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Hong Kong's poor live in homes smaller than prison cells

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THE ARTICLE

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A new study shows that some poor people in Hong live in tiny homes. Residents from a housing alliance found that 204 families in their area live in homes that are smaller than prison cells. The families live in the Kwai Chung area of Hong Kong. The average living space per person was just 4.6 square meters. This is roughly the size of three toilet cubicles, or about half the size of a car parking space. The average size of a prison cell for Hong Kong's maximum security prisoners is about 50 per cent bigger than the size of the Kwai Chung homes. A 2016 government report stated that over 65 per cent of Hong Kong families live in homes that range between 7 and 14 square meters.

Hong Kong has one of the world's most expensive housing markets. Britain's 'Guardian' newspaper said an average resident would have to save for more than 18 years in order to pay for a tiny home. A member of the Kwai Chung housing alliance told reporters about how unhappy people are about living in such a small home. He said: "It is completely unacceptable and inhumane that the living area for people is the same as for prisoners in such a prosperous city like Hong Kong." Another resident said she could only afford a tiny room for her husband and six-year-old son. The room has a bunk bed, a closet and a small folding table. She said: "The bathroom is so small we have to sit sideways to go to the toilet."

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WARM-UPS

1. LIVING SPACE: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about living space. 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?

study / housing / families / prison cells / toilet / average / size / homes / square / expensive / markets / resident / unhappy / inhumane / prosperous / afford / toilet

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

3. MINIMUM SIZE: Students A **strongly** believe there should be a minimum size for all rooms and houses; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. TINY ROOM: How could we change this furniture so it functions in a tiny room? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Changes	Would you like this?
Bed		
TV		
Washing machine		
Cooker		
Bookcase		
Desk		

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

6. ROOMS: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important rooms in a house at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- bedroom
- toilet
- kitchen
- living room
- dining room
- study
- bathroom
- laundry room

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------|--|
| 1. study | a. a person who lives somewhere permanently or on a long-term basis. |
| 2. residents | b. Normal or usual. |
| 3. alliance | c. Small rooms where a prisoner is locked up. |
| 4. cells | d. A group of people or other groups with the same interests or goal that join together. |
| 5. average | e. A piece of research that is written as an essay or article. |
| 6. prisoner | f. The area between a lower and upper number. |
| 7. range | g. A person who is locked in a prison or other place and cannot get out. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| 8. member | h. Two beds – one on top of the other. |
| 9. tiny | i. A person, thing, country or organization that belongs to a group. |
| 10. unacceptable | j. very rich. |
| 11. inhumane | k. A small room to keep clothes and other things in. |
| 12. prosperous | l. Not acceptable; not satisfactory or allowable. |
| 13. bunk bed | m. Without being kind and being very bad to people and hurting them. |
| 14. closet | n. Very, very small. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171104-living-space.html>

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

- a. The article reported on 2,400 families in Hong Kong. **T / F**
- b. The average living space in the homes was 4.6 square meters per family. **T / F**
- c. The average living space was the size of three toilet cubicles. **T / F**
- d. Maximum security prison cells were the same size as the tiny rooms. **T / F**
- e. The article says people have to be over 18 to buy a house. **T / F**
- f. The article said Hong Kong was a prosperous city. **T / F**
- g. A woman's room had a bunk bed in it. **T / F**
- h. A woman could not sit on her toilet properly. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|----------------------|----------------|
| 1. study | a. costly |
| 2. found | b. usual |
| 3. average | c. rich |
| 4. roughly | d. announced |
| 5. stated | e. pay for |
| 6. expensive | f. report |
| 7. reporters | g. bathroom |
| 8. prosperous | h. journalists |
| 9. afford | i. discovered |
| 10. toilet | j. about |

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

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. homes that are smaller | a. housing markets |
| 2. roughly the size | b. report |
| 3. maximum | c. to go to the toilet |
| 4. A 2016 government | d. than prison cells |
| 5. homes that range between | e. order to pay |
| 6. one of the world's most expensive | f. security prisoners |
| 7. save for more than 18 years in | g. city like Hong Kong |
| 8. It is completely unacceptable | h. of three toilet cubicles |
| 9. a prosperous | i. and inhumane |
| 10. we have to sit sideways | j. 7 and 14 square meters |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171104-living-space.html>

A new study shows that some poor people in Hong live in tiny homes. Residents from a (1) _____ alliance found that 204 families in their area live in homes that are smaller than prison (2) _____. The families live in the Kwai Chung (3) _____ of Hong Kong. The average living space per person was just 4.6 square meters. This is (4) _____ the size of three toilet cubicles, or about half the size of a car parking space. The (5) _____ size of a prison cell for Hong Kong's maximum (6) _____ prisoners is about 50 per cent bigger than the size of the Kwai Chung homes. A 2016 government report (7) _____ that over 65 per cent of Hong Kong families live in homes that range between 7 and 14 (8) _____ meters.

