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Thousands call for Zimbabwe's Mugabe to resign

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THE ARTICLE

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There could be a big change in Zimbabwe. Thousands of people are in the streets asking for President Robert Mugabe to resign. The army removed President Mugabe from power on Wednesday. It was angry after Mr Mugabe fired his deputy president. This meant his wife, Grace Mugabe, could have been in line to take over as president. The army did not like this and took control of the capital city. The army said it wanted to remove the "criminals" around Mr Mugabe. Members of Mr Mugabe's ruling Zanu-PF party are calling for Mr Mugabe to step down as president. Even veterans of Zimbabwe's war for independence are saying Mr Mugabe should quit. They were among Mugabe's most loyal supporters.

Robert Mugabe is 93 years old and is the oldest leader of any country in the world. He became the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe in 1980 and then became President in 1987. He has stayed in power for 37 years. Mr Mugabe was an important figure in Zimbabwe's fight for independence. Zimbabwe used to be called Rhodesia and was a British colony. Mugabe was a key part of the 1965-1980 civil war against British rule. This war led to elections in 1980. Robert Mugabe and the Zanu party won the elections by a landslide. Many people are now happy his time as leader is coming to an end. One street protestor, Frank Mutsindikwa, 34, said: "I've been waiting all my life for this day. Free at last. We are free at last."

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WARM-UPS

1. ZIMBABWE: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Zimbabwe. 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?

change / thousands / streets / angry / president / army / capital city / veterans / loyal
93 years old / power / important / figure / colony / civil war / elections / leader / free

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

3. QUIT: Students A **strongly** believe Robert Mugabe should quit; Students B **strongly** believe he shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. LEADER: How important are these things for a leader? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How Important?	Why?
Intelligence		
Looks		
Ideas		
Honesty		
Strength		
Determination		

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

6. INDEPENDENCE: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important things for an independent country at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Flag
- National Anthem
- Borders
- Army
- Strong leaders
- Strong currency
- Strong economy
- Friendly neighbours

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 1. resign | a. A strong feeling of not being pleased; annoyed. |
| 2. army | b. In a row waiting to move ahead or be next. |
| 3. removed | c. Leave a job or other position because. |
| 4. angry | d. Being free from outside control. |
| 5. in line | e. All of the people (soldiers) in a fighting group (usually for a country). |
| 6. criminals | f. Took something or someone away or off from the position or position he/she/it was in. |
| 7. independence | g. People who have done things against the law. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 8. loyal | h. A formal and organized way of choosing a leader. |
| 9. leader | i. Giving or showing non-stop support to someone or something. |
| 10. figure | j. The person in charge (the boss) of a group, company, country, etc. |
| 11. colony | k. Very, very important. |
| 12. key | l. A country or area under the control of another country. |
| 13. civil war | m. An important, famous or special person. |
| 14. elections | n. A conflict (war) between people of the same country. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171120-robert-mugabe.html>

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

- a. The article said hundreds of people are in the streets in Zimbabwe. **T / F**
- b. Zimbabwe's navy removed Mugabe from power on Wednesday. **T / F**
- c. Robert Mugabe fired his deputy finance minister. **T / F**
- d. Zimbabwe war veterans are calling for Mr Mugabe to resign. **T / F**
- e. Robert Mugabe is the world's oldest national leader. **T / F**
- f. Robert Mugabe has stayed in power for 27 years. **T / F**
- g. Robert Mugabe played an important part in Zimbabwe's civil war. **T / F**
- h. A street protestor said we waited all his life for Mr Mugabe to go. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------|
| 1. resign | a. person |
| 2. angry | b. faithful |
| 3. remove | c. quit |
| 4. ruling | d. ruler |
| 5. loyal | e. finally |
| 6. leader | f. take away |
| 7. country | g. important |
| 8. figure | h. nation |
| 9. key | i. furious |
| 10. at last | j. governing |

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

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Thousands of people are | a. my life for this day |
| 2. could have been in | b. loyal supporters |
| 3. took control of the capital | c. for independence |
| 4. calling for Mr Mugabe to step | d. coming to an end |
| 5. They were among Mugabe's most | e. line to take over |
| 6. the oldest leader of any | f. by a landslide |
| 7. Zimbabwe's fight | g. in the streets |
| 8. the Zanu party won the elections | h. down as president |
| 9. his time as leader is | i. country in the world |
| 10. I've been waiting all | j. city |

GAP FILL

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There could be a big (1) _____ in Zimbabwe. Thousands of people are in the streets asking for President Robert Mugabe to (2) _____. The army removed President Mugabe from power on Wednesday. It was angry after Mr Mugabe (3) _____ his deputy president. This meant his wife, Grace Mugabe, could have been in (4) _____ to take over as president. The army did not like this and took control of the (5) _____ city. The army said it wanted to remove the "criminals" around Mr Mugabe. Members of Mr Mugabe's (6) _____ Zanu-PF party are calling for Mr Mugabe to step (7) _____ as president. Even veterans of Zimbabwe's war for independence are saying Mr Mugabe should quit. They were among Mugabe's most (8) _____ supporters.

