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Trump employee apologises for plagiarising Michelle Obama speech

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THE ARTICLE

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An employee of the Trump Organisation has admitted plagiarism in helping to write Melania Trump's speech at the Republican National Convention. Mrs Trump was speaking at the convention to support her husband Donald becoming the Republican nominee in the race to be President of the USA in November. She made a speech about how great she thought her husband was. Unfortunately, many journalists recognised several lines from the speech. They were identical to lines in a speech given by Michelle Obama in 2008 about her husband Barack. Newspapers have been full of stories in recent days about how Donald Trump's organisation allowed Mrs Trump to make a speech that was plagiarised.

Plagiarism is copying the work of other people without saying you are copying it. Students are taught from a very young age not to copy because it is stealing. Students who copy the work of others usually receive an F-grade for their work. Schools often expel students for plagiarism. Dr Alex Goodall, a university examination expert, said: "Melania's speech offers us a graphic example of plagiarism in action, from the highest levels of American politics." Writing expert Dr Declan Kavanagh said that because of the plagiarism, people will not trust or believe her words. Donald Trump said the story was "good news" because the speech, "got more publicity than any [speech] in the history of politics".

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WARM-UPS

1. PLAGIARISM: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about plagiarism. 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?

employee / plagiarism / convention / nominee / journalists / speech / recent / stories
copying / students / F-grade / examination / expert / politics / example / trust

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

3. A CRIME: Students A **strongly** believe plagiarism should be a crime; Students B **strongly** believe it shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. POLITICS: How bad is it when politicians do these things? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

| | How bad? | Think of some examples |
|------------------------|----------|------------------------|
| Lie | | |
| Break promises | | |
| Plagiarise | | |
| Take money | | |
| Attack other people | | |
| Steal from the country | | |

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

6. SPEECH: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important things about a speech at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- It's your own words
- It's short
- It's funny
- It's interesting
- People remember it
- It makes you think
- It touches your heart
- It makes you listen

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1607/160722-melania-trump-plagiarism.html>

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

- a. Donald Trump said his wife's speech was plagiarised. **T / F**
- b. Melania Trump was speaking at the Democrat National Convention. **T / F**
- c. Melania made a speech about how great she thought Donald Trump was. **T / F**
- d. Melania's speech contained parts of a 2008 Michelle Obama speech. **T / F**
- e. Students can get an F-grade for plagiarism. **T / F**
- f. An examination expert said Melania's speech was not plagiarism. **T / F**
- g. A writing expert said people would still trust Melania. **T / F**
- h. Donald Trump thought the plagiarism story was good news. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|---------------|----------------|
| 1. employee | a. get |
| 2. support | b. let |
| 3. great | c. provides |
| 4. several | d. wonderful |
| 5. allowed | e. specialist |
| 6. copying | f. worker |
| 7. receive | g. attention |
| 8. offers | h. duplicating |
| 9. expert | i. help |
| 10. publicity | j. a number of |

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

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. An employee of | a. work of other people |
| 2. helping to write | b. to be President |
| 3. the Republican | c. levels |
| 4. the race | d. that was plagiarised |
| 5. make a speech | e. nominee |
| 6. Plagiarism is copying the | f. for their work |
| 7. taught from a very young | g. the Trump Organisation |
| 8. receive an F-grade | h. publicity |
| 9. the highest | i. age not to copy |
| 10. the speech got more | j. Melania Trump's speech |

MELANIA & MICHELLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1607/160722-melania-trump-plagiarism.html>

Look at these two extracts from the speeches of Michelle Obama and Melania Trump. What do you think? Talk about them with your partner(s).

Michelle Obama said in 2008:

"...and pass them on to the next generation. Because we want our children – and all children in this nation – to know that the only limit to the height of your achievements is the reach of your dreams and your willingness to work for them."

Melania Trump said on Monday:

"..and we need to pass those lessons on to the many generations to follow. Because we want our children in this nation to know that the only limit to your achievements is the strength of your dreams and your willingness to work for them."

