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**Level 6 – 26th June 2023**

## Mark Zuckerberg and Elon Musk to fight in a cage

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230626-zuckerberg-musk-cage-fight.html>

Tech moguls and rivals Elon Musk and Mark Zuckerberg are used to trying to outdo each other in the business world. They vie with each other to amass the greatest riches or attract the most followers. Their rivalry intensified somewhat earlier this week as the two multi-billionaires agreed to a fist fight. Twitter owner Mr Musk challenged Mr Zuckerberg to fisticuffs in a "cage match". Zuckerberg accepted the challenge. It is reported that the potential punch-up between the richest and tenth richest men in the world came about after Meta's Zuckerberg proposed to create a social media platform to rival Twitter. The fight could take place in a mixed martial arts octagon cage in Las Vegas.

The Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) could arrange the fight. The UFC is an American mixed martial arts promotion company. Its president, Dana White, said the event could be the most lucrative ever. He said: "This would be the biggest fight ever in the history of the world....It would break all pay-per-view records." He suggested viewers might have to pay \$100 to watch the Musk-Zuckerberg bout. It is unclear who is favourite to win the contest. Zuckerberg is trained in martial arts and recently won gold in his first jiu-jitsu tournament. Musk joked about his secret weapon. He tweeted: "I have this great move that I call 'The Walrus', where I just lie on top of my opponent and do nothing."

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# WARM-UPS

**1. FIGHTS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about fights. 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?

mogul / rival / riches / followers / fist fight / cage / punch-up / social media / octagon  
mixed martial arts / lucrative / history / pay-per-view / favourite / contest / walrus

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

**3. NO FIGHTS:** Students A **strongly** believe all forms of fighting should be banned; Students B **strongly** believe fighting is necessary. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. FIGHTING:** What do you know and think about these forms of fighting? How good are they? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	What I Think	How Good They Are
Karate			
Boxing			
Sumo			
Wrestling			
Kung-fu			
Judo			

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

**6. SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Twitter
- TikTok
- Facebook
- YouTube
- Instagram
- LinkedIn
- Fortnite
- Snapchat

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 1. mogul       | a. Became or made more extreme or strong.                                     |
| 2. outdo       | b. An important or powerful person, especially in the film or media industry. |
| 3. vie         | c. Compete eagerly with someone in order to do or achieve something.          |
| 4. intensified | d. Having or showing the capacity to develop into something in the future.    |
| 5. punch-up    | e. Put forward for consideration by others.                                   |
| 6. potential   | f. Try to be better than in actions or performances.                          |
| 7. proposed    | g. A situation that involves fighting with the fists.                         |

## Paragraph 2

- |                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| 8. promotion     | h. A wrestling or boxing match.  |
| 9. lucrative     | i. Someone who competes with or opposes another in a contest, game, or argument                    |
| 10. pay-per-view | j. A series of contests between a number of competitors, competing for an overall prize.           |
| 11. bout         | k. A television service in which viewers are charged a fee in order to watch a specific programme. |
| 12. martial      | l. Relating to fighting or war.  |
| 13. tournament   | m. Activity that supports or encourages a cause, venture, or aim.                                  |
| 14. opponent     | n. Producing a lot of profit.  |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230626-zuckerberg-musk-cage-fight.html>

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

1. The article says Facebook and Twitter are moguls. **T / F**
2. Mark Zuckerberg challenged Elon Musk to a fight. **T / F**
3. The fight is because Zuckerberg wants to make a site similar to Twitter. **T / F**
4. The fight between Musk and Zuckerberg will take place in Silicon Valley. **T / F**
5. The two tech rivals will have to fight using mixed martial arts. **T / F**
6. The fight could be the most profitable fight in history. **T / F**
7. People might have to pay \$100 to see the fight on television. **T / F**
8. Elon Musk said his secret weapon is to stand on people. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                       |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1. <b>moguls</b>      | a. match       |
| 2. <b>vie</b>         | b. escalated   |
| 3. <b>intensified</b> | c. had plans   |
| 4. <b>punch-up</b>    | d. profitable  |
| 5. <b>proposed</b>    | e. competition |
| 6. <b>arrange</b>     | f. tycoons     |
| 7. <b>lucrative</b>   | g. fight       |
| 8. <b>bout</b>        | h. adversary   |
| 9. <b>tournament</b>  | i. compete     |
| 10. <b>opponent</b>   | j. fix         |