ruling
change
loyal
fired
capital
down
resign
line

Robert Mugabe is 93 years old and is the (9) _____ leader of any country in the world. He became the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe in 1980 and then became President in 1987. He has stayed in (10) _____ for 37 years. Mr Mugabe was an important (11) _____ in Zimbabwe's fight for independence. Zimbabwe used to be called Rhodesia and was a British (12) _____. Mugabe was a key part of the 1965-1980 civil war against British rule. This war led to (13) _____ in 1980. Robert Mugabe and the Zanu party won the elections by a (14) _____. Many people are now happy his time as leader is coming to an (15) _____. One street protestor, Frank Mutsindikwa, 34, said: "I've been waiting all my life for this day. Free at last. We are free at (16) _____."

colony
landslide
power
last
oldest
end
figure
elections

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171120-robert-mugabe.html>

- 1) Thousands of people are in the streets asking for President Robert Mugabe _____
 - a. to design
 - b. to resign
 - c. to consign
 - d. to sign
- 2) The army removed President Mugabe _____ Wednesday
 - a. from powerful on
 - b. from powers on
 - c. from powered on
 - d. from power on
- 3) This meant his wife, Grace Mugabe, could have been in line to _____ president
 - a. taken over as
 - b. take over as
 - c. take over has
 - d. take over was
- 4) The army said it wanted to remove the _____ Mr Mugabe
 - a. "criminals" abound
 - b. "criminals" a round
 - c. "criminals" round
 - d. "criminals" around
- 5) They were among Mugabe's most _____
 - a. loyal supporters
 - b. royal supporters
 - c. loyally supporters
 - d. royally supporters
- 6) Robert Mugabe is 93 years old and is the oldest leader of any country _____
 - a. on the world
 - b. in the world
 - c. at the world
 - d. of the world
- 7) Mr Mugabe was an important _____ Zimbabwe's fight
 - a. figuring
 - b. fig are in
 - c. figure in
 - d. fig your in
- 8) Mugabe was a key part of the 1965-1980 civil _____ British rule
 - a. wars against
 - b. warrior against
 - c. war against
 - d. warring against
- 9) Robert Mugabe and the Zanu party won the elections _____
 - a. buy a landslide
 - b. buyer landslide
 - c. by a landslide
 - d. buy your landslide
- 10) Frank Mutsindikwa, 34, said: "I've been waiting all my _____ day"
 - a. live for this
 - b. life for this
 - c. rife for this
 - d. rival for this

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Robert Mugabe is 93 years old and is (7) _____ of any country in the world. He became the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe in 1980 and then became President in 1987. He has (8) _____ for 37 years. Mr Mugabe was (9) _____ in Zimbabwe's fight for independence. Zimbabwe used to be called Rhodesia and was a British colony. Mugabe was (10) _____ of the 1965-1980 civil war against British rule. This war led to elections in 1980. Robert Mugabe and the Zanu party won the elections (11) _____. Many people are now happy his time as leader is coming to an end. One street protestor, Frank Mutsindikwa, 34, said: "I've been (12) _____ life for this day. Free at last. We are free at last."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171120-robert-mugabe.html>

1. How many people are in the streets of Zimbabwe?
2. On what day of the week did the army remove Mr Mugabe from power?
3. What did the army want to remove from around Mr Mugabe?
4. What is the name of Zimbabwe's ruling party?
5. Who are among Mr Mugabe's most loyal supporters?
6. How old is Robert Mugabe?
7. For how long has Robert Mugabe been in power?
8. When was Zimbabwe's civil war?
9. By how much did Mr Mugabe win the 1980 elections?
10. How long has a 34-year-old been waiting for Mr Mugabe to go?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171120-robert-mugabe.html>

- 1) How many people are in the streets of Zimbabwe?
 - a) hundreds
 - b) thousands
 - c) hundreds of thousands
 - d) millions
- 2) On what day of the week did the army remove Mr Mugabe from power?
 - a) Monday
 - b) Sunday
 - c) Friday
 - d) Wednesday
- 3) What did the army want to remove from around Mr Mugabe?
 - a) criminals
 - b) ministers
 - c) responsibilities
 - d) duties
- 4) What is the name of Zimbabwe's ruling party?
 - a) Nazu-FP
 - b) Zanu-FP
 - c) Zanu-PF
 - d) Nazu-PF
- 5) Who are among Mr Mugabe's most loyal supporters?
 - a) protestors
 - b) war veterans
 - c) the army
 - d) rulers
- 6) How old is Robert Mugabe?
 - a) 91
 - b) 92
 - c) 93
 - d) 94
- 7) For how long has Robert Mugabe been in power?
 - a) 34 years
 - b) 35 years
 - c) 36 years
 - d) 37 years
- 8) When was Zimbabwe's civil war?
 - a) 1965-1980
 - b) 1966-1980
 - c) 1967-1980
 - d) 1968-1980
- 9) By how much did Mr Mugabe win the 1980 elections?
 - a) a landslide
 - b) an earthquake
 - c) a typhoon
 - d) a volcano
- 10) How long has a 34-year-old been waiting for Mr Mugabe to go?
 - a) 24 years
 - b) all his life
 - c) 8 months
 - d) 3 days

