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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141105-silicon-valley.html>

The CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of Google Larry Page has told European governments they need to be more like Silicon Valley. He said European leaders do not support technology companies enough. Silicon Valley is home to many of the world's largest technology corporations. Google, Apple and Facebook have their headquarters there. Mr Page said Silicon Valley is a great place for technology companies because it is easy to do business there. He told Britain's 'Financial Times' newspaper that Silicon Valley was great for investing in science and for making money by setting up new technology companies. He said Europe's politicians needed to start investing in big ideas.

Mr Page told the Financial Times he had \$62 billion that he wanted to invest in new ideas. He said he wanted to use the money to benefit societies in Europe. He said: "We're trying to figure it out. How do we use all these resources and have a much more positive impact on the world?" Page is not the first business leader to attack Europe for being slow with investing in technology. Many experts say European schools do not teach enough technology, so children do not have the skills that kids in Silicon Valley have. Many leaders in education believe there should be a much bigger focus on technology in schools. Some think all elementary schools should have classes on coding for children.

Sources: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/google/11202850/Google-boss-Larry-Page-Europe-needs-to-be-more-like-Silicon-Valley-and-support-technology.html>
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WARM-UPS

1. TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about technology companies. 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?

CEO / governments / support / home / corporations / headquarters / easy / investing / billion / benefit / impact / experts / leaders / education / focus / elementary schools

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

3. CORPORATIONS: What are the good and bad things about these corporations? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good	Bad
Google		
Apple		
Facebook		
Yahoo		
Amazon		
eBay		

4. CODING: Students A **strongly** believe all children should learn to code; Students B **strongly** believe it's not necessary. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. COMPANIES: Rank these with your partner. Put the best company to work for at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- software
- gaming
- social network
- chip design
- phone maker
- app design
- online store
- search engine

6. GOOGLE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "Google". 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/1411/141105-silicon-valley.html>

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

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. Google's CEO said Europe needed to be like Silicon Valley. | T / F |
| b. The headquarters of Apple is not in Silicon Valley. | T / F |
| c. Larry Page was speaking to a British financial newspaper. | T / F |
| d. Mr Page said Europe needed to invest in big ideas. | T / F |
| e. Mr Page told reporters he wanted to invest \$62 billion. | T / F |
| f. Mr Page said he wanted to invest most of the money in Africa and Asia. | T / F |
| g. Experts said Europe is ahead when it comes to teaching tech to kids. | T / F |
| h. No one thought elementary school kids should learn to code. | T / F |

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

- | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. like | a. specialists |
| 2. support | b. starting |
| 3. headquarters | c. emphasis |
| 4. great | d. similar to |
| 5. setting up | e. put money into |
| 6. invest | f. main office |
| 7. benefit | g. programming |
| 8. experts | h. help |
| 9. focus | i. improve |
| 10. coding | j. excellent |

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

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. they need to be more | a. technology corporations |
| 2. support technology | b. impact |
| 3. many of the world's largest | c. like Silicon Valley |
| 4. it is easy to do | d. on technology |
| 5. politicians needed to | e. to benefit societies |
| 6. he had \$62 billion that he | f. business there |
| 7. use the money | g. coding for children |
| 8. a much more positive | h. start investing |
| 9. a much bigger focus | i. wanted to invest |
| 10. have classes on | j. companies |

GAP FILL

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The CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of Google Larry Page has told European governments they (1) _____ to be more like Silicon Valley. He said European leaders do not (2) _____ technology companies enough. Silicon Valley is home to many of the world's (3) _____ technology (4) _____. Google, Apple and Facebook have their headquarters there. Mr Page said Silicon Valley is a great place for technology companies because it is (5) _____ to do business there. He told Britain's 'Financial Times' newspaper that Silicon Valley was (6) _____ for investing in science and for making money by (7) _____ up new technology companies. He said Europe's politicians needed to start investing in big (8) _____.

corporations

support

easy

setting

need

ideas

great

largest

Mr Page told the Financial Times he had \$62 (9) _____ that he wanted to invest in new ideas. He said he wanted to use the money to (10) _____ societies in Europe. He said: "We're trying to figure it out. How do we use all these (11) _____ and have a much more positive (12) _____ on the world?" Page is not the first business leader to attack Europe for being slow with investing in technology. Many (13) _____ say European schools do not teach enough technology, so children do not have the (14) _____ that kids in Silicon Valley have. Many leaders in education believe there should be a much bigger (15) _____ on technology in schools. Some think all elementary schools should have classes on (16) _____ for children.