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1607/160722-melania-trump-plagiarism.html>

An employee of the Trump Organisation has (1) _____ plagiarism in helping to write Melania Trump's speech at the Republican National Convention. Mrs Trump was speaking at the (2) _____ to support her husband Donald becoming the Republican (3) _____ in the (4) _____ to be President of the USA in November. She made a speech about how (5) _____ she thought her husband was. Unfortunately, many journalists recognised (6) _____ lines from the speech. They were (7) _____ to lines in a speech given by Michelle Obama in 2008 about her husband Barack. Newspapers have been (8) _____ of stories in recent days about how Donald Trump's organisation allowed Mrs Trump to make a speech that was plagiarised.

nominee
race
several
admitted
full
convention
great
identical

Plagiarism is copying the work of other people without (9) _____ you are copying it. Students are taught from a very young age not to copy because it is (10) _____. Students who copy the work of others usually receive an F-(11) _____ for their work. Schools often expel students for plagiarism. Dr Alex Goodall, a university examination (12) _____, said: "Melania's speech offers us a graphic example of plagiarism in (13) _____, from the highest (14) _____ of American politics." Writing expert Dr Declan Kavanagh said that because of the plagiarism, people will not (15) _____ or believe her words. Donald Trump said the story was "good news" because the speech, "got more (16) _____ than any [speech] in the history of politics".

grade
action
trust
saying
stealing
publicity
expert
levels

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1607/160722-melania-trump-plagiarism.html>

- 1) speaking at the convention to support her husband Donald becoming the _____
 - a. Republican nominees
 - b. Republican gnome in knee
 - c. Republican no mini
 - d. Republican nominee
- 2) She made a speech about how great she thought _____
 - a. her husband was
 - b. her husband be
 - c. her husband are
 - d. her husband were
- 3) Unfortunately, many journalists recognised several _____ speech
 - a. limes from the
 - b. lies from the
 - c. lanes from the
 - d. lines from the
- 4) Newspapers have been full of stories in recent _____
 - a. days about now
 - b. days about how
 - c. days about show
 - d. days about wow
- 5) Donald Trump's organisation allowed Mrs Trump to make a speech _____
 - a. what was plagiarised
 - b. that was plagiarised
 - c. this was plagiarised
 - d. there was plagiarised
- 6) Plagiarism is copying the work of other people without saying you _____
 - a. are copied it
 - b. are copiable it
 - c. are copying it
 - d. are coping it
- 7) Students are taught from a very young age not to copy because _____
 - a. it is stolen
 - b. it is steeling
 - c. it is stealing
 - d. it is steel in
- 8) Students who copy the work of others usually receive an F-_____ work
 - a. grade for their
 - b. grade for them
 - c. grade for they're
 - d. grade for though
- 9) Melania's speech offers us a graphic example of plagiarism in action, from _____
 - a. the highest level
 - b. the higher levels
 - c. the highest levelers
 - d. the highest levels
- 10) Donald Trump said the story was "good news" because the speech _____
 - a. got more publicity
 - b. got more publicly
 - c. got more publicise
 - d. got more probability

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Plagiarism is copying (7) _____ other people without saying you are copying it. Students are taught from a very young age not to copy because it is stealing. Students who copy the work (8) _____ receive an F-grade for their work. Schools often expel students for plagiarism. Dr Alex Goodall, a university examination expert, said: "Melania's speech (9) _____ example of plagiarism in action, from the (10) _____ American politics." Writing expert Dr Declan Kavanagh said that because of the plagiarism, people will (11) _____ her words. Donald Trump said the story was "good news" because the speech, "got more publicity than any [speech] (12) _____ politics".

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1607/160722-melania-trump-plagiarism.html>

1. Who did the employee who admitted plagiarism work for?
2. What event was Melania speaking at?
3. What or who did Melania want people to think was great?
4. Who saw lines in Melania's speech that were similar to Michelle Obama's?
5. When did Michelle Obama make her speech?
6. From when are students taught not to copy?
7. What grade do students get if they plagiarise?
8. At what levels of US politics did an expert say the plagiarism took place?
9. What is Dr Declan Kavanagh an expert in?
10. What was Donald Trump happy the speech got?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1607/160722-melania-trump-plagiarism.html>

- 1) Who did the employee who admitted plagiarism work for?
 - a) Michelle Obama
 - b) the Trump Organisation
 - c) the White House
 - d) CNN
- 2) What event was Melania speaking at?
 - a) a plagiarism convention
 - b) a speech writing convention
 - c) the Democrat National Convention
 - d) the Republican National Convention
- 3) What or who did Melania want people to think was great?
 - a) her husband
 - b) the USA
 - c) the Republican Party
 - d) Michelle Obama
- 4) Who saw lines in Melania's speech that were similar to Michelle Obama's?
 - a) Barack Obama
 - b) Michelle Obama
 - c) journalists
 - d) her husband
- 5) When did Michelle Obama make her speech?
 - a) 2009
 - b) 2008
 - c) 2010
 - d) 2015
- 6) From when are students taught not to copy?
 - a) a young age
 - b) 12
 - c) when they can read
 - d) it depends
- 7) What grade so students get if they plagiarise?
 - a) D
 - b) E
 - c) F
 - d) C
- 8) At what levels of US politics did an expert say the plagiarism took place?
 - a) the highest levels
 - b) scary levels
 - c) levels 3 and 4
 - d) low levels
- 9) What is Dr Declan Kavanagh an expert in?
 - a) writing
 - b) speaking
 - c) listening
 - d) reading
- 10) What was Donald Trump happy the speech got?
 - a) a laugh
 - b) applause
 - c) a prize
 - d) publicity

ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1607/160722-melania-trump-plagiarism.html>

Role A – It makes you listen

You think a speech that makes you listen is the best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): it's short, it's funny or it touches your heart.

Role B – It's short

You think a speech that is short is the best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): it makes you listen, it's funny or it touches your heart.

Role C – It's funny

You think a speech that is funny is the best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): it's short, it makes you listen or it touches your heart.

Role D – It touches your heart

You think a speech that touches your heart is the best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): it's short, it's funny or it makes you listen.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1607/160722-melania-trump-plagiarism.html>

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

| | |
|-------------|---------------|
| copy | speech |
|-------------|---------------|

- 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">• helping• support• race• great• several• days | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• other• age• grade• example• believe• history |
|---|---|

PLAGIARISM SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1607/160722-melania-trump-plagiarism.html>

Write five GOOD questions about plagiarism 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.

PLAGIARISM 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 'plagiarism'?
3. What did you learn at school about plagiarism?
4. What do you think about what you read?
5. Why do politicians need speech writers?
6. How bad is this for Melania Trump?
7. What do you think of Donald Trump?
8. Why did the speech writer copy Michelle Obama?
9. Why didn't the Republicans check the speech properly?
10. What do you think of Melania Trump for using a plagiarised speech?

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PLAGIARISM DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. How wrong is plagiarism?
13. Should politicians write their own speeches?
14. Why is plagiarism stealing?
15. Should plagiarism be a crime?
16. Is it OK to expel students from school for plagiarism?
17. How lazy and uncreative are people who plagiarise?
18. What does this story say about trusting politicians?
19. What do you think Michelle Obama thinks about this?
20. What questions would you like to ask Melania Trump?

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) admit | (b) admits | (c) admission | (d) admitted |
| 2. | (a) suppose | (b) spirit | (c) sport | (d) support |
| 3. | (a) fixture | (b) race | (c) heat | (d) relay |
| 4. | (a) been | (b) be | (c) was | (d) were |
| 5. | (a) of | (b) by | (c) to | (d) at |
| 6. | (a) recent | (b) recant | (c) recently | (d) recount |
| 7. | (a) with | (b) without | (c) wither | (d) within |
| 8. | (a) stealing | (b) steal in | (c) steeling | (d) stolen |
| 9. | (a) excel | (b) expel | (c) exhale | (d) expect |
| 10. | (a) on | (b) at | (c) in | (d) to |
| 11. | (a) trusted | (b) trusty | (c) trust | (d) trusts |
| 12. | (a) hysterical | (b) historical | (c) historian | (d) history |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. ddametit plagiarism
2. speaking at the eotoncinnv to support her husband
3. the Republican ieenmno
4. journalists recognised vresale lines
5. They were lctndaeii
6. laeldwo Mrs Trump to make a speech

Paragraph 2

7. Students are ghtatu from a very young
8. usually eeicrve an F-grade
9. Schools often elxpe students for plagiarism
10. a university examination txpere
11. the highest levels of American otcilpis
12. got more iclbytpui

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1607/160722-melania-trump-plagiarism.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () in 2008 about her husband Barack. Newspapers have been full of stories in recent days about
- () how Donald Trump's organisation allowed Mrs Trump to make a speech that was plagiarised.
- () support her husband Donald becoming the Republican nominee in the race to be President of the USA in
- () several lines from the speech. They were identical to lines in a speech given by Michelle Obama
- () for their work. Schools often expel students for plagiarism. Dr Alex Goodall, a university examination
- () young age not to copy because it is stealing. Students who copy the work of others usually receive an F-grade
- () news" because the speech, "got more publicity than any [speech] in the history of politics".
- (**1**) An employee of the Trump Organisation has admitted plagiarism in helping to write Melania Trump's speech
- () of American politics." Writing expert Dr Declan Kavanagh said that because of the plagiarism, people will not
- () November. She made a speech about how great she thought her husband was. Unfortunately, many journalists recognised
- () at the Republican National Convention. Mrs Trump was speaking at the convention to
- () trust or believe her words. Donald Trump said the story was "good
- () Plagiarism is copying the work of other people without saying you are copying it. Students are taught from a very
- () expert, said: "Melania's speech offers us a graphic example of plagiarism in action, from the highest levels

