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Level 6

Pope OKs showers for homeless in Rome

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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141115-homeless.html>

Pope Francis has given the green light for three showers to be installed in the Vatican so the homeless have a free place to wash. The new showers will be in the world-famous St Peter's Square, a place where millions of pilgrims flock to each year. The inspiration came from Archbishop Konrad Krajewski, who met a man who had been homeless for a decade. Apparently, the archbishop invited the man to dinner to celebrate his 50th birthday. The man declined saying he was embarrassed to accept the invitation because he smelled bad. The archbishop said: "I took him to dinner with me nonetheless....During dinner, he explained to me that you can always find some food in Rome. What is missing is a place to wash."

Construction of the showers will commence on November 17th. The idea has energised city planners, who have already put plans in place to erect a further ten showers across Rome. Archbishop Krajewski has called for volunteers and donations to help maintain the showers. He said the service particularly needed soap, towels and clean underwear. He told reporters: "It is not simple. It is easier to prepare sandwiches than to run a shower service. You need volunteers." When asked by journalists if he thought visitors might be offended by the showers for the homeless, the archbishop replied that it had always been the duty of the church to serve the poor and needy.

Sources: <http://www.thelocal.it/20141113/italys-homeless-to-get-showers-at-the-vatican>
<http://www.catholicnews.com/data/stories/cns/1404717.htm>
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/11/13/vatican-krajewski-showers-homeless_n_6153540.html

WARM-UPS

1. HOMELESSNESS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about homelessness. 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?

green light / showers / millions / pilgrims / decade / embarrassed / dinner / missing / construction / volunteers / donations / underwear / sandwiches / journalists / needy

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

3. HOMELESS: What services they get? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

Service	Who to provide it?	What it includes
Showers		
Healthcare		
Legal advice		
Careers help		
Counseling		
Use of a gym		

4. SHAME: Students A **strongly** believe homelessness is a government's shame; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. INVITATIONS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- a dinner party
- the opera
- a horse race
- an art gallery
- the beach
- afternoon tea
- a workshop
- the movies

6. WASH: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "wash". 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/1411/141115-homeless.html>

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

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. The Pope has given an amber light to build showers for the homeless. | T / F |
| b. The new showers will be in a world-famous square at the Vatican. | T / F |
| c. An archbishop was taken to dinner by a homeless man. | T / F |
| d. The homeless man said it wasn't so difficult to find food in Rome. | T / F |
| e. City planners say there are no plans to build more showers. | T / F |
| f. The showers for the homeless project has enough volunteers. | T / F |
| g. A man said the shower project was easier then making sandwiches. | T / F |
| h. The archbishop said he thought the showers would offend people. | T / F |

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

- | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. green light | a. refused |
| 2. free | b. idea |
| 3. inspiration | c. invigorated |
| 4. declined | d. building |
| 5. missing | e. responsibility |
| 6. construction | f. go-ahead |
| 7. energised | g. lacking |
| 8. run | h. answered |
| 9. replied | i. complimentary |
| 10. duty | j. operate |

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

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Francis has given the green | a. the invitation |
| 2. the homeless have a free | b. needed soap |
| 3. where millions of pilgrims | c. is a place to wash |
| 4. he was embarrassed to accept | d. city planners |
| 5. What is missing | e. by the showers |
| 6. The idea has energised | f. light for three showers |
| 7. put plans in place to erect | g. the poor and needy |
| 8. He said the service particularly | h. flock to each year |
| 9. visitors might be offended | i. place to wash |
| 10. the duty of the church to serve | j. a further ten |

GAP FILL

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Pope Francis has given the (1) _____ light for three showers to be installed in the Vatican so the homeless have a free (2) _____ to wash. The new showers will be in the world-famous St Peter's Square, a place where millions of pilgrims (3) _____ to each year. The inspiration came from Archbishop Konrad Krajewski, who met a man who had been homeless for a (4) _____. Apparently, the archbishop invited the man to dinner to (5) _____ his 50th birthday. The man declined saying he was embarrassed to (6) _____ the invitation because he smelled bad. The archbishop said: "I took him to dinner with me (7) _____ ...During dinner, he explained to me that you can always find some food in Rome. What is (8) _____ is a place to wash."

celebrate
flock
nonetheless
accept
green
decade
missing
place

Construction of the showers will (9) _____ on November 17th. The idea has energised city planners, who have already put plans in place to (10) _____ a further ten showers across Rome. Archbishop Krajewski has called for volunteers and (11) _____ to help maintain the showers. He said the service (12) _____ needed soap, towels and clean underwear. He told reporters: "It is not simple. It is easier to prepare sandwiches than to (13) _____ a shower service. You need volunteers." When asked by journalists if he thought visitors might be (14) _____ by the showers for the homeless, the archbishop replied that it had always been the (15) _____ of the church to serve the poor and (16) _____.

