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Nigeria becomes Africa's biggest economy

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THE ARTICLE

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Nigeria has changed the way it measures its gross domestic product (GDP) and has announced it is now Africa's largest economy. It is the first time the continent's most populous nation has claimed the top spot. Nigeria "rebased" its gross domestic product data to incorporate newer industries that were not accounted for under the old GDP measuring rules. The inclusion of sectors such as telecommunications, information technology, movie production and online commerce has pushed the country above the traditional economic powerhouse, South Africa. Nigeria's statisticians say GDP for 2013 totalled \$510 billion, considerably bigger than South Africa's GDP of \$370 billion.

Rebasing of GDP is what most countries do every three years to account for the economic contributions of new and emerging industries. Nigeria hadn't rebased its economy in two decades. In this time, many new industries have blossomed. Nigeria's chief statistician Dr Yemi Kale said the new figures do not mean Nigerians are suddenly richer. He explained: "It's just about measuring better and more accurately. It does not mean that within 24 hours, something miraculous has happened." Nigeria's Tribune newspaper wrote: "Although pockets of vast wealth exist, most of Nigeria's estimated 170 million people still live on \$2 a day, while key services such as water and electricity provision are poor."

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WARM-UPS

1. ECONOMICS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about economics. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

changed / economy / populous / GDP / incorporate / information technology / billion / account / contributions / emerging industries / statistics / measuring / miraculous / key

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

3. ECONOMICS: What can countries do to do these things? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What your country does	What your country needs to do
Lower inflation		
Cut unemployment		
Attract investment		
Make taxes fair		
Reduce national debt		
Help the poor		

4. WORLD BIGGEST: Students A **strongly** believe it is better if the USA is the biggest economy; Students B **strongly** believe it is better if China is the biggest economy. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. INDUSTRIES: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- tourism
- IT / high-tech
- telecommunications
- hotel and catering
- steel production
- mining
- movie production
- retail

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

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. The World Bank changed the way Nigeria measures its GDP. | T / F |
| b. It is the first time Nigeria has been Africa's biggest economy. | T / F |
| c. Movie production helped Nigeria become Africa's biggest economy. | T / F |
| d. Nigeria's GDP is just \$100 million bigger than South Africa's. | T / F |
| e. Most countries rebase their economies every three years or so. | T / F |
| f. The last time Nigeria rebased its economy was in 1964. | T / F |
| g. A statistician said a miracle had not taken place in the past 24 hours. | T / F |
| h. A newspaper said most Kenyans still live on a dollar a day. | T / F |

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

- | | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. measures | a. absorb |
| 2. announced | b. propelled |
| 3. incorporate | c. materialising |
| 4. pushed | d. extraordinary |
| 5. considerably | e. calculates |
| 6. emerging | f. huge |
| 7. blossomed | g. supply |
| 8. miraculous | h. developed |
| 9. vast | i. made public |
| 10. provision | j. significantly |

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

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------|
| 1. Nigeria has changed the way it measures | a. bigger than South Africa's |
| 2. the continent's most | b. not accounted for |
| 3. newer industries that were | c. services |
| 4. online | d. emerging industries |
| 5. considerably | e. its gross domestic product |
| 6. what most countries do | f. accurately |
| 7. new and | g. every three years |
| 8. measuring better and more | h. wealth exist |
| 9. pockets of vast | i. commerce |
| 10. key | j. populous nation |

GAP FILL

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Nigeria has changed the way it (1) ____ its gross domestic product (GDP) and has announced it is now Africa's largest economy. It is the first time the continent's most (2) ____ nation has claimed the top (3) _____. Nigeria "rebased" its gross domestic product (4) ____ to incorporate newer industries that were not accounted for under the old GDP measuring (5) _____. The inclusion of sectors such as telecommunications, information technology, movie production and online (6) ____ has pushed the country above the traditional economic (7) _____, South Africa. Nigeria's statisticians say GDP for 2013 totalled \$510 billion, (8) ____ bigger than South Africa's GDP of \$370 billion.

rules
considerably
populous
data
measures
commerce
powerhouse
spot

Rebasing of GDP is what most countries do every three years to account for the economic (9) ____ of new and emerging industries. Nigeria hadn't rebased its economy in two (10) _____. In this time, many new industries have (11) _____. Nigeria's chief statistician Dr Yemi Kale said the new figures do not mean Nigerians are suddenly (12) _____. He explained: "It's just about measuring better and more (13) _____. It does not mean that within 24 hours, something (14) ____ has happened." Nigeria's Tribune newspaper wrote: "Although pockets of vast (15) ____ exist, most of Nigeria's estimated 170 million people still live on \$2 a day, while (16) ____ services such as water and electricity provision are poor."