impact

benefit

skills

billion

coding

resources

focus

experts

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Larry Page has told European governments they need to be more _____
 - a. liking Silicon Valley
 - b. liken Silicon Valley
 - c. like Silicon Valley
 - d. liked Silicon Valley
- 2) He said European leaders do not support technology _____
 - a. company's enough
 - b. companies enough
 - c. accompanies enough
 - d. a company is enough
- 3) Silicon Valley is a great place for technology companies because it is easy _____
 - a. to do businesses
 - b. to do business in
 - c. to do business
 - d. to do businesslike
- 4) Silicon Valley was great for investing in science and _____
 - a. for making money
 - b. for faking money
 - c. for taking money
 - d. for raking money
- 5) He said Europe's politicians needed to start investing _____
 - a. on big ideas
 - b. by big ideas
 - c. for big ideas
 - d. in big ideas
- 6) Mr Page told the Financial Times he had \$62 billion that he wanted to _____
 - a. investing in new ideas
 - b. invest in new ideas
 - c. invests in new ideas
 - d. invested in new ideas
- 7) He said he wanted to use the money to benefit _____
 - a. society is in Europe
 - b. societies in Europe
 - c. society's in Europe
 - d. so sire, 'tis in Europe
- 8) Page is not the first business leader to attack Europe for being slow with _____
 - a. investing in technologies
 - b. investing in technology
 - c. investing in technological
 - d. investing in tech
- 9) children do not have the skills that kids in _____
 - a. Silicon Valley has
 - b. Silicon Valley having
 - c. Silicon Valley behave
 - d. Silicon Valley have
- 10) Many leaders in education believe there should be a much bigger _____
 - a. focus in technology
 - b. focus on technology
 - c. focus an technology
 - d. focus un-technology

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Mr Page told the Financial Times he had \$62 billion (7) _____ in new ideas. He said he wanted to use the money to benefit societies in Europe. He said: "We're (8) _____ out. How do we use all these resources and (9) _____ positive impact on the world?" Page is not the first business leader to attack Europe for being slow with investing in technology. Many experts say European schools do (10) _____ technology, so children do not have the skills that kids in Silicon Valley have. Many leaders in education believe there should be a much (11) _____ technology in schools. Some think all elementary schools should (12) _____ for children.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141105-silicon-valley.html>

1. What did Larry Page say Europe needed to be like?

2. What do Facebook and Google have in Silicon Valley?

3. What did Larry Page say was easy to do in Silicon Valley?

4. What did Mr Page say it was easy to make in Silicon Valley?

5. What did Larry Page say European politicians needed to invest in?

6. How much money does Larry Page have available to invest?

7. What kind of impact does Page want to have on the world?

8. Which kids have better tech skills than European kids?

9. What do education leaders want a bigger focus on?

10. What do some people think elementary schools should teach?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141105-silicon-valley.html>

1. What did Larry Page say Europe needed to be like?
 - a) Google
 - b) Canada
 - c) Silicon Valley
 - d) Star Wars
2. What do Facebook and Google have in Silicon Valley?
 - a) headquarters
 - b) silicon
 - c) problems
 - d) statues of their CEOs
3. What did Larry Page say was easy to do in Silicon Valley?
 - a) business
 - b) sleep
 - c) have fun
 - d) find free wi-fi
4. What did Mr Page say it was easy to make in Silicon Valley?
 - a) silicon
 - b) money
 - c) microchips
 - d) animated movies
5. What did Larry Page say European politicians needed to invest in?
 - a) their future
 - b) the New York Stock Exchange
 - c) Google
 - d) big ideas
6. How much money does Larry Page have available to invest?
 - a) \$26 million
 - b) \$62 billion
 - c) \$26 billion
 - d) \$62 million
7. What kind of impact does Page want to have on the world?
 - a) a positive one
 - b) a high-tech one
 - c) a lasting one
 - d) an immediate one
8. Which kids have better tech skills than European kids?
 - a) kids in U.S. elementary schools
 - b) Indian kids
 - c) Silicon Valley kids
 - d) kids of software engineers
9. What do education leaders want a bigger focus on?
 - a) money
 - b) discipline
 - c) silicon
 - d) technology
10. What do some people think elementary schools should teach?
 - a) coding
 - b) technology history
 - c) music
 - d) animation skills

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Computer game designer

You think a computer game designer is the best job. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their jobs aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the most important of these (and why): social network engineer, microchip designer or phone maker.