donations
offended
commence
particularly
needy
erect
duty
run

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Pope Francis has given the green light for three _____
 - a. showers to be installs
 - b. showers to be reinstalled
 - c. showers to be installed
 - d. showers to be install
- 2) a place where millions of pilgrims _____
 - a. frack to each year
 - b. flock to each year
 - c. frock to each year
 - d. float to each year
- 3) met a man who had been _____
 - a. homeless for a decadence
 - b. homeless for a decayed
 - c. homeless for a decade
 - d. homeless for a deck aid
- 4) he was embarrassed to accept the invitation _____
 - a. because of the smell
 - b. because he smiled
 - c. because she smelled
 - d. because he smelled
- 5) During dinner, he explained to me that you can always _____
 - a. find sum food
 - b. find dim sum food
 - c. find some food
 - d. find soon food
- 6) The idea has energised city planners, who have already put plans in place to _____
 - a. elect a further ten
 - b. erect a further ten
 - c. eject a further ten
 - d. effect a further ten
- 7) Krajewski has called for volunteers and donations to help _____
 - a. maintenance the showers
 - b. maintains the showers
 - c. maintain the showers
 - d. maintained the showers
- 8) It is easier to prepare sandwiches than to run _____
 - a. a shower service
 - b. a showered services
 - c. a showers service
 - d. a showers services
- 9) he thought visitors might be offended _____
 - a. at the showers
 - b. by the showers
 - c. for the showers
 - d. to the showers
- 10) it had always been the duty of the church to serve _____
 - a. the poor and needless
 - b. the poor and needed
 - c. the poor and needy
 - d. the poor and needing

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Pope Francis has given (1) _____ three showers to be installed in the Vatican so the homeless have a free place to wash. The new showers will be in the world-famous St Peter's Square, a place where millions of (2) _____ year. The inspiration came from Archbishop Konrad Krajewski, who met a man (3) _____ for a decade. Apparently, the archbishop (4) _____ dinner to celebrate his 50th birthday. The man declined saying he was embarrassed to accept the invitation (5) _____ bad. The archbishop said: "I took him to dinner with me nonetheless....During dinner, he explained to me that you can always find some food in Rome. (6) _____ a place to wash."

Construction of the showers (7) _____ November 17th. The idea has energised city planners, who have already (8) _____ erect a further ten showers across Rome. Archbishop Krajewski has called for (9) _____ to help maintain the showers. He said the service (10) _____ soap, towels and clean underwear. He told reporters: "It is not simple. It is easier to prepare sandwiches (11) _____ service. You need volunteers." When asked by journalists if he thought visitors might be offended by the showers for the homeless, the archbishop replied that it had always been the duty of the church to (12) _____ needy.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141115-homeless.html>

1. What kind of light did the Pope give for the new showers?

2. Who flocks to St Peter's Square every year?

3. Who did an archbishop meet for dinner?

4. Why did a man initially decline an invitation to dinner?

5. What did a homeless man say you could always find in Rome?

6. When will the construction of the showers begin?

7. How many more showers are there plans for?

8. What did the archbishop say was easier than running a shower service?

9. Who did journalists think might be offended by the showers?

10. Who is it the duty of the church to help?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141115-homeless.html>

1. What kind of light did the Pope give for the new showers?
 - a) a white one
 - b) a green one
 - c) a red one
 - d) an amber one
2. Who flocks to St Peter's Square every year?
 - a) popes
 - b) shower makers
 - c) sheep
 - d) pilgrims
3. Who did an archbishop meet for dinner?
 - a) a homeless man
 - b) Pope Francis
 - c) a shower company CEO
 - d) a health inspector
4. Why did a man initially decline an invitation to dinner?
 - a) he didn't like the
 - b) he disliked the archbishop
 - c) he thought he smelled
 - d) he wasn't hungry
5. What did a homeless man say you could always find in Rome?
 - a) homeless people
 - b) food
 - c) hope
 - d) romance
6. When will the construction of the showers begin?
 - a) November 17
 - b) December 17
 - c) January 17
 - d) February 17
7. How many more showers are there plans for?
 - a) 8
 - b) 9
 - c) 10
 - d) 11
8. What did the archbishop say was easier than running a shower service?
 - a) preparing sandwiches
 - b) making beds
 - c) praying
 - d) driving in Rome traffic
9. Who did journalists think might be offended by the showers?
 - a) tourists
 - b) the homeless
 - c) shower makers
 - d) the Pope
10. Who is it the duty of the church to help?
 - a) shower makers
 - b) priests
 - c) the rich
 - d) the poor and needy

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Showers

You think homeless people want showers most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): TV, a gym or careers advice.