area
housing
security
square
cells
stated
average
roughly

Hong Kong has one of the world's most (9) _____ housing markets. Britain's 'Guardian' newspaper said an average (10) _____ would have to (11) _____ for more than 18 years in order to pay for a tiny home. A member of the Kwai Chung housing alliance told reporters about how (12) _____ people are about living in such a small home. He said: "It is (13) _____ unacceptable and inhumane that the living area for people is the same as for prisoners in such a (14) _____ city like Hong Kong." Another resident said she could only afford a tiny room for her husband and six-year-old son. The room has a bunk bed, a (15) _____ and a small folding table. She said: "The bathroom is so small we have to sit (16) _____ to go to the toilet."

unhappy
resident
sideways
completely
save
closet
expensive
prosperous

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171104-living-space.html>

- 1) A new study shows that some poor people in Hong live _____
 - a. in tiny home
 - b. in tinny homes
 - c. in tiny homes
 - d. inter-knee homes
- 2) 204 families in their area live in homes that are smaller _____
 - a. than prison cell
 - b. than prison cells
 - c. than prison sells
 - d. than prison sell
- 3) This is roughly the size of three _____
 - a. toilet cube cycles
 - b. toilet queue bicycles
 - c. toilet cue bicycles
 - d. toilet cubicles
- 4) The average size of a prison cell for Hong Kong's maximum _____
 - a. security prisoners
 - b. securely prisoner
 - c. secure ratty prisoners
 - d. secure city prisoner
- 5) live in homes that range between 7 and 14 _____
 - a. squarely meters
 - b. squared meters
 - c. squire meters
 - d. square meters
- 6) an average resident would have to save for more than 18 years _____ pay
 - a. in order too
 - b. on orders to
 - c. in order to
 - d. on order to
- 7) how unhappy people are about living _____ small home
 - a. in much a
 - b. in such a
 - c. in so a
 - d. in such the
- 8) the living area for people is the same as for prisoners in such _____
 - a. a prosperity city
 - b. a prosper house city
 - c. a prosperous city
 - d. a prosper rouse city
- 9) The room has a bunk bed, a closet and a small _____
 - a. folding table
 - b. fold in table
 - c. foal dining table
 - d. foal ding table
- 10) The bathroom is so small we have to sit sideways to go _____
 - a. to a toilet
 - b. to that toilet
 - c. to this toilet
 - d. to the toilet

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171104-living-space.html>

1. How small did the first sentence say people's homes were?
2. How big was the average living space per person for the tiny homes?
3. How big are the rooms compared to a parking space?
4. How much bigger are maximum-security prison cells?
5. What percent of Hong Kong families live in homes of up to 14 sq meters?
6. How long does someone have to save to buy a home in Hong Kong?
7. What kind of city did a housing alliance member call Hong Kong?
8. Who lived with a woman in a tiny room?
9. What kind of bed was in a woman's room?
10. How does a lady have to sit on the toilet?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171104-living-space.html>

- 1) How small did the first sentence say people's homes were?
 - a) microscopic
 - b) tiny
 - c) a little small
 - d) 3 square meters
- 2) How big was the average living space per person for the tiny homes?
 - a) 4.6 square meters
 - b) 3 square meters
 - c) 7 square meters
 - d) 14 square meters
- 3) How big are the rooms compared to a parking space?
 - a) twice the size
 - b) the same size
 - c) half the size
 - d) three times as big
- 4) How much bigger are maximum-security prison cells?
 - a) 50% bigger
 - b) 65% bigger
 - c) 15% bigger
 - d) a third bigger
- 5) What percent of Hong Kong families live in homes of up to 14 square meters?
 - a) 65%
 - b) 50%
 - c) 15%
 - d) 35%
- 6) How long does someone have to save to buy a home in Hong Kong?
 - a) 18 years
 - b) 28 years
 - c) 38 years
 - d) 118 years
- 7) What kind of city did a housing alliance member call Hong Kong?
 - a) lively
 - b) busy
 - c) prosperous
 - d) crowded
- 8) Who lived with a woman in a tiny room?
 - a) her husband and son
 - b) her 3 sisters
 - c) her 3 friends
 - d) no one
- 9) What kind of bed was in a woman's room?
 - a) a double bed
 - b) a water bed
 - c) a futon
 - d) a bunk bed
- 10) How does a lady have to sit on the toilet?
 - a) upside-down
 - b) carefully
 - c) sideways
 - d) back to front

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Bedroom

You think the bedroom is the most important room in a house. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their rooms aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): bathroom, kitchen or living room.

