy
 - b) money
 - c) tax
 - d) goods and services
- 5) What does the article say the government loses a lot of?
 - a) women
 - b) tax
 - c) payment
 - d) workers
- 6) Who is Christian Rauch?
 - a) a government spokesman
 - b) the project leader
 - c) a tax specialist
 - d) a lawyer
- 7) What do well-qualified women want to do instead of working more hours?
 - a) study
 - b) exercise
 - c) housework
 - d) drink coffee
- 8) How many hours longer should women work to get a voucher?
 - a) 5 to 10
 - b) 10 to 15
 - c) 15 to 20
 - d) 20 to 25
- 9) What will the new project create besides more taxes?
 - a) happiness
 - b) a strong economy
 - c) a mess
 - d) more jobs
- 10) What will the project mean people can balance work with?
 - a) relaxation
 - b) stress
 - c) family life
 - d) tax

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Laundry

You think laundry is the worst household duty. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their duties are great fun. Also, tell the others which is the most exciting of these (and why): dusting, vacuuming or ironing.

Role B – Dusting

You think dusting is the worst household duty. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their duties are great fun. Also, tell the others which is the most exciting of these (and why): laundry, vacuuming or ironing.

Role C – Vacuuming

You think vacuuming is the worst household duty. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their duties are great fun. Also, tell the others which is the most exciting of these (and why): dusting, laundry or ironing.

Role D – Ironing

You think ironing is the worst household duty. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their duties are great fun. Also, tell the others which is the most exciting of these (and why): dusting, vacuuming or laundry.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1704/170424-household-help.html>

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

house	work
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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">• towns• new• extra• behind• goods• lot	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• explained• fewer• increase• quality• system• balance
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HOUSEWORK SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about housework 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.

HOUSEWORK 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 'housework'?
3. What do you think of housework?
4. What do you think of the new project?
5. What do you think of people getting paid to do housework?
6. What do you think of doing the laundry?
7. How can governments support family life?
8. What do you think of the shadow economy?
9. Should we pay more tax to the government?
10. Would this voucher system work in your country?

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HOUSEWORK 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 'help'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What housework do you hate doing?
15. Should both people in a marriage share housework equally?
16. What are the good things about doing housework?
17. What housework needs doing in your house right now?
18. How can robots help with the housework?
19. How difficult is it to balance work and family life?
20. What questions would you like to ask the government officials?

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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Government spokesman Christian Rauch explained more about the project. He said: "Our experience shows that (7) ____-qualified women work fewer hours than they would like because they want to carry (8) ____ household duties in addition to family responsibilities. If these women increase their working hours (9) ____ five to ten hours and receive a voucher from (10) _____, they can afford quality help with the housework." He added that the new system would also create more jobs for people in the household-help industry and create more (11) ____ for the government. Another spokesman, Dr. Ralf Kleindiek, said: "With professional help in the home, it is easier (12) ____ balance work and family life."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| 1. | (a) get | (b) getting | (c) got | (d) gets |
| 2. | (a) taste | (b) trust | (c) test | (d) toast |
| 3. | (a) do | (b) is | (c) have | (d) be |
| 4. | (a) has | (b) was | (c) is | (d) as |
| 5. | (a) reduce | (b) low | (c) smaller | (d) less |
| 6. | (a) this | (b) that | (c) they | (d) them |
| 7. | (a) great | (b) well | (c) nice | (d) good |
| 8. | (a) off | (b) in | (c) up | (d) out |
| 9. | (a) at | (b) of | (c) by | (d) in |
| 10. | (a) we | (b) us | (c) they | (d) them |
| 11. | (a) tax | (b) taxis | (c) taxi | (d) taxed |
| 12. | (a) of | (b) by | (c) to | (d) for |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. test a new ocrjetp
2. help people, lyslpiecae women
3. eopmeesyl who work extra hours
4. use the rhouecsv to get help
5. cleaning, nrdaly, ironing, vacuuming and dusting
6. help ptsopur family life

Paragraph 2

7. well-dfaleiiuq women
8. carry out household eiutsd
9. in aidtonid to family responsibilities
10. they can afford atliuqy help
11. in the household-help iusnrddy
12. it is easier to aelcanb work and family life

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () with the housework." He added that the new system would also create more jobs for
- () in the German state of Baden-Wuerttemberg. The government decided to test a new project to help
- (**1**) Working families in two towns in Germany will get government help with the housework. The towns are
- () cash but do not pay tax on them. This means the government loses a lot of money.
- () hours. The employees can use the vouchers to get help with the housework, such as cleaning, laundry, ironing,
- () Government spokesman Christian Rauch explained more about the project. He said: "Our experience shows that well-
- () economy. The shadow economy is when people pay for goods and services in
- () out household duties in addition to family responsibilities. If these women increase their working hours by five
- () vacuuming and dusting. The idea behind the project is to help support family life and to reduce the shadow
- () people, especially women, who work overtime. The plan is to give vouchers to employees who work extra
- () spokesman, Dr. Ralf Kleindiek, said: "With professional help in the home, it is easier to balance work and family life."
- () qualified women work fewer hours than they would like because they want to carry
- () people in the household-help industry and create more tax for the government. Another
- () to ten hours and receive a voucher from us, they can afford quality help