Role B – TV

You think homeless people want TV most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): showers, a gym or careers advice.

Role C – Gym

You think homeless people want a gym most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): TV, showers or careers advice.

Role D – Careers advice

You think homeless people want careers advice most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): TV, a gym or showers.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141115-homeless.html>

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

green	light
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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">• installed• millions• met• declined• nonetheless• missing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 17• planners• maintain• simple• visitors• needy
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HOMELESSNESS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about homelessness 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.

HOMELESSNESS 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 'homeless'?
- 3) What does your town provide for the homeless?
- 4) What do you think of the Vatican showers?
- 5) Are you surprised there aren't more services for homeless people?
- 6) How do people survive being homeless?
- 7) Do you ever give money to homeless people?
- 8) Why don't you take a homeless person to dinner?
- 9) What do you think would be the most difficult thing about being homeless?
- 10) What will the new shower mean to the homeless of Rome?

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HOMELESSNESS DISCUSSION

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

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) Why are there homeless people in rich countries?
- 13) What can governments do for the homeless?
- 14) Will ten showers be enough?
- 15) What would you give to help the archbishop's project?
- 16) Why might people be offended by the showers?
- 17) What's the next thing the Pope should do?
- 18) Do religious organisations do enough for the homeless?
- 19) Do you have a duty to help homeless people?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask Pope Francis?

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) amber | (b) red | (c) white | (d) green |
| 2. | (a) pride | (b) herd | (c) gaggle | (d) flock |
| 3. | (a) inspired | (b) inspiration | (c) inspires | (d) inspire |
| 4. | (a) decline | (b) declines | (c) declined | (d) declining |
| 5. | (a) nonetheless | (b) moreover | (c) reasonably | (d) whatsoever |
| 6. | (a) missing | (b) remiss | (c) misses | (d) missal |
| 7. | (a) infinity | (b) hold | (c) store | (d) place |
| 8. | (a) donations | (b) donates | (c) donuts | (d) dons |
| 9. | (a) articulated | (b) particularly | (c) recalcitrant | (d) summarily |
| 10. | (a) fly | (b) max | (c) run | (d) slew |
| 11. | (a) offensive | (b) offender | (c) offended | (d) off-ending |
| 12. | (a) needless | (b) needy | (c) needed | (d) needs |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. showers to be ltldsniae in the Vatican
2. millions of giipmrls
3. The inortisinpa came from Archbishop Konrad
4. homeless for a cddeea
5. ateplrynAp, the archbishop invited...
6. I took him to dinner with me henstoneesl

Paragraph 2

7. eccommen on November 17th
8. segireend (UK) / igeeendzr (USA) city planners
9. Krajewski has called for eerusvnlot
10. tsooniand to help maintain the showers
11. offdeedn by the showers
12. the archbishop relidpe

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

()	place to wash. The new showers will be in the world-famous St Peter's Square, a place where millions
()	dinner to celebrate his 50th birthday. The man declined saying he was embarrassed to accept the invitation because he
()	a man who had been homeless for a decade. Apparently, the archbishop invited the man to
()	visitors might be offended by the showers for the homeless, the archbishop
()	smelled bad. The archbishop said: "I took him to dinner with me nonetheless....During dinner, he explained to
()	soap, towels and clean underwear. He told reporters: "It is not simple. It is easier to prepare
()	planners, who have already put plans in place to erect a further ten showers across Rome. Archbishop Krajewski has
()	me that you can always find some food in Rome. What is missing is a place to wash."
()	replied that it had always been the duty of the church to serve the poor and needy.
()	sandwiches than to run a shower service. You need volunteers." When asked by journalists if he thought
()	called for volunteers and donations to help maintain the showers. He said the service particularly needed
(1)	Pope Francis has given the green light for three showers to be installed in the Vatican so the homeless have a free
()	Construction of the showers will commence on November 17th. The idea has energised city
()	of pilgrims flock to each year. The inspiration came from Archbishop Konrad Krajewski, who met

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. where millions of pilgrims flock to each year A place .

2. invited to celebrate archbishop man to The the dinner .

3. accept to embarrassed was He invitation the.

4. you that me to explained He food some find always can .

5. a What place is to missing wash is .

6. commence 17 of will Nov Construction showers on the .

7. erect a further ten showers Put plans in place to.

8. particularly service the said He soap needed.

9. thought be the He might by visitors offended showers .