blossomed
miraculous
contributions
wealth
richer
key
decades
accurately

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Nigeria has changed the way it measures its gross _____
 - a. domestic production
 - b. domestically product
 - c. domestic product
 - d. domestic products
- 2) It is the first time the continent's most _____ has...
 - a. popular as nation
 - b. populated nation
 - c. populous nations
 - d. populous nation
- 3) incorporate newer industries that were not _____
 - a. account it for
 - b. accounted of
 - c. accounted four
 - d. accounted for
- 4) pushed the country above the traditional _____
 - a. economic powerhouse
 - b. economic powered house
 - c. economic power houses
 - d. economic power housed
- 5) considerably bigger than South Africa's GDP _____
 - a. of \$370 million
 - b. of \$370 billion
 - c. of \$317 billion
 - d. of \$317 million
- 6) account for the economic contributions of new and _____
 - a. emerge in industries
 - b. emerging industries
 - c. emergent industries
 - d. a merging industries
- 7) In this time, many new industries _____
 - a. has blossomed
 - b. having blossomed
 - c. have blossomed
 - d. has blossoms
- 8) It's just about measuring better _____
 - a. and more accurate
 - b. and more accurately
 - c. and most accurate
 - d. and most accurately
- 9) Although pockets of vast _____
 - a. wealth exist...
 - b. wealth exists...
 - c. wealth egg sits...
 - d. wealth exits...
- 10) ...while key services such as water and electricity _____
 - a. provision are poor
 - b. provisions are poor
 - c. provision all poor
 - d. provision aren't poor

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Rebasing of GDP is what most countries do every three years to account for the economic contributions (7) _____ industries. Nigeria hadn't rebased its economy in two decades. In this time, many new (8) _____. Nigeria's chief statistician Dr Yemi Kale said the new (9) _____ Nigerians are suddenly richer. He explained: "It's just about measuring (10) _____. It does not mean that within 24 hours, something (11) _____." Nigeria's Tribune newspaper wrote: "Although pockets of vast wealth exist, most of Nigeria's estimated 170 million people still live on \$2 a day, (12) _____ as water and electricity provision are poor."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140407-nigeria-economy.html>

1. What did Nigeria change?

2. How many times has Nigeria been the biggest economy before?

3. What were not accounted for under old measuring rules?

4. Which country is the traditional powerhouse?

5. Who calculated Nigeria's 2013 GDP?

6. What do most countries do to their GDP every three years?

7. How long had it been since Nigeria rebased its economy?

8. Who is Dr Yemi Kale

9. What did the statistician say had not suddenly happened?

10. How many Nigerians still live on \$2 a day?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140407-nigeria-economy.html>

1. What did Nigeria change?
 - a) its economic system
 - b) the way it measures GDP
 - c) laws
 - d) its currency
2. How many times has Nigeria been the biggest economy before?
 - a) three
 - b) two
 - c) one
 - d) none
3. What were not accounted for under old measuring rules?
 - a) newer industries
 - b) ratios and indices
 - c) profits of oil companies
 - d) balance sheets
4. Which country is the traditional powerhouse?
 - a) Kenya
 - b) Congo
 - c) South Africa
 - d) Egypt
5. Who calculated Nigeria's 2013 GDP?
 - a) the prime minister
 - b) Nigerian statisticians
 - c) a top accountancy company
 - d) the World Bank
6. What do most countries do to their GDP every three years?
 - a) rebase it
 - b) celebrate it
 - c) round it up
 - d) convert it to U.S. dollars
7. How long had it been since Nigeria rebased its economy?
 - a) a decade and a half
 - b) a time eternal
 - c) 20 years
 - d) 12 years
8. Who is Dr Yemi Kale
 - a) Nigeria's chief statistician
 - b) editor of Nigeria's biggest newspaper
 - c) a union leader
 - d) a surgeon
9. What did the statistician say had not suddenly happened?
 - a) a miracle
 - b) the economy doubling
 - c) the mobile phone industry
 - d) measurements
10. How many Nigerians still live on \$2 a day?
 - a) 17 million
 - b) 117 million
 - c) 70 million
 - d) 170 million

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Tourism

You think tourism will be the most important industry in the future. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them reasons why their industry won't be so important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): green energy, information technology or retail.

Role B – Green Energy

You think green energy will be the most important industry in the future. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them reasons why their industry won't be so important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): tourism, information technology or retail.

Role C – Information Technology

You think information technology will be the most important industry in the future. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them reasons why their industry won't be so important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): green energy, tourism or retail.

