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Ethiopia's River Nile dam upsets Egypt

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200718-river-nile-dam.html>

A dam on the Blue Nile in Ethiopia is escalating tensions in the region. African Union-led talks between Ethiopia, Egypt and Sudan over the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam broke down on Monday. There are fears that the filling of the dam could lead to armed conflict. Ethiopia is constructing the dam to supply electricity to its rural areas. It is the largest hydroelectric dam in Africa and is two-thirds finished. Ethiopia has started filling the dam, which has raised alarm in Cairo. Egypt views the dam as an "existential threat" and is concerned the dam will reduce its water supplies. Most of Egypt's water comes entirely from the Nile, particularly during times of drought.

The Blue Nile originates in natural springs above Lake Tana in Ethiopia. It supplies the majority of the water for the Nile River. The Blue Nile merges with the White Nile near Khartoum in Sudan. The waterway becomes the River Nile from the point of confluence of the two rivers. Ethiopia calls the dam an "existential necessity". Taxes from Ethiopian citizens have largely paid for the dam. Ethiopia's government says the dam is essential as nearly half the country's population lacks access to electricity. Egypt has said it could share electricity with Ethiopia instead of the dam being used. An Egyptian politician said: "One nation's need for electricity is pinned to another nation's need for water."

Sources: <https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/egypt-ethiopia-nile-dam-sudan-conflict-war-al-sisi-a9620041.html>
<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-02124-8>
<https://www.arabnews.com/node/1705251/middle-east>

WARM-UPS

1. DAMS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about dams. 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?

escalating / tensions / fears / armed / conflict / electricity / rural / existential / threat
natural springs / waterway / necessity / citizen / half / population / dam / politician

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

3. WATER: Students A **strongly** believe the water that flows through a country belongs to that country; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. TENSIONS: What tensions are there between countries because of these things? How could these tensions escalate? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What Tensions Exist?	How Could They Escalate?
Water		
Borders		
Land		
Spying		
Trade		
Internet		

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

6. ELECTRICITY: Rank these with your partner. Put the best ways to get electricity at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- hydroelectric dams
- wind farms
- solar panels
- geothermal energy
- hydroelectric dams
- wind farms
- solar panels
- wave power

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| 1. escalating | a. In, relating to, or characteristic of the countryside rather than the town. |
| 2. tension | b. A very long period of abnormally low rainfall, leading to a shortage of water. |
| 3. armed | c. Becoming or causing to become more intense or serious. |
| 4. conflict | d. A tense and troubled political or social state or relationship. |
| 5. rural | e. A serious disagreement or argument; a battle or war. |
| 6. existential | f. Relating to being alive or being. |
| 7. drought | g. Involving the use of firearms or weapons. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 8. originates | h. The state of being without or not having enough of something. |
| 9. springs | i. The fact of being required. |
| 10. majority | j. The junction or meeting point of two rivers. |
| 11. confluence | k. Has a specified beginning. |
| 12. necessity | l. Attached or fastened. |
| 13. lack | m. A place where water comes up from an underground source. |
| 14. pinned | n. The greater number of. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200718-river-nile-dam.html>

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

- a. A dam on the White Nile is increasing tension in the region. **T / F**
- b. Some people are worried the issue over the dam could result in war. **T / F**
- c. The Ethiopian dam will be the largest hydroelectric dam in Africa. **T / F**
- d. About half of Egypt's water comes from the River Nile. **T / F**
- e. The source of the Blue Nile is in natural springs in Sudan. **T / F**
- f. The Blue Nile merges with the White Nile near Cairo. **T / F**
- g. Ethiopia's taxpayers have paid for most of the hydroelectric dam. **T / F**
- h. Ethiopia said it could share its electricity with Egypt. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. escalating | a. anxiety |
| 2. broke down | b. meeting |
| 3. conflict | c. bulk |
| 4. alarm | d. collapsed |
| 5. entirely | e. attached |
| 6. originates | f. wholly |
| 7. majority | g. increasing |
| 8. confluence | h. crucial |
| 9. essential | i. war |
| 10. pinned | j. starts |

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

- | | |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1. A dam on the Blue Nile in Ethiopia is escalating | a. threat |
| 2. the filling of the dam could lead to armed | b. of the two rivers |
| 3. supply electricity to its rural | c. of drought |
| 4. Egypt views the dam as an existential | d. springs |
| 5. particularly during times | e. tensions in the region |
| 6. The Blue Nile originates in natural | f. need for water |
| 7. the point of confluence | g. with Ethiopia |
| 8. lacks access | h. conflict |
| 9. it could share electricity | i. areas |
| 10. pinned to another nation's | j. to electricity |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200718-river-nile-dam.html>