Role B – Bathroom

You think the bathroom is the most important room in a house. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their rooms aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): bedroom, kitchen or living room.

Role C – Kitchen

You think the kitchen is the most important room in a house. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their rooms aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): bathroom, bedroom or living room.

Role D – Living Room

You think the living room is the most important room in a house. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their rooms aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): bathroom, kitchen or bedroom.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171104-living-space.html>

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

living	space

- 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">• cells• 4.6• three• 50• 2016• 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• most• save• such• afford• bed• toilet
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LIVING SPACE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171104-living-space.html>

Write five GOOD questions about living space 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.

LIVING SPACE DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'living'?
3. How much space do you need in your house?
4. What things must you have in your room?
5. Why are rooms and houses in Hong Kong so small?
6. How would a tiny living space make you feel?
7. Should Hong Kong make its prison cells smaller?
8. What do you know about Hong Kong?
9. What would you do with a bigger living space?
10. What advice do you have for those living in small rooms?

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LIVING SPACE DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'space'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How much space do you have in your house?
15. What is the good thing about a big living space?
16. Is it better to buy or rent a house?
17. How can prison cells be bigger than rooms in houses?
18. What good things are there about tiny rooms?
19. How would you survive in a really tiny room?
20. What questions would you like to ask the lady in the article?

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) tinny | (b) tawny | (c) tiny | (d) tingly |
| 2. | (a) alliance | (b) ally | (c) allied | (d) allure |
| 3. | (a) per | (b) pore | (c) par | (d) purr |
| 4. | (a) roughly | (b) roughed | (c) roughs | (d) rougher |
| 5. | (a) severely | (b) serenely | (c) security | (d) security |
| 6. | (a) ranch | (b) derange | (c) grange | (d) range |
| 7. | (a) resident | (b) residence | (c) residential | (d) reside |
| 8. | (a) pay | (b) purchase | (c) request | (d) order |
| 9. | (a) inhumane | (b) humanly | (c) humanoid | (d) inhumanity |
| 10. | (a) prosper | (b) prosperous | (c) prosperity | (d) prospers |
| 11. | (a) affront | (b) afford | (c) affect | (d) afflict |
| 12. | (a) sideways | (b) sides | (c) sidings | (d) sidles |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. detneriss from a housing alliance
2. The aegerva living space
3. luyrohg the size of three toilet cubicles
4. maximum icyuster prisoners
5. egran between 7 and 14
6. 7 and 14 qaeurs meters

Paragraph 2

7. in rrdoe to pay for a tiny home
8. It is tleoclypme unacceptable
9. unacceptable and umhenain
10. in such a spurroopse city
11. she could only fdarfo a tiny room
12. we have to sit ywiadsse

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171104-living-space.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () a small home. He said: "It is completely unacceptable and inhumane that the living area for people is the
- () size of a prison cell for Hong Kong's maximum security prisoners is about 50 per cent bigger
- () alliance found that 204 families in their area live in homes that are smaller than prison cells. The families live
- () newspaper said an average resident would have to save for more than 18 years in order to pay for a tiny home. A member
- () in the Kwai Chung area of Hong Kong. The average living space per person was just 4.6 square meters. This is roughly the
- () live in homes that range between 7 and 14 square meters.
- () same as for prisoners in such a prosperous city like Hong Kong." Another resident said she could only
- () Hong Kong has one of the world's most expensive housing markets. Britain's 'Guardian'
- () than the size of the Kwai Chung homes. A 2016 government report stated that over 65 per cent of Hong Kong families
- () afford a tiny room for her husband and six-year-old son. The room has a bunk bed, a closet and a small folding
- () of the Kwai Chung housing alliance told reporters about how unhappy people are about living in such
- () table. She said: "The bathroom is so small we have to sit sideways to go to the toilet."
- () size of three toilet cubicles, or about half the size of a car parking space. The average
- (**1**) A new study shows that some poor people in Hong Kong live in tiny homes. Residents from a housing

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171104-living-space.html>

1. in live homes people Kong tiny poor Hong in Some .
2. in than homes prison that cells are Live smaller .
3. toilet the cubicles size This of is three roughly .
4. Kong's prison maximum cell security for prisoners Hong A .
5. in homes that range between 7 and 14 square meters Live .
6. of One markets housing expensive most world's the .
7. unacceptable completely is and said: inhumane ." He "It
8. prisoners a The for such city as in prosperous same .
9. bed The and bunk table closet a folding a has small , room a .
10. sideways is we sit bathroom small to The so have .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171104-living-space.html>

