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N. Korea leader unhappy with weather forecasts

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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140616-weather-forecasts.html>

North Korea's leader Kim Jong-un is unhappy with the weather forecasts in his country. He was angry with the meteorological department for giving "incorrect" forecasts. It is very unusual for a North Korean leader to be negative about any part of the government. Mr Kim was visiting one of his country's weather stations when he made the comments. He said the techniques used to predict the weather were wrong. He told forecasters to use more modern equipment. He told reporters it was important to protect people's lives, homes and factories. North Korea has many natural disasters and has many famines, so it is necessary to have accurate weather forecasts.

North Korean people regularly suffer from very bad food shortages. There are many droughts and floods, which means many people do not have enough food to eat. In May, the country's newspapers said North Korea was hit by one of the worst droughts in over 30 years. This has increased the chances of more food shortages. In the mid-1990s there was a very bad famine. Wikipedia says no one knows how many people died of starvation but says the number is between 240,000 and 3,500,000. North Korea needs a lot of food aid from other countries. Many people would die if they did not get this help. However, a lot of this food does not reach the people who need it the most.

Sources: <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/jun/12/kim-jong-weather-north-korea>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_Korean_famine
<http://www.scmp.com/news/asia/article/1530793/kim-jong-un-blasts-n-korea-weather-service-incorrect-forecasts>

WARM-UPS

1. WEATHER: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about weather. 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?

unhappy / weather forecasts / unusual / negative / comments / modern equipment / regularly / droughts and floods / famine / food shortages / starvation / chances

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

3. PREDICT: Is it easy or difficult to predict these things? Why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Easy?	Why?
The weather		
Football results		
Lottery numbers		
Your future		
An election result		
A baby's actions		

4. ACCURATE: Students A **strongly** believe all weather forecasts will be 100% accurate in the future; Students B **strongly** believe this will never happen. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. WEATHER EVENTS: Rank these with your partner. Put the ones you like most at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- rain
- snow
- wind
- rainbows
- 35-degree heat
- storms
- -5 degrees C
- mist and heavy fog

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

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140616-weather-forecasts.html>

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

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. North Korea is trying to change the weather his country gets. | T / F |
| b. N. Korean leaders rarely talk badly about government departments. | T / F |
| c. Kim Jong-un told weather forecasters to update their equipment. | T / F |
| d. The leader said accurate forecasts would save lives. | T / F |
| e. It is very rare for North Koreans to have food shortages. | T / F |
| f. A recent drought in N. Korea was among the worst in three decades. | T / F |
| g. The exact number of dead in a famine in the 1990s was 3.5 million. | T / F |
| h. Every country has stopped food aid to North Korea. | T / F |

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

- | | |
|---------------|-------------------|
| 1. unhappy | a. often |
| 2. incorrect | b. methods |
| 3. techniques | c. badly affected |
| 4. predict | d. displeased |
| 5. necessary | e. get to |
| 6. regularly | f. likelihood |
| 7. hit | g. wrong |
| 8. chances | h. help |
| 9. aid | i. forecast |
| 10. reach | j. needed |

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

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. It is very | a. weather stations |
| 2. visiting one of his country's | b. who need it the most |
| 3. use more modern | c. disasters |
| 4. natural | d. floods |
| 5. have accurate | e. unusual |
| 6. suffer from very bad food | f. equipment |
| 7. droughts and | g. died of starvation |
| 8. hit by one of the worst droughts | h. shortages |
| 9. no one knows how many people | i. weather forecasts |
| 10. reach the people | j. in over 30 years |

GAP FILL

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North Korea's leader Kim Jong-un is (1) _____ with the weather forecasts in his country. He was angry with the meteorological department for giving "(2) _____" forecasts. It is very unusual for a North Korean leader to be (3) _____ about any part of the government. Mr Kim was visiting one of his country's weather stations when he made the (4) _____. He said the techniques used to (5) _____ the weather were wrong. He told forecasters to use more modern (6) _____. He told reporters it was important to protect people's lives, homes and (7) _____. North Korea has many natural disasters and has many famines, so it is (8) _____ to have accurate weather forecasts.

predict
necessary
negative
factories
unhappy
incorrect
equipment
comments

North Korean people regularly (9) _____ from very bad food shortages. There are many droughts and (10) _____, which means many people do not have enough food to eat. In May, the country's newspapers said North Korea was hit by one of the (11) _____ droughts in over 30 years. This has increased the (12) _____ of more food (13) _____. In the mid-1990s there was a very bad famine. Wikipedia says no one knows how many people died of (14) _____ but says the number is between 240,000 and 3,500,000. North Korea needs a lot of food (15) _____ from other countries. Many people would die if they did not get this help. However, a lot of this food does not (16) _____ the people who need it the most.

