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Tanzania's president advises against birth control

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180916-birth-control.html>

Tanzania's President John Magufuli has advised women in his country to stop taking birth control pills. He said the reason was because Tanzania needed more people and the country was now wealthy enough to feed and educate many children. President Magufuli said: "Women can now give up contraceptive methods." He supported his argument by citing the example of European countries that he says are struggling to find enough workers because people use different methods of birth control. He told reporters: "I have traveled to Europe and I have seen the effects of birth control. In some countries they are now struggling with a declining population. They have no labor force."

President Magufuli accused those of using birth control of laziness. He said: "Those going for family planning are lazy. They are afraid they will not be able to feed their children. They do not want to work hard to feed a large family and that is why they opt for birth control and end up with one or two children only." He added: "You have cattle. You are big farmers. You can feed your children. Why then resort to birth control? I see no reason to control births in Tanzania". One politician pointed out the fact that Tanzania does not help large families. He said: "Our health insurance schemes can only accommodate a maximum of four children from one family."

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WARM-UPS

1. BIRTH CONTROL: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about birth control. 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?

birth control / reason / feed / educate / contraceptive / example / Europe / effects / control / laziness / work hard / family / children / farmers / cattle / politician / health

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

3. FAMILY: Students A **strongly** believe large families are better; Students B **strongly** believe small families are better. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. CHILDREN: What are the good and bad things about having the number of children below? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good Things	Bad Things
0		
1		
2		
3		
4		
8		

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

6. RAISING CHILDREN: Rank these with your partner. Put the hardest things about raising at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- cost
- noise
- messy rooms
- loud music
- less space
- weddings
- teenage years
- worry

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 1. advised | a. Mentioning something as an example. |
| 2. pills | b. Having a great deal of money, resources, or assets; rich. |
| 3. wealthy | c. A small round mass of solid medicine to be swallowed whole. |
| 4. contraceptive | d. Becoming smaller, fewer, or less; decreasing. |
| 5. citing | e. Offered suggestions about the best course of action for someone to take. |
| 6. struggling | f. A method, pill or device to stop a woman becoming pregnant. |
| 7. declining | g. Having difficulty in achieving or attaining something in the face of difficulty or resistance. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. accused | h. Cows. |
| 9. feed | i. A large-scale plan or arrangement for reaching some particular object or putting a particular idea into effect. |
| 10. opt | j. Turn to and use a strategy or course of action, especially a difficult one, to make a difficult situation go away. |
| 11. cattle | k. Give food to a baby, family, pet, animal, fish, etc. |
| 12. resort to | l. Fit in with the wishes or needs of someone. |
| 13. schemes | m. Claimed that someone has done something wrong. |
| 14. accommodate | n. Make a choice from a range of possibilities. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180916-birth-control.html>

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

- a. Tanzania's president wants women to avoid birth control pills. **T / F**
- b. Tanzania's president said his country needed more people. **T / F**
- c. Tanzania's president said Europe is suffering because of birth control. **T / F**
- d. Tanzania's president has never been to Europe. **T / F**
- e. Tanzania's president said people were lazy if they used birth control. **T / F**
- f. Tanzania's president said people no longer had cattle. **T / F**
- g. Tanzania's president said he could see a few reasons for birth control. **T / F**
- h. A politician said Tanzania had health insurance for families of all sizes. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. advised | a. turn |
| 2. wealthy | b. consequences |
| 3. struggling | c. rich |
| 4. effects | d. charged |
| 5. declining | e. help |
| 6. accused | f. choose |
| 7. opt | g. recommended |
| 8. resort | h. highlighted |
| 9. pointed out | i. battling |
| 10. accommodate | j. falling |