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Flag

You think a flag is the most important thing for a newly independent country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a national anthem, a strong currency or a strong army.

Role B – National Anthem

You think a national anthem is the most important thing for a newly independent country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a flag, a strong currency or a strong army.

Role C – Strong Currency

You think a strong currency is the most important thing for a newly independent country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a national anthem, a flag or a strong army.

Role D – Strong Army

You think a strong army is the most important thing for a newly independent country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a national anthem, a strong currency or a flag.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171120-robert-mugabe.html>

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

resign	president
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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">• change• power• wife• city• step• loyal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 93• 1987• 37• war• happy• free
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ZIMBABWE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Zimbabwe 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.

ZIMBABWE 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 'resign'?
3. What do you know about Robert Mugabe?
4. What recent news have you seen on Robert Mugabe?
5. What big change does your country need?
6. Why did the army remove Robert Mugabe from power?
7. What is wrong with Robert Mugabe's wife becoming president?
8. Has Mr Mugabe been a good president?
9. What will Zimbabwe be like this time next year?
10. What advice do you have for Robert Mugabe?

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ZIMBABWE 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 'president'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about Zimbabwe?
15. Should there be an age limit for world leaders?
16. Who are the important figures in your country's history?
17. What do you know about colonies?
18. How happy are you with the leader of your country?
19. What have you been waiting all your life for?
20. What questions would you like to ask Robert Mugabe?

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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Robert Mugabe is 93 years old and is the oldest leader of (7) _____ country in the world. He became the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe in 1980 and then became President in 1987. He has stayed (8) _____ power for 37 years. Mr Mugabe was an important figure in Zimbabwe's fight for independence. Zimbabwe used to be (9) _____ Rhodesia and was a British colony. Mugabe was a (10) _____ part of the 1965-1980 civil war against British rule. This war led to elections in 1980. Robert Mugabe and the Zanu party won the elections by a (11) _____. Many people are now happy his time as leader is coming to an end. One street protestor, Frank Mutsindikwa, 34, said: "I've been (12) _____ all my life for this day. Free at last. We are free at last."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1. | (a) changes | (b) changing | (c) change | (d) changed |
| 2. | (a) resign | (b) redesign | (c) resin | (d) design |
| 3. | (a) power | (b) powerful | (c) powerless | (d) powered |
| 4. | (a) in | (b) on | (c) at | (d) by |
| 5. | (a) rounded | (b) about | (c) abound | (d) around |
| 6. | (a) Event | (b) Ever | (c) Every | (d) Even |
| 7. | (a) any | (b) some | (c) all | (d) many |
| 8. | (a) by | (b) as | (c) on | (d) in |
| 9. | (a) called | (b) call | (c) calling | (d) calls |
| 10. | (a) lock | (b) key | (c) hole | (d) unlock |
| 11. | (a) earthquake | (b) landslide | (c) typhoon | (d) volcano |
| 12. | (a) waiting | (b) waiting | (c) waited | (d) waits |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. The army eeomrvd President Mugabe
2. It was gayrn
3. Mugabe fired his updeyt president
4. remove the rismncali
5. Zimbabwe's war for depdeecinenn
6. Mugabe's most llyoa supporters

Paragraph 2

7. the oldest lareed
8. He has stayed in wreop for 37 years
9. an important eguirf
10. a British coylno
11. the Zanu party won the noesitcle
12. street reopttos