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

- |                                 |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. trying to outdo              | a. favourite to win the contest |
| 2. They vie with each other     | b. punch-up                     |
| 3. Their rivalry intensified    | c. platform to rival Twitter    |
| 4. the potential                | d. in martial arts              |
| 5. create a social media        | e. the most lucrative ever      |
| 6. the event could be           | f. somewhat                     |
| 7. It would break all pay-      | g. each other                   |
| 8. It is unclear who is         | h. weapon                       |
| 9. Zuckerberg is trained        | i. per-view records             |
| 10. Musk joked about his secret | j. to amass the greatest riches |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230626-zuckerberg-musk-cage-fight.html>

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*intensified*  
*vie*  
*challenge*  
*rivals*  
*platform*  
*fist*  
*amass*  
*potential*

The Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) could (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the fight. The UFC is an American mixed martial arts promotion company. Its president, Dana White, said the event could be the most (10) \_\_\_\_\_ ever. He said: "This would be the biggest fight ever in the history of the world....It would (11) \_\_\_\_\_ all pay-per-view records." He suggested (12) \_\_\_\_\_ might have to pay \$100 to watch the Musk-Zuckerberg (13) \_\_\_\_\_. It is unclear who is favourite to win the contest. Zuckerberg is trained in martial arts and recently won (14) \_\_\_\_\_ in his first jiu-jitsu tournament. Musk joked about his secret (15) \_\_\_\_\_. He tweeted: "I have this great (16) \_\_\_\_\_ that I call 'The Walrus', where I just lie on top of my opponent and do nothing."

*break*  
*bout*  
*arrange*  
*move*  
*viewers*  
*weapon*  
*lucrative*  
*gold*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230626-zuckerberg-musk-cage-fight.html>

- 1) moguls and rivals Elon Musk and Mark Zuckerberg are used to trying to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. outdo each other
  - b. out two each other
  - c. ow to each other
  - d. unto each other
- 2) They vie with each other to amass the greatest riches or \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. retract the most
  - b. at tract the most
  - c. a tract the most
  - d. attract the most
- 3) intensified somewhat earlier this week as the two multi-billionaires agreed to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a fist flight
  - b. a first flight
  - c. a fist fight
  - d. aphids fight
- 4) Twitter owner Mr Musk challenged Mr \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Zuckerberg tooth is decays
  - b. Zuckerberg to feisty coughs
  - c. Zuckerberg to first teacups
  - d. Zuckerberg to fisticuffs
- 5) Meta's Zuckerberg proposed to create a social media platform \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to rival Twitter
  - b. to libel Twitter
  - c. to rebel Twitter
  - d. trivial Twitter
- 6) Its president, Dana White, said the event could be the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. most look creative ever
  - b. most loo creative ever
  - c. most lucrative ever
  - d. most laxative ever
- 7) viewers might have to pay \$100 to watch the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Musk-Zuckerberg about
  - b. Musk-Zuckerberg bout
  - c. Musk-Zuckerberg boot
  - d. Musk-Zuckerberg bloat
- 8) Zuckerberg is trained in martial arts and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. recently one golden
  - b. recently won Goldie
  - c. recently won gold
  - d. recently one gold
- 9) Musk joked about \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. his secret weapon
  - b. his secretes weapon
  - c. his seek Crete weapon
  - d. hissy cretin weapon
- 10) I have this great move that I call 'The Walrus', where I just lie on top \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. of my component
  - b. of my opponent
  - c. of my op pennant
  - d. of my hippo meant

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230626-zuckerberg-musk-cage-fight.html>

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230626-zuckerberg-musk-cage-fight.html>

1. Who are Musk and Zuckerberg trying to outdo?
2. What do Musk and Zuckerberg want to attract?
3. What did Elon Musk challenge Mark Zuckerberg to?
4. What did Mark Zuckerberg propose to create that would rival Twitter?
5. Where might the fight take place?
6. What kind of organization might organize the fight?
7. What might the fight break?
8. How much might people have to pay to see the fight on television?
9. In what martial art did Mark Zuckerberg win a tournament?
10. What does Elon Musk call his secret weapon?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230626-zuckerberg-musk-cage-fight.html>