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. at Speaking husband her support to convention the .
2. her A how thought was about she husband speech great .
3. by in Michelle a Identical speech to given lines .
4. days of Newspapers stories have in been recent full .
5. that Allowed to speech plagiarised Trump a was Mrs make .
6. people other of work the copying is Plagiarism .
7. a young not Students age copy taught to very are from .
8. plagiarism for students expel often Schools .
9. example plagiarism action graphic of in A .
10. of publicity speech history More any the politics than in .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1607/160722-melania-trump-plagiarism.html>

An employee of the Trump Organisation has *admits / admitted* plagiarism in *helping / help* to write Melania Trump's speech at the Republican National Convention. Mrs Trump was *spoken / speaking* at the convention to support her husband Donald becoming the Republican nominee in the *racing / race* to be President of the USA in November. She *made / did* a speech about how great she thought her husband *be / was*. Unfortunately, many journalists recognised *sever / several* lines from the speech. They were *identical / identify* to lines in a speech given by Michelle Obama in 2008 about her *hubby / husband* Barack. Newspapers have been full of stories in *recent / recently* days about how Donald Trump's organisation allowed Mrs Trump to make a speech that was plagiarised.

Plagiarism is *copying / coping* the work of other people without saying you are copying it. Students are *teaching / taught* from a very young age not to copy because it is *stolen / stealing*. Students who copy the *worked / work* of others usually receive an F-grade for their work. Schools often *excel / expel* students for plagiarism. Dr Alex Goodall, a university examination *expat / expert*, said: "Melania's speech offers us a graphic example of plagiarism *on / in* action, from the highest levels of American politics." Writing expert Dr Declan Kavanagh said that *because / due* of the plagiarism, people will not trust or believe her words. Donald Trump said the *stories / story* was "good news" because the speech, "got more *publicity / publicly* than any [speech] in the history of politics".

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 _mpl_y__ _f th_ Tr_mp _rg_n_s_t__ n h_s _dm_tt_d
pl_g__r_sm _n h_lp_ng t_ wr_t_ M_l_n__ Tr_mp's
sp__ch _t th_ R_p_bl_c_n N_t__n_l C_nv_nt__n. Mrs
Tr_mp w_s sp__k_ng _t th_ c_nv_nt__n t_ s_pp_rt h_r
h_sb_nd D_n_ld b_c_m_ng th_ R_p_bl_c_n n_m_n__ _n
th_r_c_t_b_ Pr_s_d_nt _f th_ _S_ _n N_v_mb_r. Sh_
m_d_ _ sp__ch _b__t h_w gr__t sh_ th__ght h_r
h_sb_nd w_s. _nf_rtn_t_ly, m_ny j__rn_l_sts
r_c_gn_s_d s_v_r_l_l_n_s fr_m th_ sp__ch. Th_y w_r_
_d_nt_c_l_t_l_n_s _n _ sp__ch g_v_n by M_ch_ll_
_b_m_ _n 2008 _b__t h_r h_sb_nd B_r_ck. N_wsp_p_rs
h_v_ b__n f_ll _f st_r__s _n r_c_nt d_ys _b__t h_w
D_n_ld Tr_mp's _rg_n_s_t__n _ll_w_d Mrs Tr_mp t_
m_k_ _ sp__ch th_t w_s pl_g__r_s_d.

Pl_g__r_sm _s c_py_ng th_ w_rk _f _th_r p__pl_
w_th__t s_y_ng y__ _r_ c_py_ng _t. St_d_nts _r_
t__ght fr_m _v_ry y__ng g_n_t_t_c_py_b_c__s__t
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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 Melania Trump. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

4. CRIME: Write a magazine article about plagiarism being made a crime. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

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 plagiarism. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on what to do with people who plagiarise. 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 F c T d T e T f F g F h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|---------------|----------------|
| 1. employee | a. worker |
| 2. support | b. help |
| 3. great | c. wonderful |
| 4. several | d. a number of |
| 5. allowed | e. let |
| 6. copying | f. duplicating |
| 7. receive | g. get |
| 8. offers | h. provides |
| 9. expert | i. specialist |
| 10. publicity | j. attention |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. The Trump Organisation
2. The Republican National Convention
3. Donald Trump
4. Journalists
5. 2008
6. From an early age
7. An F
8. The highest levels
9. Writing
10. Publicity

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 ;-)