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

- | | |
|--|-------------------------|
| 1. stop taking birth control | a. of birth control |
| 2. He supported his argument by citing | b. for birth control |
| 3. I have seen the effects | c. force |
| 4. they are now struggling with a | d. their children |
| 5. They have no labor | e. out the fact |
| 6. family | f. pills |
| 7. they will not be able to feed | g. of four children |
| 8. that is why they opt | h. declining population |
| 9. One politician pointed | i. planning |
| 10. accommodate a maximum | j. the example |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180916-birth-control.html>

Tanzania's President John Magufuli has (1) _____ women in his country to stop taking birth control (2) _____. He said the reason was because Tanzania needed more people and the country was now wealthy enough to (3) _____ and educate many children. President Magufuli said: "Women can now give up contraceptive methods." He supported his argument by (4) _____ the example of European countries that he says are struggling to find enough workers because people use different (5) _____ of birth control. He told reporters: "I have traveled to Europe and I have seen the (6) _____ of birth control. In some countries they are now (7) _____ with a declining population. They have no labor (8) _____."

feed
force
citing
struggling
advised
pills
effects
methods

President Magufuli (9) _____ those of using birth control of laziness. He said: "Those going for family planning are (10) _____. They are afraid they will not be able to feed their children. They do not want to work hard to feed a large family and that is why they (11) _____ for birth control and (12) _____ up with one or two children only." He added: "You have (13) _____. You are big farmers. You can feed your children. Why then (14) _____ to birth control? I see no reason to control births in Tanzania". One politician (15) _____ out the fact that Tanzania does not help large families. He said: "Our health insurance schemes can only accommodate a (16) _____ of four children from one family."

end
lazy
cattle
pointed
opt
maximum
accused
resort

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180916-birth-control.html>

- 1) Magufuli has advised women in his country to stop taking _____
 - a. birth control pill
 - b. birth control spills
 - c. birth control piles
 - d. birth control pills
- 2) the country was now wealthy enough to feed and _____
 - a. educates many children
 - b. educate many children
 - c. educated many children
 - d. educating many children
- 3) He supported his argument by _____ of European countries
 - a. citing the example
 - b. sighting the example
 - c. sighing the example
 - d. sitting the example
- 4) struggling to find enough workers because people use different methods _____
 - a. of birth controls
 - b. of birth controller
 - c. of birth control
 - d. of birth controlled
- 5) In some countries they are now struggling with a _____
 - a. decline in population
 - b. decline population
 - c. declining population
 - d. declining in population
- 6) They are afraid they will not be able to _____
 - a. fed their children
 - b. freed their children
 - c. feud their children
 - d. feed their children
- 7) work hard to feed a large family and that is why they _____ control
 - a. opt for birth
 - b. adopt for birth
 - c. popped for birth
 - d. hopped for birth
- 8) You are big farmers. You can feed your children. Why then _____ control?
 - a. retort to birth
 - b. report to birth
 - c. revert to birth
 - d. resort to birth
- 9) One politician pointed out the fact that Tanzania does _____ families
 - a. not help largely
 - b. not help large
 - c. not help largesse
 - d. not help enlarge
- 10) Our health insurance schemes can only accommodate a maximum _____
 - a. of for children
 - b. of four children
 - c. of foul children
 - d. of fowl children

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180916-birth-control.html>

Tanzania's President John Magufuli has (1) _____ his country to stop taking birth control pills. He said the reason was because Tanzania needed more people and the country was (2) _____ to feed and educate many children. President Magufuli said: "Women can now give up contraceptive methods." He supported his (3) _____ the example of European countries that he says (4) _____ find enough workers because people use different methods of birth control. He told reporters: "I have traveled to Europe and I have (5) _____ of birth control. In some countries they are now struggling with a declining population. They have (6) _____."