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171120-robert-mugabe.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () on Wednesday. It was angry after Mr Mugabe fired his deputy president. This meant his wife, Grace Mugabe, could have
- () for President Robert Mugabe to resign. The army removed President Mugabe from power
- () world. He became the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe in 1980 and then became President in 1987. He has stayed in
- () Robert Mugabe is 93 years old and is the oldest leader of any country in the
- () to remove the "criminals" around Mr Mugabe. Members of Mr Mugabe's ruling Zanu-PF party are
- () calling for Mr Mugabe to step down as president. Even veterans of Zimbabwe's war for
- () landslide. Many people are now happy his time as leader is coming to an end. One street
- () rule. This war lead to elections in 1980. Robert Mugabe and the Zanu party won the elections by a
- () power for 37 years. Mr Mugabe was an important figure in Zimbabwe's fight for independence. Zimbabwe used
- (**1**) There could be a big change in Zimbabwe. Thousands of people are in the streets asking
- () to be called Rhodesia and was a British colony. Mugabe was a key part of the 1965-1980 civil war against British
- () been in line to take over as president. The army did not like this and took control of the capital city. The army said it wanted
- () protestor, Frank Mutsindikwa, 34, said: "I've been waiting all my life for this day. Free at last. We are free at last."
- () independence are saying Mr Mugabe should quit. They were among Mugabe's most loyal supporters.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. in streets of are the Thousands people .
2. army President from The removed Mugabe power .
3. control like The this army and did took not .
4. the it criminals wanted The to army remove said .
5. war Zimbabwe's of Veterans independence for .
6. the of world any The country oldest in leader .
7. has He years 37 for power in stayed .
8. was Mugabe war civil 1965- the of part 1980 key a .
9. end is His coming time to as an leader .
10. day my for I've waiting life this been all .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171120-robert-mugabe.html>

There could be *the / a* big change in Zimbabwe. Thousands of people are in the streets asking for President Robert Mugabe to *redesign / resign*. The army *removal / removed* President Mugabe from *power / powerful* on Wednesday. It was *angry / angrily* after Mr Mugabe fired his deputy president. This meant his wife, Grace Mugabe, could have *been / being* in line to take over as president. The army did not like this and *took / taken* control of the capital city. The army said it wanted to *remove / removal* the "criminals" around Mr Mugabe. Members of Mr Mugabe's ruling Zanu-PF party are calling for Mr Mugabe to step down *has / as* president. Even veterans of Zimbabwe's war for independence are saying Mr Mugabe should quit. They were among Mugabe's most *loyally / loyal* supporters.

Robert Mugabe is 93 years old and is the oldest leader of *many / any* country in the world. He became the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe in 1980 and then became President in 1987. He has stayed *in / on* power for 37 years. Mr Mugabe was an *importance / important* figure in Zimbabwe's fight for *independence / independent*. Zimbabwe used to be called Rhodesia and was a *British / Britain* colony. Mugabe was a *key / keyed* part of the 1965-1980 civil war against British *rule / ruler*. This war lead to elections in 1980. Robert Mugabe and the Zanu party won the elections by a *landslide / earthquake*. Many people are now happy his time as leader is coming to an *ends / end*. One street protestor, Frank Mutsindikwa, 34, said: "I've been waiting all my *life / live* for this day. Free at last. We are free at last."

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_r_ c__ld b__ b_g ch_ng__ n Z_mb_bw_. Th__s_ nds
_f p__pl__ r__ n th_ str__ts __sk_ng f_r Pr_s_d_nt
R_b_rt M_g_b_ t_r_s_gn. Th__ rmy r_m_v_d Pr_s_d_nt
M_g_b_ fr_m p_w_r__ n W_dn_sd_y. _t w_s __ngry _ft_r
Mr M_g_b_ f_r_d h_s d_p_ty pr_s_d_nt. Th_s m__nt h_s
w_f_, Gr_c_ M_g_b_, c__ld h_v__ b__n __n l_n_ t_t_k__
_v_r_s pr_s_d_nt. Th__ rmy d_d_n_t l_k_ th_s __nd
t__k c_ntr_l__ f th_ c_p_t_l_c_ty. Th__ rmy s__d__t
w_nt_d t_r_m_v_ th_ "cr_m_n_ls" __r__nd Mr M_g_b_.
M_mb_rs __f Mr M_g_b_'s r_l_ng Z_n_-PF p_rty __r__
c_ll_ng f_r Mr M_g_b_ t__st_p_d_wn__s pr_s_d_nt. __v__n
v_t_r_ns __f Z_mb_bw_'s w_r_f_r __nd_p_nd_nc__ __r__
s_y_ng Mr M_g_b_ sh__ld q__t. Th_y w_r__ __m__ng
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w__t_ng __ll my l_f__ f_r th_s d_y. Fr__ __t l__st. W__ __r__
fr__ __t l__st."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

4. RESIGN: Write a magazine article about whether or not Zimbabwe's Robert Mugabe should resign. 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 Zimbabwe. Ask him/her three questions about the country. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|-------------|--------------|
| 1. resign | a. quit |
| 2. angry | b. furious |
| 3. remove | c. take away |
| 4. ruling | d. governing |
| 5. loyal | e. faithful |
| 6. leader | f. ruler |
| 7. country | g. nation |
| 8. figure | h. person |
| 9. key | i. important |
| 10. at last | j. finally |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Thousands
2. A Wednesday
3. Criminals
4. Zanu-PF
5. War veterans
6. 93
7. 37 years
8. 1965-1980
9. A landslide
10. All his life

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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