Role D – Retail

You think retail will be the most important industry in the future. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them reasons why their industry won't be so important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): green energy, information technology or tourism.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140407-nigeria-economy.html>

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

gross	domestic

- 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">• measures• top• data• such• above• considerably	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• three• decades• suddenly• better• 24• 2
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ECONOMICS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about economics 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.

ECONOMICS DISCUSSION

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

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'economics'?
- c) How interested are you in economics?
- d) What do you know about the GDP of your country?
- e) Is it important to have a good knowledge of economics?
- f) Will being number one change anything for Nigeria?
- g) What new industries are growing in your country?
- h) What economic theories do you know about?
- i) What good economics news have you heard about recently?
- j) How do you think South Africa feels about not being top?

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ECONOMICS DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) What things are included in GDP?
- c) How would you explain GDP to someone who didn't know what it was?
- d) Why do you think Nigeria hadn't rebased in two decades?
- e) Do you like statistics?
- f) How are your personal economics?
- g) Which country has the best economy? Why do you think so?
- h) Does understanding economics improve your life?
- i) What condition is the world economy in?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Dr Yemi Kale?

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) net | (b) whole | (c) every | (d) its |
| 2. | (a) population | (b) popular | (c) poplars | (d) populous |
| 3. | (a) grain | (b) incorporate | (c) refurbish | (d) unhinge |
| 4. | (a) inclusive | (b) include | (c) inclusion | (d) included |
| 5. | (a) higher | (b) upper | (c) above | (d) heighten |
| 6. | (a) considerably | (b) considered | (c) consideration | (d) considers |
| 7. | (a) profit | (b) account | (c) balance | (d) gross |
| 8. | (a) decades | (b) periods | (c) quarters | (d) years |
| 9. | (a) bloomed | (b) blossomed | (c) blessed | (d) ballooned |
| 10. | (a) outlining | (b) gauging | (c) measuring | (d) plotting |
| 11. | (a) collars | (b) cuffs | (c) pockets | (d) lapels |
| 12. | (a) hole | (b) chain | (c) lock | (d) key |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. the way it ruemases its gross domestic product
2. the continent's most uusloppo nation
3. rateponocir newer industries
4. The inoulinsc of sectors such as telecommunications
5. the traditional economic oepowrehus
6. dcyseoilrbna bigger

Paragraph 2

7. economic oboctrsninuti
8. enrgimge industries
9. many new industries have obmsdleso
10. more yeccrhtaau
11. something cloruiuma has happened
12. services such as water and electricity nrvsooipi

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () now Africa's largest economy. It is the first time the continent's most populous
- () industries that were not accounted for under the old GDP measuring rules. The inclusion of sectors such
- () happened." Nigeria's Tribune newspaper wrote: "Although pockets of vast wealth exist, most of Nigeria's estimated
- () decades. In this time, many new industries have blossomed. Nigeria's chief statistician Dr Yemi Kale said the new
- () statisticians say GDP for 2013 totalled \$510 billion, considerably bigger than South Africa's GDP of \$370 billion.
- () 170 million people still live on \$2 a day, while key services such as water and electricity provision are poor."
- () commerce has pushed the country above the traditional economic powerhouse, South Africa. Nigeria's
- () Rebasing of GDP is what most countries do every three years to account for the economic
- () nation has claimed the top spot. Nigeria "rebased" its gross domestic product data to incorporate newer
- () accurately. It does not mean that within 24 hours, something miraculous has
- (**1**) Nigeria has changed the way it measures its gross domestic product (GDP) and has announced it is
- () contributions of new and emerging industries. Nigeria hadn't rebased its economy in two
- () as telecommunications, information technology, movie production and online
- () figures do not mean Nigerians are suddenly richer. He explained: "It's just about measuring better and more

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. it gross way its product the measures domestic Changed.

2. nation top The populous the most claimed spot continent's.

3. such sectors of inclusion The telecommunications as.

4. powerhouse Above S the . traditional Africa economic.

5. South of than GDP \$370bn bigger Africa's Considerably.

6. years 3 every do countries most what is GDP of Rebasing.

7. decades its economy Nigeria in hadn't two rebased.

8. It's and just more about accurately measuring better.

9. , something Within miraculous 24 has hours happened.

10. a day 170 million people still live on \$ 2.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Nigeria has changed the way it *measuring / measures* its gross domestic product (GDP) and has *announcements / announced* it is now Africa's largest economy. It is the first time the continent's most *population / populous* nation has claimed the *top / stop* spot. Nigeria "rebased" its gross domestic product data to *incorporate / inculcate* newer industries that were not accounted for under the old GDP measuring *rules / rulers*. The inclusion of sectors such *like / as* telecommunications, information technology, movie production and *inline / online* commerce has pushed the country above the traditional *economic / economically* powerhouse, South Africa. Nigeria's statisticians say GDP for 2013 totalled \$510 billion, *consideration / considerably* bigger than South Africa's GDP of \$370 billion.