President Magufuli (7) _____ using birth control of laziness. He said: "Those going for family planning are lazy. They are afraid they will not be (8) _____ their children. They do not want to work hard to feed a large family and that is why they (9) _____ control and end up with one or two children only." He added: "You have cattle. You are big farmers. You can feed your children. Why (10) _____ birth control? I see no reason to control births in Tanzania". One politician pointed (11) _____ that Tanzania does not help large families. He said: "Our health insurance schemes can only accommodate (12) _____ four children from one family."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180916-birth-control.html>

1. What method of birth control did the president want women to stop?
2. What did the president say Tanzania needed more of?
3. Where did the president say was struggling to find workers?
4. What did the president say he'd seen the effects of in Europe?
5. What did the president say was declining in Europe?
6. What did the president accuse people who used birth control of?
7. What did the president say people were afraid of not being able to do?
8. What did the president say Tanzanian people had?
9. Who said Tanzania does not help large families?
10. How many children per family does Tanzania's health insurance help?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180916-birth-control.html>

- 1) What method of birth control did the president want women to stop?
 - a) any method
 - b) the rhythm method
 - c) the pill
 - d) abstinence
- 2) What did the president say Tanzania needed more of?
 - a) workers
 - b) fields
 - c) cattle
 - d) women
- 3) Where did the president say was struggling to find workers?
 - a) the USA
 - b) Europe
 - c) Africa
 - d) Asia
- 4) What did the president say he'd seen the effects of in Europe?
 - a) immigration
 - b) global warming
 - c) pollution
 - d) birth control
- 5) What did the president say was declining in Europe?
 - a) morals
 - b) wealth
 - c) the population
 - d) crime
- 6) What did the president accuse people who used birth control of?
 - a) stupidity
 - b) laziness
 - c) irresponsibility
 - d) ignorance
- 7) What did the president say people were afraid of not being able to do?
 - a) send children to university
 - b) buy children presents
 - c) have children
 - d) feed their children
- 8) What did the president say Tanzanian people had?
 - a) problems
 - b) cattle
 - c) gold
 - d) pills
- 9) Who said Tanzania does not help large families?
 - a) women
 - b) a politician
 - c) the president
 - d) children
- 10) How many children per family does Tanzania's health insurance help?
 - a) 4
 - b) 5
 - c) 6
 - d) 7

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180916-birth-control.html>

Role A – Cost

You think cost is the hardest thing about raising children. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least hard of these (and why): mess, noise or worry.

Role B – Mess

You think mess is the hardest thing about raising children. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least hard of these (and why): cost, noise or worry.

Role C – Noise

You think noise is the hardest thing about raising children. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least hard of these (and why): mess, cost or worry.

Role D – Worry

You think worry is the hardest thing about raising children. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least hard of these (and why): mess, noise or cost.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180916-birth-control.html>

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

birth	control

- 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">• advised• reason• give• example• traveled• some	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• lazy• work• big• reason• fact• four
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BIRTH CONTROL SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180916-birth-control.html>

Write five GOOD questions about birth control 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.

BIRTH CONTROL 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 'birth'?
3. What do you think of birth control?
4. What's the best number of children to have?
5. Is it becoming more difficult to bring up children?
6. Are there enough people in your country?
7. What problems are caused by declining populations?
8. Is it better to have a large or small family?
9. How can European countries get more workers?
10. How can governments encourage people to have more children?

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BIRTH CONTROL 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 'control'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Is birth control lazy?
15. How sad is it that people worry about feeding their family?
16. Should we grow food ourselves to feed our family?
17. Should governments help any size of family?
18. How many children would you like?
19. Is it better to come from a small or large family?
20. What questions would you like to ask the president?