10. The needy and poor the serve to church the of duty .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141115-homeless.html>

Pope Francis has given the *green / amber* light for three showers to be installed in the Vatican so the homeless have a free *placement / place* to wash. The new showers will be in the world-famous St Peter's Square, a place where millions of pilgrims *flock / gaggle* to each year. The *inspiration / inspirational* came from Archbishop Konrad Krajewski, who met a man who had been homeless for *a / the* decade. Apparently, the archbishop invited the man to dinner to celebrate his 50th birthday. The man *reclined / declined* saying he was embarrassed to *accept / concept* the invitation because he smelled bad. The archbishop said: "I took him to dinner with me *evermore / nonetheless*....During dinner, he explained to me that you can always find *many / some* food in Rome. What is *missing / miserly* is a place to wash."

Construction of the showers will *commence / commend* on November 17th. The idea has *energised / infuriated* city planners, who have already put plans in place to *erect / elect* a further ten showers across Rome. Archbishop Krajewski has called for *voluntary / volunteers* and donations to help maintain the showers. He said the service *particularly / particulars* needed soap, towels and clean underwear. He told reporters: "It is not simple. It is easier to prepare sandwiches than to *run / walk* a shower service. You need volunteers." When *asking / asked* by journalists if he thought visitors might be *offended / offered* by the showers for the homeless, the archbishop *replied / relied* that it had always been the duty of the church to serve the poor and *needless / needy*.

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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P_p_ Fr_nc_s h_s g_v_n th_ gr__n l_gh_t f_r thr__
sh_w_rs t_ b_ _nst_ll_d _n th_ V_t_c_n s_ th_
h_m_l_ss h_v_ _ fr__ pl_c_t_ w_sh. Th_ n_w sh_w_rs
w_ll b_ _n th_ w_rld-f_m__s St P_t_r's Sq__r_, _ pl_c_
wh_r_ m_ll__ns _f p_lgr_ms fl_ck t_ __ch y__r. Th_
_nsp_r_t__n c_m_ fr_m _rchb_sh_p K_nr_d Kr_j_wsk_,
wh_ m_t_ _ m_n wh_ h_d b__n h_m_l_ss f_r _ d_c_d_.
_pp_r_ntly, th_ _rchb_sh_p_nv_t_d th_ m_n t_d_nn_r
t_ c_l_br_t_ h_s 50th b_rthd_y. Th_ m_n d_cl_n_d
s_y_ng h_ w_s _mb_rr_ss_d t_ _cc_pt th_ _nv_t_t__n
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h_m t_d_nn_r w_th m_n_n_th_l_ss...D_r_ng d_nn_r,
h_ _xpl__n_d t_ m_ th_t y__ c_n _lw_ys f_nd s_m_
f__d _n R_m_. Wh_t _s m_ss_ng _s _ pl_c_t_ w_sh."

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wh_ h_v_ _lr__dy p_t pl_ns _n pl_c_t_ _r_ct_ f_rth_r
t_n sh_w_rs _cr_ss R_m_. _rchb_sh_p Kr_j_wsk_ h_s
c_ll_d f_r v_l_nt__rs _nd d_n_t__ns t_ h_lp m__nt__n
th_ sh_w_rs. H_ s__d th_ s_rvc_p_rtc_l_rly n__d_d
s__p, t_w_ls _nd cl__n _nd rw__r. H_ t_ld r_p_rts:
"t_s n_t s_mpl_. _t_s __s__r_t pr_p_r_s ndw_ch_s
th_n t_r_n _ sh_w_r s_rvc_. Y__ n__d v_l_nt__rs."
Wh_n _sk_d by j__rn_l_sts _f h_ th_gh_t v_s_t_rs
m_gh_t b_ _ff_nd_d by th_ sh_w_rs f_r th_ h_m_l_ss,
th_ _rchb_sh_p r_pl__d th_t _t h_d _lw_ys b__n th_
d_ty _f th_ ch_rch t_s_rvc_ th_ p__r _nd n__dy.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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

ACADEMIC WRITING

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Governments should provide the homeless with food, shelter and medicine. Discuss.

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

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

4. SHOWERS: Write a magazine article about the Vatican showers for the homeless. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against them.

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 the Pope. Ask him three questions about homelessness. Give him three ideas on what more he can do to help the homeless. 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 F d T e F f F g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. green light | a. go-ahead |
| 2. free | b. complimentary |
| 3. inspiration | c. idea |
| 4. declined | d. refused |
| 5. missing | e. lacking |
| 6. construction | f. building |
| 7. energised | g. invigorated |
| 8. run | h. operate |
| 9. replied | i. answered |
| 10. duty | j. responsibility |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. A green light
2. Pilgrims
3. A homeless man
4. He thought he smelled
5. Food
6. November 17
7. 10
8. Preparing sandwiches
9. Tourists
10. The poor and needy

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 ;-)