Rebasing / Debasing of GDP is what most countries do every three years to account *of / for* the economic contributions of new and emerging industries. Nigeria hadn't rebased its economy *in / over* two decades. In this time, many new industries have *blessed / blossomed*. Nigeria's chief statistician Dr Yemi Kale said the new figures do not *meant / mean* Nigerians are suddenly richer. He explained: "It's just about measuring better and more *accurate / accurately*. It does not mean that *within / without* 24 hours, something *miraculous / miracle* has happened." Nigeria's Tribune newspaper wrote: "Although pockets of *fast / vast* wealth exist, most of Nigeria's estimated 170 million people still *live / lively* on \$2 a day, while key services such as water and electricity provision are *poverty / poor*."

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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N_g_r__ h_s ch_ng_d th_ w_y _t m__s_r_s _ts gr_ss
d_m_st_c pr_d_ct (GDP) _nd h_s _nn__nc_d _t_s n_w
_fr_c_'s l_rg_st _c_n_my. _t_s th_ f_rst t_m_ th_
c_nt_n_nt's m_st p_p_l__s n_t__n h_s cl__m_d th_ t_p
sp_t. N_g_r__ "r_b_s_d" _ts gr_ss d_m_st_c pr_d_ct
d_t_t__nc_rp_r_t_n_w_r_nd_str__s th_t w_r_n_t
_cc__nt_d f_r_nd_r th_ _ld GDP m__s_r_ng r_l_s. Th_
_ncl_s__n _f_s_ct_rs s_ch__s t_l_c_m_m_n_c_t__ns,
_nf_rm_t__n t_chn_l_gy, m_v__pr_d_ct__n _nd _nl_n_
c_m_m_rc_ h_s p_sh_d th_ c__ntry _b_v_ th_
tr_d_t__n_l__c_n_m_c_p_w_rh__s_, S__th_fr_c_.
N_g_r__'s st_t_st_c__ns_s_y GDP f_r 2013 t_t_ll_d
\$510 b_ll__n, c_ns_d_r_bly b_gg_r th_n S__th_fr_c_'s
GDP _f \$370 b_ll__n.

R_b_s_ng _f GDP _s wh_t m_st c__ntr__s d__v_ry
thr__y__rs t__cc__nt f_r th_ _c_n_m_c
c_ntr_b_t__ns _f n_w _nd _m_rg_ng _nd_str__s.
N_g_r__ h_dn't r_b_s_d _ts _c_n_my _n tw_ d_c_d_s.
_n th_s t_m_, m_ny n_w _nd_str__s h_v_b_l_ss_m_d.
N_g_r__'s ch__f st_t_st_c__n Dr Y_m_K_l_s_d th_
n_w f_g_r_s d_n_t m__n N_g_r__ns _r_s dd_nly
r_ch_r. H__xpl__n_d: "_t's j_st _b__t m__s_r_ng
b_ttr_nd m_r__cc_r_t_ly. _t d__s n_t m__n th_t
w_th_n 24 h__rs, s_m_th_ng m_r_c_l_s h_s
h_pp_n_d." N_g_r__'s Tr_b_n_n_wsp_p_r wr_t_
"_lth__gh p_ck_ts _f v_st w__lth _x_st, m_st _f
N_g_r__'s _st_m_t_d 170 m_ll__n p__pl st_ll l_v__n
\$2 __d_y, wh_l_k_y s_rv_c_s s_ch__s w_t_r_nd
_l_ctr_c_ty pr_v_s__n_r_p__r."

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

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

4. TOP SPOT: Write a magazine article about Nigeria being number one in Africa. Include imaginary interviews with poor and rich Nigerians

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 economist. Ask him/her three questions about economics. Give him/her three of your opinions on the world economy. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. measures | a. absorb |
| 2. announced | b. propelled |
| 3. incorporate | c. materialising |
| 4. pushed | d. extraordinary |
| 5. considerably | e. calculates |
| 6. emerging | f. huge |
| 7. blossomed | g. supply |
| 8. miraculous | h. developed |
| 9. vast | i. made public |
| 10. provision | j. significantly |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. The way it measures GDP
2. None
3. Newer industries
4. South Africa
5. Statisticians
6. Rebase it
7. Two decades
8. Nigeria's chief statistician
9. A miracle
10. 170 million

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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