A dam on the Blue Nile in Ethiopia is (1) _____ tensions in the region. African Union-led (2) _____ between Ethiopia, Egypt and Sudan over the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam broke down on Monday. There are (3) _____ that the filling of the dam could lead to armed conflict. Ethiopia is constructing the dam to supply electricity to its (4) _____ areas. It is the largest (5) _____ dam in Africa and is two-thirds finished. Ethiopia has started filling the dam, which has raised (6) _____ in Cairo. Egypt views the dam as an "existential threat" and is concerned the dam will reduce its water supplies. Most of Egypt's water comes (7) _____ from the Nile, particularly during times of (8) _____.

rural
entirely
talks
drought
hydroelectric
fears
escalating
alarm

The Blue Nile (9) _____ in natural springs above Lake Tana in Ethiopia. It supplies the (10) _____ of the water for the Nile River. The Blue Nile (11) _____ with the White Nile near Khartoum in Sudan. The waterway becomes the River Nile from the point of (12) _____ of the two rivers. Ethiopia calls the dam an "existential (13) _____". Taxes from Ethiopian citizens have largely paid for the dam. Ethiopia's government says the dam is (14) _____ as nearly half the country's population lacks access to electricity. Egypt has said it could share (15) _____ with Ethiopia instead of the dam being used. An Egyptian politician said: "One nation's need for electricity is (16) _____ to another nation's need for water."

necessity
originates
pinned
merges
electricity
confluence
essential
majority

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200718-river-nile-dam.html>

- 1) A dam on the Blue Nile in Ethiopia is escalating _____ region
 - a. stations in the
 - b. ten shuns in the
 - c. pensions in the
 - d. tensions in the
- 2) There are fears that the filling of the dam could lead to _____
 - a. army conflict
 - b. armies conflict
 - c. arm the conflict
 - d. armed conflict
- 3) Ethiopia is constructing the dam to supply electricity to _____
 - a. is aural areas
 - b. its rural areas
 - c. its aural areas
 - d. its rural areas
- 4) Egypt views the dam as an " _____ "
 - a. exist tension threat
 - b. exit tension threat
 - c. existential threat
 - d. exits tension threat
- 5) Egypt's water comes entirely from the Nile, particularly during _____
 - a. times of drought
 - b. times of draught
 - c. times of doubt
 - d. times of debt
- 6) The waterway becomes the River Nile from the _____
 - a. point of congruence
 - b. point of incongruence
 - c. point of confluence
 - d. point of con affluence
- 7) Ethiopia calls the dam an " _____ "
 - a. existential necessitate
 - b. existential necessarily
 - c. existential necessary
 - d. existential necessity
- 8) Ethiopia's government says the dam _____
 - a. is essence shall
 - b. is essence all
 - c. is essential
 - d. is sensual
- 9) nearly half the country's population _____ electricity
 - a. lacks excess to
 - b. lacks access to
 - c. lack success to
 - d. luck sack cease to
- 10) An Egyptian politician said: "One nation's need for electricity is _____ "
 - a. pined to another
 - b. paned to another
 - c. panned to another
 - d. pinned to another

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The Blue Nile (7) _____ springs above Lake Tana in Ethiopia. It supplies (8) _____ the water for the Nile River. The Blue Nile merges with the White Nile near Khartoum in Sudan. The waterway becomes the River Nile from the (9) _____ of the two rivers. Ethiopia calls the dam an "existential necessity". Taxes from Ethiopian (10) _____ paid for the dam. Ethiopia's government says the dam is essential as nearly half the country's population (11) _____ electricity. Egypt has said it could share electricity with Ethiopia instead of the dam being used. An Egyptian politician said: "One nation's need for electricity (12) _____ another nation's need for water."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200718-river-nile-dam.html>

1. On what river is the hydroelectric dam being built?
2. What is the name of the dam?
3. What are people worried the filling of the dam could result in?
4. What does Cairo view the dam as being?
5. In what times is the Nile particularly important for Egypt?
6. Where are the natural springs that are the source of the Blue Nile?
7. Where does the Blue Nile merge with the White Nile?
8. What does Ethiopia call the dam?
9. How much of Ethiopia is without electricity?
10. What did a politician say one nation's need for electricity is pinned to?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200718-river-nile-dam.html>