aid
worst
shortages
reach
suffer
chances
floods
starvation

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) He was angry with the _____
 - a. meteorological departments
 - b. meteorological depart meant
 - c. meteorological department
 - d. meteorological departmental
- 2) It is very unusual for a North Korean leader _____
 - a. too be negative
 - b. to be negatively
 - c. too be negatively
 - d. to be negative
- 3) Mr Kim was visiting one of his country's weather stations when he _____
 - a. made the comments
 - b. made the commence
 - c. made all comments
 - d. made all commence
- 4) He told forecasters to use more _____
 - a. modern equip meant
 - b. mod and equipment
 - c. modern equipment
 - d. mod and equip meant
- 5) North Korea has many natural disasters and _____
 - a. has many famine
 - b. have many famines
 - c. has many famines
 - d. have many famine
- 6) North Korean people regularly suffer from very _____
 - a. bad food shortage is
 - b. bad food short ages
 - c. bad food short age is
 - d. bad food shortages
- 7) North Korea was hit by one of the worst droughts _____
 - a. in over 32 years
 - b. in over 38 years
 - c. in over 30 years
 - d. in over 35 years
- 8) Wikipedia says no one knows how many people _____
 - a. dead of starvation
 - b. died of starvation
 - c. did of starvation
 - d. dying of starvation
- 9) North Korea needs a lot _____
 - a. more food aid
 - b. for food aid
 - c. of food aid
 - d. have food aid
- 10) However, a lot of this food does not reach the people who _____
 - a. need it a most
 - b. need it almost
 - c. need it the mostly
 - d. need it the most

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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North Korea's leader Kim Jong-un is unhappy with the weather forecasts in his country. He (1) _____ meteorological department for giving "incorrect" forecasts. It (2) _____ a North Korean leader to be negative about any part of the government. Mr Kim was visiting one of his country's weather stations when (3) _____. He said the techniques (4) _____ the weather were wrong. He told forecasters to use more modern equipment. He told reporters it was important (5) _____ lives, homes and factories. North Korea has many natural disasters and has many famines, so it is necessary to have (6) _____ forecasts.

North Korean people (7) _____ from very bad food shortages. There are many droughts and floods, which means many people do not have (8) _____. In May, the country's newspapers said North Korea was hit by one of (9) _____ in over 30 years. This has increased the chances of more food shortages. In the mid-1990s there was a (10) _____. Wikipedia says no one knows how many people died (11) _____ says the number is between 240,000 and 3,500,000. North Korea needs a lot of food aid from other countries. Many people would die if they did not get this help. However, a lot of this food (12) _____ people who need it the most.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140616-weather-forecasts.html>

1. Which department was Kim Jung-un not so happy with?

2. What is it unusual for the North Korean leader to be?

3. Where did Kim Jung-un make the comments?

4. What did Kim Jung-un tell weather forecasters to use?

5. What is it necessary for N. Korea to have?

6. What do North Koreans suffer from regularly?

7. When was the really bad famine in North Korea?

8. What is the minimum number of dead in the famine?

9. What does North Korea get from other countries?

10. What thing does not get to people who really need it?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140616-weather-forecasts.html>

1. Which department was Kim Jung-un not so happy with?
 - a) the meteorological department
 - b) the storm department
 - c) the food department
 - d) the sales department
2. What is it unusual for the North Korean leader to be?
 - a) wrong
 - b) angry
 - c) negative
 - d) unhappy
3. Where did Kim Jung-un make the comments?
 - a) in a palace
 - b) at a weather station
 - c) in his office
 - d) on an airplane
4. What did Kim Jung-un tell weather forecasters to use?
 - a) maps and graphs
 - b) their common sense
 - c) water
 - d) more modern equipment
5. What is it necessary for N. Korea to have?
 - a) accurate weather forecasts
 - b) weather stations
 - c) weather channels
 - d) weather
6. What do North Koreans suffer from regularly?
 - a) stress
 - b) Internet bugs
 - c) the flu
 - d) food shortages
7. When was the really bad famine in North Korea?
 - a) last year
 - b) in the 1990s
 - c) in the late 19th century
 - d) 1932
8. What is the minimum number of dead in the famine?
 - a) 210,000
 - b) 220,000
 - c) 230,000
 - d) 240,000
9. What does North Korea get from other countries?
 - a) the Internet
 - b) coal
 - c) food aid
 - d) trouble
10. What thing does not get to people who really need it?
 - a) support
 - b) food
 - c) medicine
 - d) advice

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Rain

You think rain is the best weather to have. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are not so good about their types of weather. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): snow, sunshine or wind.

Role B – Snow

You think snow is the best weather to have. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are not so good about their types of weather. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): rain, sunshine or wind.

Role C – Sunshine

You think sunshine is the best weather to have. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are not so good about their types of weather. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): snow, rain or wind.