- 1) Who are Musk and Zuckerberg trying to outdo?
  - a) martial artists
  - b) other tech companies
  - c) each other
  - d) the UFC
- 2) What do Musk and Zuckerberg want to attract?
  - a) followers
  - b) fans
  - c) money
  - d) investment
- 3) What did Elon Musk challenge Mark Zuckerberg to?
  - a) a quiz
  - b) a cage match (fisticuffs)
  - c) a wrestling match
  - d) a boxing match
- 4) What did Mark Zuckerberg propose to create that would rival Twitter?
  - a) a video upload device
  - b) a new tech company
  - c) a dating platform
  - d) a social media platform
- 5) Where might the fight take place?
  - a) Le Havre
  - b) Los Alamos
  - c) Las Vegas
  - d) Los Angeles
- 6) What kind of organization might organize the fight?
  - a) the Fight Club
  - b) a mixed martial arts promotion company
  - c) a social media giant
  - d) a TV company
- 7) What might the fight break?
  - a) people's hearts
  - b) the Internet
  - c) new ground
  - d) pay-per-view records
- 8) How much might people have to pay to see the fight on television?
  - a) \$10
  - b) \$100
  - c) \$1,000
  - d) \$10,000
- 9) In what martial art did Mark Zuckerberg win a tournament?
  - a) judo
  - b) jiu-jitsu
  - c) karate
  - d) taekwondo
- 10) What does Elon Musk call his secret weapon?
  - a) The Walrus
  - b) The Egg Man
  - c) The Yellow Matter Custard
  - d) The Semolina Pilchard

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230626-zuckerberg-musk-cage-fight.html>

## **Role A – Twitter**

You think Twitter is the best social media platform. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their platforms. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Facebook, TikTok or Instagram.

## **Role B – Facebook**

You think Facebook is the best social media platform. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their platforms. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Twitter, TikTok or Instagram.

## **Role C – TikTok**

You think TikTok is the best social media platform. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their platforms. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

## **Role D – Instagram**

You think Instagram is the best social media platform. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their platforms. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Facebook, TikTok or Twitter.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230626-zuckerberg-musk-cage-fight.html>

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

<b>cage</b>	<b>fight</b>
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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"><li>• rivals</li><li>• amass</li><li>• agreed</li><li>• accepted</li><li>• tenth</li><li>• place</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• president</li><li>• lucrative</li><li>• break</li><li>• unclear</li><li>• gold</li><li>• lie</li></ul>
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# FIGHTS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230626-zuckerberg-musk-cage-fight.html>

Write five GOOD questions about fights 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.

# FIGHTS 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 'cage'?
3. What do you know about Mark Zuckerberg?
4. Who is your favourite tech mogul?
5. Do you ever try to outdo people?
6. Who do you have a rivalry with?
7. Are rivalries healthy or unhealthy?
8. What do you think of the tech moguls having a fight?
9. Which is better, Facebook or Twitter?
10. What advice do you have for Zuckerberg and Musk?

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# FIGHTS 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 'fight'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about Elon Musk?
15. Would you like to see the two men fight?
16. Why would this fight be more lucrative than a boxing bout?
17. Who do you want to win the fight, and why?
18. Should all forms of fighting be banned?
19. What do you think of mixed martial arts?
20. What questions would you like to ask the two moguls?

# 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230626-zuckerberg-musk-cage-fight.html>

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

- |     |               |               |               |                 |
|-----|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) moguls    | (b) modules   | (c) modals    | (d) mobiles     |
| 2.  | (a) lie       | (b) hue       | (c) vie       | (d) due         |
| 3.  | (a) someone   | (b) somewhere | (c) somewhat  | (d) something   |
| 4.  | (a) on        | (b) at        | (c) of        | (d) to          |
| 5.  | (a) up        | (b) on        | (c) in        | (d) down        |
| 6.  | (a) fake      | (b) take      | (c) bake      | (d) make        |
| 7.  | (a) strange   | (b) derange   | (c) estrange  | (d) arrange     |
| 8.  | (a) formative | (b) lucrative | (c) laxative  | (d) procreative |
| 9.  | (a) snap      | (b) splinter  | (c) break     | (d) fracture    |
| 10. | (a) idol      | (b) jewel     | (c) darling   | (d) favourite   |
| 11. | (a) munitions | (b) armament  | (c) hostility | (d) weapon      |
| 12. | (a) component | (b) opponent  | (c) impotent  | (d) potentate   |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. Tech gosmlu and rivals
2. Their rivalry fnnteiesdii somewhat
3. challenged Mr Zuckerberg to ftiffcuiss
4. pdorosep to create a social media platform
5. take place in a mixed rtaialm arts
6. acoongt cage

## Paragraph 2

7. be the most ceavtrlui ever
8. He suggested eeiwrsv might have to pay
9. watch the Musk-Zuckerberg ubto
10. won gold in his first jiu-jitsu ttnaumrneo
11. joked about his secret enwpao
12. I just lie on top of my otpopenn