Role B – Social network engineer

You think a social network engineer is the best job. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their jobs aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the most important of these (and why): computer game designer, microchip designer or phone maker.

Role C – Microchip designer

You think a microchip designer is the best job. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their jobs aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the most important of these (and why): social network engineer, computer game designer or phone maker.

Role D – Phone maker

You think a phone maker is the best job. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their jobs aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the most important of these (and why): social network engineer, microchip designer or computer game designer.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141105-silicon-valley.html>

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

support	technology
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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">• need• enough• home• great• making• big	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 62• figure• first• slow• focus• coding
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TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about technology companies 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.

TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES DISCUSSION

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

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'technology'?
- 3) What do you know about Silicon Valley?
- 4) What's your favourite technology company, and why?
- 5) What are the tech companies like in your country?
- 6) How special are technology companies?
- 7) What makes it easy for companies to do business?
- 8) What kind of new company would you like to set up?
- 9) What would it be like to work in a big technology company?
- 10) What big ideas could politicians start investing in?

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TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES DISCUSSION

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

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) What should Larry Page invest his \$62 billion in?
- 13) What would it be like to own Google?
- 14) How important is it to invest in technology?
- 15) How much technology should schools teach?
- 16) What are your technology skills like?
- 17) What areas of technology would you like to know more about?
- 18) Is coding geeky or cool? Why?
- 19) How would your country change if all kids could code?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask Larry Page?

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) needing | (b) needless | (c) needy | (d) need |
| 2. | (a) many | (b) some | (c) plenty | (d) enough |
| 3. | (a) quartered | (b) headquarters | (c) quarterly | (d) quarters |
| 4. | (a) be | (b) play | (c) do | (d) act |
| 5. | (a) faking | (b) taking | (c) making | (d) raking |
| 6. | (a) start | (b) starting | (c) started | (d) starts |
| 7. | (a) beneficial | (b) benefit | (c) beneficiary | (d) benefits |
| 8. | (a) out | (b) in | (c) up | (d) down |
| 9. | (a) pact | (b) impact | (c) part | (d) compact |
| 10. | (a) for | (b) on | (c) with | (d) as |
| 11. | (a) skillful | (b) skilled | (c) skills | (d) skilling |
| 12. | (a) by | (b) in | (c) to | (d) on |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Chief tvciieeExu Officer
2. European esrtenvmgon
3. the world's largest technology rpotocnairos
4. Facebook have their saheetarrqd there
5. it is easy to do ubisnses there
6. start nnvsitgei in big ideas

Paragraph 2

7. he had \$62 lboinli that he wanted to invest
8. use the money to netbife societies
9. We're trying to reuigf it out
10. have a much more poiteisy impact
11. leaders in adtioenc
12. tmyrelaene schools

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () because it is easy to do business there. He told Britain's 'Financial Times' newspaper
- () out. How do we use all these resources and have a much more positive impact on the
- () up new technology companies. He said Europe's politicians needed to start investing in big ideas.
- () have their headquarters there. Mr Page said Silicon Valley is a great place for technology companies
- () enough. Silicon Valley is home to many of the world's largest technology corporations. Google, Apple and Facebook
- () that Silicon Valley was great for investing in science and for making money by setting
- () be more like Silicon Valley. He said European leaders do not support technology companies
- () focus on technology in schools. Some think all elementary schools should have classes on coding for children.
- () do not have the skills that kids in Silicon Valley have. Many leaders in education believe there should be a much bigger
- () in technology. Many experts say European schools do not teach enough technology, so children
- () Mr Page told the Financial Times he had \$62 billion that he wanted to invest in new ideas. He said he wanted
- () to use the money to benefit societies in Europe. He said: "We're trying to figure it
- (**1**) The CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of Google Larry Page has told European governments they need to
- () world?" Page is not the first business leader to attack Europe for being slow with investing

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141105-silicon-valley.html>

1. technology support not do Leaders enough companies .

2. the tech Home of largest many world's corporations to .

3. for is place companies Valley great technology Silicon a .

4. money for science making Great in for investing and .

5. needed big to ideas start investing Politicians in .

6. \$62 ideas wanted new he had in that He invest billion to .

7. He societies benefit to money the use to wanted he said .

8. more on much impact world a positive the Have .

9. teach not do schools European technology enough .