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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President Magufuli (7) _____ those of using birth control of laziness. He said: "Those going for family planning are lazy. They are afraid they will not be able to feed their children. They do not want to work hard to feed a large family and that is why they (8) _____ for birth control and (9) _____ up with one or two children only." He added: "You have cattle. You are big farmers. You can feed your children. Why then resort (10) _____ birth control? I see no reason to control births in Tanzania". One politician pointed (11) _____ the fact that Tanzania does not help large families. He said: "Our health insurance schemes can only accommodate a maximum (12) _____ four children from one family."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) advising | (b) advisory | (c) advises | (d) advised |
| 2. | (a) reasoned | (b) reasonable | (c) reasons | (d) reason |
| 3. | (a) plenty | (b) enough | (c) all | (d) sufficient |
| 4. | (a) sighting | (b) slighting | (c) citing | (d) sating |
| 5. | (a) inflects | (b) affects | (c) effects | (d) reflects |
| 6. | (a) force | (b) fierce | (c) farce | (d) forks |
| 7. | (a) recluse | (b) accused | (c) fused | (d) accosted |
| 8. | (a) opt | (b) apt | (c) upped | (d) aped |
| 9. | (a) result | (b) end | (c) conclude | (d) terminate |
| 10. | (a) at | (b) on | (c) to | (d) of |
| 11. | (a) in | (b) up | (c) out | (d) at |
| 12. | (a) as | (b) at | (c) to | (d) of |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. the country was now whlayet enough
2. give up ivetatoenccpr methods
3. gtcnij the example
4. emtdhos of birth control
5. they are now ltuggingsr
6. a dgnncilie population

Paragraph 2

7. President Magufuli dcsacue those
8. You have ltetac
9. teosrr to birth control
10. One tnlipcoiai
11. health insurance mhcsee
12. a ammxium of four children

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180916-birth-control.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () only." He added: "You have cattle. You are big farmers. You can feed your children. Why then resort to birth
- () schemes can only accommodate a maximum of four children from one family."
- (**1**) Tanzania's President John Magufuli has advised women in his country to stop taking birth control
- () enough to feed and educate many children. President Magufuli said: "Women can now give up contraceptive
- () now struggling with a declining population. They have no labor force."
- () to Europe and I have seen the effects of birth control. In some countries they are
- () out the fact that Tanzania does not help large families. He said: "Our health insurance
- () President Magufuli accused those of using birth control of laziness. He said: "Those going for family
- () planning are lazy. They are afraid they will not be able to feed their children. They do not want to work
- () find enough workers because people use different methods of birth control. He told reporters: "I have traveled
- () hard to feed a large family and that is why they opt for birth control and end up with one or two children
- () methods." He supported his argument by citing the example of European countries that he says are struggling to
- () pills. He said the reason was because Tanzania needed more people and the country was now wealthy
- () control? I see no reason to control births in Tanzania". One politician pointed

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180916-birth-control.html>

1. women taking to pills . Advised control stop birth
2. enough educate to many Wealthy feed and children .
3. can contraceptive Women up give methods . now
4. that are European he says countries struggling .
5. struggling population . declining with They a now are
6. lazy . going are family for planning Those
7. to children . won't They feed be able their
8. no to I control births . see reason
9. not that The does Tanzania help . fact
10. one maximum of A four family . from children

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180916-birth-control.html>

Tanzania's President John Magufuli has *advised* / *advice* women in his country to stop taking birth control pills. He said the *reasons* / *reason* was because Tanzania needed more people and the country was now *wealth* / *wealthy* enough to feed and educate many children. President Magufuli said: "Women can now *give* / *take* up contraceptive methods." He supported his argument by *citing* / *sighting* the example of European countries that he says are struggling *at* / *to* find enough workers because people use *different* / *difference* methods of birth control. He told reporters: "I have traveled to Europe and I have seen the *affects* / *effects* of birth control. In some countries they are now struggling *at* / *with* a declining population. They have no labor *force* / *farce*."

President Magufuli accused *them* / *those* of using birth control of laziness. He said: "Those *going* / *gone* for family planning are lazy. They are *feared* / *afraid* they will not be able to *feed* / *fed* their children. They do not want to work hard to feed a large family and that is why they *apt* / *opt* for birth control and end up with one or two children *just* / *only*." He added: "You have *cattle* / *kettle*. You are big farmers. You can feed your children. Why then *retort* / *resort* to birth control? I see no reason to control births in Tanzania". One politician pointed out the *fact* / *factual* that Tanzania does not help large families. He said: "Our health insurance *schemes* / *screens* can only accommodate a maximum of four children from one family."