- 1) On what river is the hydroelectric dam being built?
 - a) the White Nile
 - b) the Blue Nile
 - c) the Red Nile
 - d) the Black Nile
- 2) What is the name of the dam?
 - a) Ethiopian Grand Renaissance Dam
 - b) Ethiopian Renaissance Grand Dam
 - c) Grand Renaissance Ethiopian Dam
 - d) Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam
- 3) What are people worried the filling of the dam could result in?
 - a) flooding
 - b) poverty
 - c) armed conflict
 - d) disease
- 4) What does Cairo view the dam as being?
 - a) an existential threat
 - b) a flood potential
 - c) an environmental disaster
 - d) a waste of money
- 5) In what times is the Nile particularly important for Egypt?
 - a) early morning and late evening
 - b) times of drought
 - c) harvest time
 - d) winter
- 6) Where are the natural springs that are the source of the Blue Nile?
 - a) above Lake Tana in Ethiopia
 - b) a desert in Ethiopia
 - c) Djibouti
 - d) Eritrea
- 7) Where does the Blue Nile merge with the White Nile?
 - a) near Egypt's Aswan Dam
 - b) just south of Cairo, Egypt
 - c) near Khartoum in Sudan
 - d) near the Suez Canal
- 8) What does Ethiopia call the dam?
 - a) an existential necessity
 - b) a mess
 - c) its hope for the future
 - d) Bob
- 9) How much of Ethiopia is without electricity?
 - a) about two-thirds
 - b) three-quarters
 - c) around 80%
 - d) nearly half the population
- 10) What did a politician say one nation's need for electricity is pinned to?
 - a) a corkboard
 - b) hopes and dreams
 - c) another nation's need for water
 - d) a lapel

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Hydroelectric Dams

You think hydroelectric dams are the best way to create electricity. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their forms. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): nuclear energy, wind farms or solar panels.

Role B – Nuclear Energy

You think nuclear energy is the best way to create electricity. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their forms. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): hydroelectric dams, wind farms or solar panels.

Role C – Wind Farms

You think wind farms are the best way to create electricity. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their forms. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): nuclear energy, hydroelectric dams or solar panels.

Role D – Solar Panels

You think solar panels are the best way to create electricity. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their forms. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): nuclear energy, wind farms or hydroelectric dams.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200718-river-nile-dam.html>

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

river	dam

- 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">• region• broke• filling• rural• alarm• times	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• natural• near• largely• nearly• share• need
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DAMS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200718-river-nile-dam.html>

Write five GOOD questions about dams 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.

DAMS 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 'dam'?
3. What do you know about dams?
4. How important are dams?
5. What damage do dams do?
6. Are hydroelectric dams good for the environment?
7. Why is the dam an existential threat to Egypt?
8. What would the consequences be of conflict in the region?
9. What do you think of Ethiopia's dam?
10. What would happen if water wars broke out?

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DAMS 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 'river'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about the River Nile?
15. Do you think Ethiopia should open the dam?
16. Who does the water in Ethiopia's rivers belong to?
17. What dams are there in your country?
18. Should Egypt share electricity with Ethiopia?
19. What advice do you have for Ethiopia's leader?
20. What questions would you like to ask Egypt's leader?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

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

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

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

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) attentions | (b) tense | (c) tenses | (d) tensions |
| 2. | (a) snapped | (b) disappeared | (c) crumbled | (d) broke |
| 3. | (a) legged | (b) armed | (c) handed | (d) fingered |
| 4. | (a) rival | (b) vital | (c) rural | (d) revel |
| 5. | (a) panic | (b) bells | (c) alarm | (d) snooze |
| 6. | (a) drought | (b) draft | (c) draught | (d) dough |
| 7. | (a) originals | (b) originates | (c) origins | (d) originality |
| 8. | (a) merges | (b) submerges | (c) emerges | (d) emergencies |
| 9. | (a) affluence | (b) confluence | (c) emergence | (d) congruence |
| 10. | (a) necessity | (b) must | (c) essential | (d) needy |
| 11. | (a) prefer | (b) rather | (c) instead | (d) place |
| 12. | (a) pond | (b) panned | (c) penned | (d) pinned |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. tnsgiaelca tensions in the region
2. could lead to armed clfotnci
3. supply electricity to its ralru areas
4. an "elestiaxtn threat"
5. Most of Egypt's water comes ritelyen from the Nile
6. particularly during times of rohugdt

Paragraph 2

7. The Blue Nile iigseonrta in natural springs
8. The Blue Nile sgrmee with the White Nile
9. the point of nnucecelfo of the two rivers
10. the dam is atssilnee
11. half the country's Inpooutpai
12. An Egyptian apincioilt

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200718-river-nile-dam.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () between Ethiopia, Egypt and Sudan over the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam broke
- () share electricity with Ethiopia instead of the dam being used. An Egyptian politician said:
- () is essential as nearly half the country's population lacks access to electricity. Egypt has said it could
- () the dam as an "existential threat" and is concerned the dam will reduce its water
- () of the water for the Nile River. The Blue Nile merges with the White Nile near Khartoum
- () "One nation's need for electricity is pinned to another nation's need for water."
- () The Blue Nile originates in natural springs above Lake Tana in Ethiopia. It supplies the majority
- () supplies. Most of Egypt's water comes entirely from the Nile, particularly during times of drought.
- (**1**) A dam on the Blue Nile in Ethiopia is escalating tensions in the region. African Union-led talks
- () the dam to supply electricity to its rural areas. It is the largest hydroelectric dam in Africa and is two-
- () in Sudan. The waterway becomes the River Nile from the point of confluence of the two rivers. Ethiopia calls the dam an
- () "existential necessity". Taxes from Ethiopian citizens have largely paid for the dam. Ethiopia's government says the dam
- () thirds finished. Ethiopia has started filling the dam, which has raised alarm in Cairo. Egypt views
- () down on Monday. There are fears that the filling of the dam could lead to armed conflict. Ethiopia is constructing