10. on There a focus be bigger technology should much .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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The CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of Google Larry Page has told European governments they *need / needy* to be more like Silicon Valley. He said European leaders do not *supportive / support* technology companies enough. Silicon Valley is *home / house* to many of the world's largest technology corporations. Google, Apple and Facebook have their *close-quarters / headquarters* there. Mr Page *said / say* Silicon Valley is a great place for technology companies *so / because* it is easy to *do / be* business there. He told Britain's 'Financial Times' newspaper that Silicon Valley was great *from / for* investing in science and for making money *in / by* setting up new technology companies. He said Europe's politicians needed to start investing *in / on* big ideas.

Mr Page told the Financial Times he had \$62 billion *what / that* he wanted to invest in new ideas. He said he wanted to use *the / a* money to benefit societies in Europe. He said: "We're trying to *figure / figures* it out. How do we use all these resources and have *the / a* much more positive impact on the world?" Page is not the first business leader *to / for* attack Europe for being *slow / slowly* with investing in technology. Many experts say European schools do not teach *plenty / enough* technology, so children do not have the skills that kids in Silicon Valley *be / have*. Many leaders in education believe there should be a much bigger *focal / focus* on technology in schools. Some think *all / every* elementary schools should have classes on coding for children.

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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Th_ C__ (Ch__ f _x_c_t_v_ _ff_c_r) _f G__gl_ L_rry
P_g_ h_s_t_l_d __r_p__n_g_v_rnm_nts th_y_n__d_t_b_
m_r_l_k_ S_l_c_n V_ll_y. H_s__d __r_p__n_l_d_rs
d_n_t_s_pp_rt_t_chn_l_gy c_mp_n__s _n__gh. S_l_c_n
V_ll_y __s_h_m__t__m_ny __f_th__w_rld's_l_rg_st
t_chn_l_gy c_rp_r_t__ns. G__gl_, _ppl_ _nd F_c_b__k
h_v__th__r_h__dq__rt_rs th_r_. Mr P_g_ s__d S_l_c_n
V_ll_y __s__gr__t_pl_c__f_r_t_chn_l_gy c_mp_n__s
b_c__s__t__s__sy_t__d__b_s_n_ss th_r_. H_t_l_d
Br_t__n's 'F_n_nc__l T_m_s' n_wsp_p_r th_t S_l_c_n
V_ll_y w_s gr__t_f_r__nv_st_ng __n_sc__nc__nd_f_r
m_k_ng m_n_y by s_tt_ng __p__n_w__t_chn_l_gy
c_mp_n__s. H_s__d __r_p_'s p_l_t_c__ns n__d__d_t__
st_rt_nv_st_ng __n_b_g__d__s.

Mr P_g_ t_l_d th_ F_n_nc__l T_m_s h__h_d \$62 b_ll__n
th_t h__w__nt_d_t__nv_st__n_n_w__d__s. H_s__d h__
w__nt_d_t__s__th__m_n_y t__b_n_f_t_s_c__t__s__n
__r_p_. H_s__d: "W__'r__try_ng_t__f_g_r__t__t. H_w
d__w__s__ll th_s__r_s__rc_s __nd h_v__ __m_ch m_r_
p_s_t_v__mp_ct __n th__w_rld?" P_g_ __s_n_t th__f_rst
b_s_n_ss l__d_r_t__tt_ck __r_p__f_r b__ng sl_w w_th
__nv_st_ng __n t_chn_l_gy. M_ny __xp_rts s_y __r_p__n
sch__ls d_n_t t__ch __n__gh t_chn_l_gy, s__ch_ldr_n
d_n_t h_v__th__sk_lls th_t k_ds __n S_l_c_n V_ll_y
h_v__. M_ny l__d_rs __n_d_c_t__n b_l__v__th_r sh__ld
b__ __m_ch b_gg_r f_c_s __n t_chn_l_gy __n sch__ls.
S_m__th_nk __ll __l_m_nt_ry sch__ls sh__ld h_v__cl_ss_s
__n c_d_ng f_r ch_ldr_n.

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

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

4. GOOGLE: Write a magazine article about the money Larry Page has to invest. Include imaginary interviews with him and European leaders. Ask them where the money should go.

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 technology companies. Ask him/her three questions about Silicon Valley. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to help tech companies. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. like | a. similar to |
| 2. support | b. help |
| 3. headquarters | c. main office |
| 4. great | d. excellent |
| 5. setting up | e. starting |
| 6. invest | f. put money into |
| 7. benefit | g. improve |
| 8. experts | h. specialists |
| 9. focus | i. emphasis |
| 10. coding | j. programming |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Silicon Valley
2. Headquarters
3. Business
4. Money
5. Big ideas
6. \$62 billion
7. A positive one
8. Silicon Valley kids
9. Technology
10. Coding

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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