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230626-zuckerberg-musk-cage-fight.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) records." He suggested viewers might have to pay \$100 to watch the Musk-Zuckerberg bout. It is unclear who
- ( ) billionaires agreed to a fist fight. Twitter owner Mr Musk challenged Mr Zuckerberg to fisticuffs in a
- ( **1** ) Tech moguls and rivals Elon Musk and Mark Zuckerberg are used to trying to outdo each
- ( ) other in the business world. They vie with each other to amass the greatest riches or attract
- ( ) The Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) could arrange the fight. The UFC is an American mixed martial
- ( ) "cage match". Zuckerberg accepted the challenge. It is reported that the potential punch-
- ( ) is favourite to win the contest. Zuckerberg is trained in martial arts and recently won
- ( ) social media platform to rival Twitter. The fight could take place in a mixed martial arts octagon cage in Las Vegas.
- ( ) gold in his first jiu-jitsu tournament. Musk joked about his secret weapon. He tweeted: "I have this great
- ( ) the most followers. Their rivalry intensified somewhat earlier this week as the two multi-
- ( ) move that I call 'The Walrus', where I just lie on top of my opponent and do nothing."
- ( ) up between the richest and tenth richest men in the world came about after Meta's Zuckerberg proposed to create a
- ( ) ever. He said: "This would be the biggest fight ever in the history of the world....It would break all pay-per-view
- ( ) arts promotion company. Its president, Dana White, said the event could be the most lucrative

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. other world in the each Outdo of business .
2. the riches . other amass Vie each with to
3. week . earlier intensified this somewhat rivalry Their
4. a agreed fist to The multi-billionaires fight . two
5. martial a place in Take octagon . mixed arts
6. most the The could ever . event be lucrative
7. records . would said pay-per-view He it all break
8. win . unclear to favourite is who is It
9. recently in won He first tournament . his gold
10. Walrus' . move This 'The that great call I

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230626-zuckerberg-musk-cage-fight.html>

Tech moguls and *libels / rivals* Elon Musk and Mark Zuckerberg are used to trying to *outdo / undo* each other in the business world. They *lie / vie* with each other to amass the greatest riches or *attract / detract* the most followers. Their rivalry intensified somewhat earlier this week as the two multi-billionaires agreed to a *mist / fist* fight. Twitter owner Mr Musk challenged Mr Zuckerberg to fisticuffs in a "cage match". Zuckerberg *incepted / accepted* the challenge. It is reported that the *portent / potential* punch-up between the richest and tenth richest men in the world came *around / about* after Meta's Zuckerberg proposed to create a social media *platform / stage* to rival Twitter. The fight could take place in a *mixed / fixed* martial arts octagon cage in Las Vegas.

The Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) could *derange / arrange* the fight. The UFC is an American mixed *martial / Martian* arts promotion company. Its president, Dana White, said the event could be the most *laxative / lucrative* ever. He said: "This would be the biggest fight ever in the *history / historical* of the world....It would *break / snap* all pay-per-view records." He suggested *views / viewers* might have to pay \$100 to watch the Musk-Zuckerberg *doubt / bout*. It is unclear who is favourite to win the contest. Zuckerberg is trained in martial arts and *recent / recently* won gold in his first jiu-jitsu tournament. Musk joked about his secret weapon. He tweeted: "I have this great *relocate / move* that I call 'The Walrus', where I just lie on top of my *opponent / component* and do nothing."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the ultimate fighting championship ufc could arrange the fight the ufc is an american mixed martial arts promotion company its president dana white said the event could be the most lucrative ever he said this would be the biggest fight ever in the history of the worldit would break all payperview records he suggested viewers might have to pay 100 to watch the muskzuckerberg bout it is unclear who is favourite to win the contest zuckerberg is trained in martial arts and recently won gold in his first jiu-jitsu tournament musk joked about his secret weapon he tweeted i have this great move that i call the walrus where i just lie on top of my opponent and do nothing

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# FREE WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230626-zuckerberg-musk-cage-fight.html>

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

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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. TECH MOGULS:** Make a poster about tech moguls. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. CAGE FIGHT:** Write a magazine article about the proposed cage fight between Elon Musk and Mark Zuckerberg. 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 cage fights. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on these fights. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F    2 F    3 T    4 F    5 F    6 T    7 T    8 F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Each other
- Followers
- A cage match / fisticuffs
- A social media platform
- Las Vegas
- A mixed martial arts promotion company
- Pay-per-view records
- \$100
- Jiu-jitsu
- The Walrus

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Outdo each other in the world of business.
- Vie with each other to amass the riches.
- Their rivalry intensified somewhat earlier this week.
- The two multi-billionaires agreed to a fist fight.
- Take place in a mixed martial arts octagon.
- The event could be the most lucrative ever.
- He said it would break all pay-per-view records.
- It is unclear who is favourite to win.
- He recently won gold in his first tournament.
- This great move that I call 'The Walrus'.

## 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 ;-)