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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T_n z_n__ 's P r_s_d_n t J_h n M_g_f_l_ h_s _d v_s_d
w_m_n _n h_s c__ n t r_y t_ s t_p t_k_n g b_r t h
c_n t r_l p_l l s . H_ s__ d t h_ r__ s_n w_s b_c__
s_ T_n z_n__ n__ d_d m_r_ p__ p l__ n d t h_ c__ n t
r_y w_s n_w w__ l t h y _n__ g h t_ f__ d _n d
_d_c_t_ m_n y c h_l d r_n . P r_s_d_n t M_g_f_l_ s__ d
: " W_m_n c_n n_w g_v_ _p c_n t r_c_p t_v_ m_t
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h_v_ n_ l_b_r f_r c_ . "

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c_n t r_l _f l_z_n_s s . H_ s__ d : " T h_s_ g__ n g
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 . T h_y d_ n_t w_n t t_ w_r k h_r d t_ f__ d _
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180916-birth-control.html>

tanzanias president john magufuli has advised women in his country to stop taking birth control pills he said the reason was because tanzania needed more people and the country was now wealthy enough to feed and educate many children president magufuli said women can now give up contraceptive methods he supported his argument by citing the example of european countries that he says are struggling to find enough workers because people use different methods of birth control he told reporters i have traveled to europe and i have seen the effects of birth control in some countries they are now struggling with a declining population they have no labor force president magufuli accused those of using birth control of laziness he said those going for family planning are lazy they are afraid they will not be able to feed their children they do not want to work hard to feed a large family and that is why they opt for birth control and end up with one or two children only he added you have cattle you are big farmers you can feed your children why then resort to birth control i see no reason to control births in tanzania one politician pointed out the fact that tanzania does not help large families he said our health insurance schemes can only accommodate a maximum of four children from one family

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Tanzania's President John Magufuli has advised women in his country to stop taking birth control pills. He said the reason was because Tanzanians had more people and the country was now wealthy enough to feed and educate many children. President Magufuli said: "Women can now give up contraceptive methods." He supported his argument by citing the example of European countries that he says are struggling to find enough workers because people used different methods of birth control. He told reporters: "I have traveled to Europe and I have seen the effects of birth control. In some countries they are now struggling with a declining population. They have no labor force." President Magufuli accused those of using birth control of laziness. He said: "Those going for family planning are lazy. They are afraid they will not be able to feed their children. They do not want to work hard to feed a large family and that is why they opt for birth control and end up with one or two children only." He added: "You have cattle. You are big farmers. You can feed your children. Why then resort to birth control? Is there any reason to control births in Tanzania". One politician pointed out the fact that Tanzania does not help large families. He said: "Our health insurance schemes can only accommodate a maximum of four children from one family."

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. BIRTH CONTROL: Make a poster about birth control. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. BIG FAMILIES: Write a magazine article about the need for having big families. 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 birth control. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on birth control. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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| 1. advised | a. recommended |
| 2. wealthy | b. rich |
| 3. struggling | c. battling |
| 4. effects | d. consequences |
| 5. declining | e. falling |
| 6. accused | f. charged |
| 7. opt | g. choose |
| 8. resort | h. turn |
| 9. pointed out | i. highlighted |
| 10. accommodate | j. help |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. The (contraceptive) pill
2. People
3. Europe
4. Birth control
5. The population
6. Laziness
7. Feeding their children
8. Cattle
9. A politician
10. Four

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Advised women to stop taking birth control pills.
2. Wealthy enough to feed and educate many children.
3. Women can now give up contraceptive methods.
4. European countries that he says are struggling.
5. They are now struggling with a declining population.
6. Those going for family planning are lazy.
7. They won't be able to feed their children.
8. I see no reason to control births.
9. The fact that Tanzania does not help.
10. A maximum of four children from one family.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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