Role D – Wind

You think wind is the best weather to have. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are not so good about their types of weather. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): snow, sunshine or rain.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140616-weather-forecasts.html>

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

weather	forecast
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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">• incorrect• any• stations• modern• protect• necessary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• suffer• enough• hit• chances• between• reach
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WEATHER SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about weather 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.

WEATHER 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 'weather'?
- c) How do you like the weather in your country?
- d) What do you think of weather forecasts?
- e) Have you been angry because a weather forecast was wrong?
- f) What's your favourite kind of weather?
- g) Is Kim Jong-un right to be unhappy with weather forecasters?
- h) How often do you look at or listen to weather forecasts?
- i) Do you think being a weather forecaster is a good job?
- j) What will the weather be like where you are in the next few days?

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WEATHER DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Would better weather forecasts help stop drought and famine?
- c) What natural disasters does your country get?
- d) Are there ever shortages of anything in your country?
- e) How can we help people in famines?
- f) Why doesn't anyone know how many people died in North Korea's big famine?
- g) What's the hungriest you've ever been?
- h) Will there be a time when no one on Earth dies of hunger?
- i) Why doesn't all the food aid reach the people who need it?
- j) What questions would you like to ask a weather forecaster?

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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North Korean people regularly suffer (7) _____ very bad food shortages. There are many droughts and floods, which means many people do not have enough food to eat. In May, the country's newspapers said North Korea was (8) _____ by one of the worst droughts (9) _____ over 30 years. This has increased the chances of more food shortages. In the (10) _____-1990s there was a very bad famine. Wikipedia says no one knows how many people died of starvation but says the (11) _____ is between 240,000 and 3,500,000. North Korea needs a lot of food aid from other countries. Many people would die if they did not get (12) _____ help. However, a lot of this food does not reach the people who need it the most.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) angrily | (b) anger | (c) angry | (d) angers |
| 2. | (a) be | (b) do | (c) have | (d) say |
| 3. | (a) made | (b) did | (c) talked | (d) spoke |
| 4. | (a) used | (b) useful | (c) uses | (d) useless |
| 5. | (a) lifetimes | (b) lives | (c) lively | (d) livelihood |
| 6. | (a) needful | (b) necessitate | (c) necessarily | (d) necessary |
| 7. | (a) for | (b) of | (c) from | (d) if |
| 8. | (a) hitter | (b) hits | (c) hitting | (d) hit |
| 9. | (a) in | (b) on | (c) as | (d) with |
| 10. | (a) pre | (b) mid | (c) per | (d) via |
| 11. | (a) real | (b) number | (c) sadness | (d) dying |
| 12. | (a) them | (b) of | (c) this | (d) so |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. giving rcoiectrn forecasts
2. be nvtieeag about any part
3. isecqhnetu used to predict the weather
4. homes and itcrsofae
5. natural tsaidsres
6. uacacert weather forecasts

Paragraph 2

7. people grlruleay suffer
8. food rghotseas
9. the worst dtrgsouh in over 30 years
10. a very bad menifa
11. people died of rtivaatso
12. echra the people who need it

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140616-weather-forecasts.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () used to predict the weather were wrong. He told forecasters to use more modern
- () of food aid from other countries. Many people would die if they did not get this
- () North Korean people regularly suffer from very bad food shortages. There are many droughts
- (**1**) North Korea's leader Kim Jong-un is unhappy with the weather forecasts in his country. He was
- () disasters and has many famines, so it is necessary to have accurate weather forecasts.
- () equipment. He told reporters it was important to protect people's lives, homes and factories. North Korea has many natural
- () shortages. In the mid-1990s there was a very bad famine. Wikipedia says no one knows how many people
- () and floods, which means many people do not have enough food to eat. In May, the country's newspapers said North Korea was
- () hit by one of the worst droughts in over 30 years. This has increased the chances of more food
- () died of starvation but says the number is between 240,000 and 3,500,000. North Korea needs a lot
- () for a North Korean leader to be negative about any part of the government. Mr Kim was
- () help. However, a lot of this food does not reach the people who need it the most.
- () visiting one of his country's weather stations when he made the comments. He said the techniques
- () angry with the meteorological department for giving "incorrect" forecasts. It is very unusual

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140616-weather-forecasts.html>

1. the angry He meteorological with was department.

2. very a leader is for Korean It unusual North.

3. the predict wrong to were used weather Techniques.

4. was protect He it to lives reporters important people's told.

5. to have It accurate is weather necessary forecasts.

6. regularly bad People very from shortages suffer food.

7. not food do enough eat people have to Many.

8. 30 over in droughts worst the of one by Hit years.

9. died knows people starvation one many of No how.