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. project new a test to decided government The .
2. vouchers the to housework get Use help the with .
3. project is to help support family life The idea behind the .
4. cash in services and goods for Pay tax pay not do but .
5. the of government money loses This a means lot .
6. fewer like hours Qualified than women they work would .
7. hours their by ten increase hours to Women working five .
8. create for new also jobs The would more people system .
9. the create government more Help tax industry for and .
10. It work is and easier family to life balance .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1704/170424-household-help.html>

Working families *in / on* two towns in Germany will get government help with *them / the* housework. The towns are in the German state of Baden-Wuerttemberg. The government *decide / decided* to test a new project to help people, *especially / special* women, who work overtime. The plan is to give vouchers to *employees / employs* who work extra hours. The employees can use the vouchers to *be / get* help with the housework, such as cleaning, laundry, ironing, vacuuming and *rusting / dusting*. The idea behind the project is to help *support / supporting* family life and to reduce the shadow economy. The shadow economy is when people pay for goods and services *in / on* cash but do not pay tax on them. This means the government loses *the / a* lot of money.

Government spokesman Christian Rauch *explained / explanation* more about the project. He said: "Our experience *shown / shows* that well-qualified women work *fewer / further* hours than they would like because they want to carry out household duties *on / in* addition to family responsibilities. If these women increase *their / them* working hours by five to ten hours and receive a voucher from us, they can afford *qualify / quality* help with the housework." He added that the *new / news* system would also create more jobs for people in the household-help *industry / industrial* and create more tax for the government. *Other / Another* spokesman, Dr. Ralf Kleindiek, said: "With professional help in the home, it is easier to balance work and family *live / life*."

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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W_rk_ng f_m_l__s _n tw_ t_wns _n G_rm_ny w_ll g_t
g_v_rnm_nt h_lp w_th th_ h__s_w_rk. Th_ t_wns _r__n
th_ G_rm_n st_t_ _f B_d_n-W__rtt_m_b_rg. Th_
g_v_rnm_nt d_c_d_d t_ t_st _n_w pr_j_ct t_ h_lp
p__pl_, _sp_c__lly w_m_n, wh_ w_rk _v_r_t_m_. Th_
pl_n _s t_ g_v_ v__ch_rs t_ _mpl_y__s wh_ w_rk _xtr_
h__rs. Th_ _mpl_y__s c_n _s_ th_ v__ch_rs t_ g_t h_lp
w_th th_ h__s_w_rk, s_ch _s cl__n_ng, l__ndry,
_r_n_ng, v_c__m_ng _nd d_st_ng. Th_ _d__ b_h_nd
th_ pr_j_ct _s t_ h_lp s_pp_r_t f_m_ly l_f_ _nd t_
r_d_c_ th_ sh_d_w _c_n my. Th_ sh_d_w _c_n my _s
wh_n p__pl_ p_y f_r g__ds _nd s_rv_c_s _n c_sh b_t
d_n_t p_y t_x _n th_m. Th_s m__ns th_ g_v_rnm_nt
l_s_s _l_t_f m_n_y.

G_v_rnm_nt sp_k_sm_n Chr_st__n R__ch _xpl__n_d
m_r_ _b__t th_ pr_j_ct. H_ s__d: "_r_xp_r__nc_
sh_ws th_t w_ll-q__l_f__d w_m_n w_rk f_w_r h__rs
th_n th_y w__ld l_k_ b_c__s_ th_y w_nt t_ c_rry __t
h__s_h_ld d_t__s _n _dd_t__n t_ f_m_ly
r_sp_ns_b_l_t__s. _f th_s_ w_m_n _ncr__s_ th__r
w_rk_ng h__rs by f_v_ t_ t_n h__rs _nd r_c__v__
v__ch_r fr_m _s, th_y c_n _ff_r_d q__l_ty h_lp w_th th_
h__s_w_rk." H_ _dd_d th_t th_ n_w syst_m w__ld _ls_
cr__t_ m_r_ j_bs f_r p__pl_ _n th_ h__s_h_ld-h_lp
_nd_stry _nd cr__t_ m_r_ t_x f_r th_ g_v_rnm_nt.
_n th_r sp_k_sm_n, Dr. R_lf Kl__nd__k, s__d: "W_th
pr_f_ss__n_l h_lp _n th_ h_m_, _t _s __s__r_t_
b_l_nc_w_rk _nd f_m_ly l_f_."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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Write about **housework** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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

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

4. PAID JOB: Write a magazine article about housework being a paid job. 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 housework. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how we can make housework easier. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. help | a. assistance |
| 2. especially | b. particularly |
| 3. employees | c. workers |
| 4. laundry | d. washing |
| 5. reduce | e. lower |
| 6. explained | f. described |
| 7. carry out | g. do |
| 8. duties | h. responsibilities |
| 9. create | i. make |
| 10. professional | j. paid |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Two
2. Women
3. Vouchers
4. The shadow economy
5. Tax
6. A government spokesman
7. Household duties
8. Five to ten
9. More jobs
10. Family life

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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 ;-)