A new *study / studying* shows that some poor people in Hong live in tiny homes. Residents from a housing *allied / alliance* found that 204 families in their area *living / live* in homes that are smaller than prison *sells / cells*. The families live in the Kwai Chung *arena / area* of Hong Kong. The average living space *per / par* person was just 4.6 square meters. This is *rough / roughly* the size of three toilet cubicles, or about *half / halved* the size of a car parking space. The average size of a prison cell for Hong Kong's maximum security prisoners is about 50 per cent bigger than the *sizing / size* of the Kwai Chung homes. A 2016 government report stated that over 65 per cent of Hong Kong families live in homes that *range / ranch* between 7 and 14 square meters.

Hong Kong has one of the world's *must / most* expensive housing markets. Britain's 'Guardian' newspaper said an average *residence / resident* would have to save for more than 18 years in *order / orders* to pay for a tiny home. A member of the Kwai Chung housing alliance told reporters about how *unhappy / unhappily* people are about living in such a small home. He said: "It is *completely / complete* unacceptable and inhumane that the living area for people is the same as for prisoners in such a *prosper / prosperous* city like Hong Kong." Another resident said she could only *ford / afford* a tiny room for her husband and six-year-old son. The room has a *bunk / sunk* bed, a closet and a small *fold / folding* table. She said: "The bathroom is so small we have to sit *sideways / sides* to go to the toilet."

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_ w_ st_ dy_ sh_ ws_ th_ t_ s_ m_ p_ _r_ p_ _pl_ _n_ H_ ng_ l_ v_ _n_ t_ ny_ h_ m_ s_ . R_ s_ d_ nts_ fr_ m_ _ h_ _s_ ng_ _ll_ _nc_ f_ nd_ th_ t_ 204_ f_ m_ l_ _s_ _n_ th_ _r_ _r_ _l_ v_ _n_ h_ m_ s_ th_ t_ _r_ sm_ ll_ r_ th_ n_ pr_ s_ n_ c_ lls_ . Th_ f_ m_ l_ _s_ l_ v_ _n_ th_ Kw_ _ Ch_ ng_ _r_ _ f_ H_ ng_ K_ ng_ . Th_ _v_ r_ g_ l_ v_ ng_ sp_ c_ p_ r_ p_ rs_ n_ w_ s_ j_ st_ 4.6_ sq_ _r_ m_ t_ rs_ . Th_ s_ s_ r_ _ghly_ th_ s_ z_ _f_ thr_ _ t_ l_ t_ c_ b_ cl_ s_ , _r_ _b_ _t_ h_ lf_ th_ s_ z_ _f_ _ c_ r_ p_ rk_ ng_ sp_ c_ . Th_ _v_ r_ g_ s_ z_ _f_ _ pr_ s_ n_ c_ ll_ f_ r_ H_ ng_ K_ ng_ 's_ m_ x_ m_ m_ s_ c_ r_ ty_ pr_ s_ n_ rs_ _s_ _b_ _t_ 50_ p_ r_ c_ nt_ b_ gg_ r_ th_ n_ th_ s_ z_ _f_ th_ Kw_ _ Ch_ ng_ h_ m_ s_ . _ 2016_ g_ v_ rnm_ nt_ r_ p_ rt_ st_ t_ d_ th_ t_ _v_ r_ 65_ p_ r_ c_ nt_ f_ H_ ng_ K_ ng_ f_ m_ l_ _s_ l_ v_ _n_ h_ m_ s_ th_ t_ r_ ng_ _ b_ tw_ _n_ 7_ _nd_ 14_ sq_ _r_ m_ t_ rs_ .

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FREE WRITING

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

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

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

4. MINIMUM SIZE: Write a magazine article about governments making a minimum size for rooms for people to live in. 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 living space. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on this. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e 2. a 3. d 4. c 5. b 6. g 7. f
8. i 9. n 10. l 11. m 12. j 13. h 14. k

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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| 1. study | a. report |
| 2. found | b. discovered |
| 3. average | c. usual |
| 4. roughly | d. about |
| 5. stated | e. announced |
| 6. expensive | f. costly |
| 7. reporters | g. journalists |
| 8. prosperous | h. rich |
| 9. afford | i. pay for |
| 10. toilet | j. bathroom |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Tiny
2. 4.6 square meters
3. Half the size
4. 50 percent bigger
5. 65%
6. 18 years
7. Prosperous
8. Her husband and son
9. A bunk bed
10. Sideways

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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