10. not people it does the need Food reach who.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140616-weather-forecasts.html>

North Korea's leader Kim Jong-un is *unhappy* / *unhappiness* with the weather forecasts in his country. He was *angrily* / *angry* with the meteorological department *from* / *for* giving "incorrect" forecasts. It is very unusual for a North Korean leader to *have* / *be* negative about any part of the government. Mr Kim was *visited* / *visiting* one of his country's weather stations when he *made* / *talked* the comments. He said the techniques *using* / *used* to predict the weather were wrong. He told forecasters to use more modern *equipment* / *equip*. He told reporters it was important to protect people's lives, homes and *factories* / *factory*. North Korea has many natural disasters and has many famines, *so* / *such* it is necessary to have accurate weather forecasts.

North Korean people *regularly* / *regular* suffer from very *bad* / *badly* food shortages. There are many droughts and floods, which *meanings* / *means* many people do not have *enough* / *most* food to eat. In May, the country's newspapers said North Korea was hit by one of the worst droughts in over 30 years. This has *increasing* / *increased* the chances of more food shortages. In the mid-1990s there was a very bad *farming* / *famine*. Wikipedia says no one knows how *many* / *much* people died of starvation but says the number is *between* / *middle* 240,000 and 3,500,000. North Korea needs a lot of food aid from other countries. Many people would die if they did not get this *assist* / *help*. However, a lot of this food does not reach the people who need it the *most* / *more*.

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_rth K_r__'s l__d_r K_m J_ng-_n _s _nh_ppy w_th th_
w__th_r f_r_c_sts _n h_s c__ntry. H_w_s _ngry w_th
th_m_t__r_l_g_c_l_d_p_rtm_nt f_r g_v_ng "_nc_rr_ct"
f_r_c_sts. _t _s v_ry _n_s__l f_r _ N_rth K_r__n
l__d_r t_ b_ n_g_t_v_ _b__t _ny p_rt _f th_
g_v_rnm_nt. Mr K_m w_s v_s_t_ng _n _f h_s c__ntry's
w__th_r st_t__ns wh_n h_m_d_ th_c_mm_nts. H_
s__d th_t chn_q__s _s_d t_ pr_d_ct th_w__th_r w_r_
wr_ng. H_ t_ld f_r_c_st_rs t_ _s_ m_r_ m_d_rn
_q__pm_nt. H_ t_ld r_p_rt_rs _t w_s _mp_rt_nt t_
pr_t_ct p__pl_'s l_v_s, h_m_s _nd f_ct_r__s. N_rth
K_r__ h_s m_ny n_t_r_l_d_s_st_rs _nd h_s m_ny
f_m_n_s, s__t_s n_c_ss_ry t_h_v_ _cc_r_t_ w__th_r
f_r_c_sts.

N_rth K_r__n p__pl_ r_g_l_rly s_ff_r fr_m v_ry b_d
f__d sh_rt_g_s. Th_r_ _r_ m_ny dr__ghts _nd fl__ds,
wh_ch m__ns m_ny p__pl_ d_n_t h_v_ _n__gh f__d t_
__t. _n M_y, th_c__ntry's n_wsp_p_rs s__d N_rth
K_r__ w_s h_t by _n _f th_w_rst dr__ghts _n_v_r 30
y__rs. Th_s h_s _ncr__s_d th_ch_nc_s _f m_r_ f__d
sh_rt_g_s. _n th_m_d-1990s th_r_ w_s _v_ry b_d
f_m_n_. W_k_p_d__s_ys n_ _n_ kn_ws h_w m_ny
p__pl_ d__d _f st_rv_t__n b_t s_ys th_n_mb_r _s
b_tw__n 240,000 _nd 3,500,000. N_rth K_r__n__ds _
l_t _f f__d __d fr_m _th_r c__ntr__s. M_ny p__pl_
w__ld d__ _f th_y d_d n_t g_t th_s h_lp. H_w_v_r, _
l_t _f th_s f__d d__s n_t r__ch th_p__pl_ wh_n__d_t
th_m_st.

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

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

4. NATURAL DISASTERS: Write a magazine article about natural disasters. Include imaginary interviews with people who help people in disasters.

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 weather. Ask him/her three questions about the weather. Give him/her three of your ideas on things to do in different weather conditions. 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 T e F f T g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. unhappy | a. displeased |
| 2. incorrect | b. wrong |
| 3. techniques | c. methods |
| 4. predict | d. forecast |
| 5. necessary | e. needed |
| 6. regularly | f. often |
| 7. hit | g. badly affected |
| 8. chances | h. likelihood |
| 9. aid | i. help |
| 10. reach | j. get to |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. The meteorological department
2. Negative
3. At a weather station
4. More modern equipment
5. Accurate weather forecasts
6. Food shortages
7. In the 1990s
8. 240,000
9. Food aid
10. Food

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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