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200718-river-nile-dam.html>

1. is escalating dam A the region . tensions in
2. dam conflict . lead Filling could the to armed
3. electricity . to constructing dam supply is the Ethiopia
4. dam in the raised has alarm Filling Cairo .
5. of Nile . Most comes water Egypt's from the
6. the It water . the of supplies Nile's majority
7. of The confluence of point two the rivers .
8. citizens paid Ethiopian the have largely for dam .
9. could it electricity share Egypt with Ethiopia . said
10. nation's need Pinned another water . for to

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200718-river-nile-dam.html>

A dam on the Blue Nile in Ethiopia is *laddering / escalating* tensions in the region. African Union-led talks between Ethiopia, Egypt and Sudan over the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam *smashed / broke* down on Monday. There are fears that the *filling / filing* of the dam could lead to *armed / legged* conflict. Ethiopia is constructing the dam to *demand / supply* electricity to its *rural / aural* areas. It is the largest hydroelectric dam in Africa and is two-thirds finished. Ethiopia has started filling the dam, which has *arisen / raised* alarm in Cairo. Egypt views the dam as an "*existing / existential* threat" and is concerned the dam will *reduce / deduce* its water supplies. Most of Egypt's water comes entirely from the Nile, particularly during times of *draught / drought*.

The Blue Nile originates in natural *springs / jumps* above Lake Tana in Ethiopia. It supplies the *majority / majorly* of the water for the Nile River. The Blue Nile *emerges / merges* with the White Nile near Khartoum in Sudan. The *waterway / motorway* becomes the River Nile from the point of *confluence / congruence* of the two rivers. Ethiopia calls the dam an "existential *necessary / necessity*". Taxes from Ethiopian citizens have largely *spent / paid* for the dam. Ethiopia's government says the dam is essential as nearly half the country's population *lacks / slack* access to electricity. Egypt has said it could share electricity with Ethiopia instead *to / of* the dam being used. An Egyptian politician said: "One nation's need for electricity is *pinned / panned* to another nation's need for water."

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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A d_m _n th_ B l__ N_l_ _n E th__ p__ _s _s
c_l_t_n_g t_n s__ n s _n th_ r_g__ n. A f_r_c_n U
n__ n - l_d t_l k s b_t w__ n E th__ p__ , E g y p t
_n d S_d_n _v_r th_ G_r_n d E th__ p__ n R_n__ s
s_n c_ D_m b_r_k_ d_w n _n M_n d_y. Th_r_ r_ f__
r s th_t th_ f_l_l_n_g _f th_ d_m c__ l_d l__ d
t_ r_m_d c_n f_l_c_t. E th__ p__ _s c_n s_t_r_c_t_n_g
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h_s s_t_r_t_d f_l_l_n_g th_ d_m, w_h_c_h h_s r__
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h_ d_m w_l_l r_d_c_ _t_s w_t_r s_p_p_l__ s. M_s t
_f E g y p t 's w_t_r c_m_s _n t_r_l_y f_r_m th_
N_l_, p_r_t_c_l_r_l_y d_r_n_g t_m_s _f d_r__ g_h_t.

T h_ B l__ N_l_ _r_g_n_t_s _n n_t_r_l s_p_r_n_g s
_b_v_ L_k_ T_n_ _n E th__ p__ . It s_p_p_l__ s th_
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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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

4. ELECTRICITY: Write a magazine article about building lots more dams to provide more electricity. 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 dams. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on building more dams. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. The Blue Nile
2. Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam
3. Armed conflict
4. An existential threat
5. Times of drought
6. Above Lake Tana in Ethiopia
7. Near Khartoum in Sudan
8. An existential necessity
9. Nearly half the population
10. Another nation's need for water

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. A dam is escalating tensions in the region.
2. Filling the dam could lead to armed conflict.
3. Ethiopia is constructing the dam to supply electricity.
4. Filling the dam has raised alarm in Cairo.
5. Most of Egypt's water comes from the Nile.
6. It supplies the majority of the Nile's water.
7. The point of confluence of the two rivers.
8. Ethiopian citizens have largely paid for the dam.
9. Egypt said it could share electricity with Ethiopia.
10. Pinned to another nation's need for water.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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