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UK politician says burka is 'bank robber' clothing

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THE ARTICLE

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The United Kingdom's former Foreign Minister Boris Johnson has been accused of racism. He made a number of comments about women wearing the burka while writing in the British newspaper 'The Telegraph'. Mr Johnson said women who wear burkas "look like letter boxes". He also said: "If a female student turned up at school or at a university lecture looking like a bank robber," he would ask her to remove it so that he "could talk to her properly". Johnson was writing an article about the recent full-face veil ban in Denmark. In the article, Mr Johnson said full-face veils should not be banned in the UK, but said women who wear a burka "look absolutely ridiculous".

The UK's Prime Minister Theresa May has asked Mr Johnson to apologize for his comments. She said: "I do think that we all have to be very careful about the language and terms we use, and some of the terms Boris used describing people's appearance obviously have offended." Another senior British politician has asked Mr Johnson to resign. Many other politicians said Johnson's comments were Islamophobic and were a hate crime. They say he knew his comments would offend many Muslims and others in the UK. Mr Johnson was London's mayor for eight years and the UK Foreign Minister for two years and so had thousands of experiences interacting with Muslim people.

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<https://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/world/boris-johnson-burqa-wearers-look-like-bank-robbers-letter-boxes/news-story/>
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WARM-UPS

1. THE BURKA: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about the burka. 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?

United Kingdom / foreign minister / racism / burka / female / bank robber / article / apologize / careful / language / appearance / Islamophobic / hate crime / mayor

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

3. FACE VEILS: Students A **strongly** believe face veils should not be banned anywhere in the world; Students B **strongly** believe they should. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. TRADITIONAL DRESS: What do you know about traditional dress? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I know	What I want to know
Burka		
Sari		
Kimono		
Toga		
Kilt		
Flamenco dress		

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

6. ~ISMS: Rank these with your partner. Put the worst ~isms at the top at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- racism
- sexism
- ageism
- communism
- capitalism
- alcoholism
- pessimism
- hedonism

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1. former | a. Said that someone has done something wrong. |
| 2. accused | b. Words and opinions about something. |
| 3. racism | c. Had a particular role before or was a particular thing before. |
| 4. comments | d. Correctly or satisfactorily. |
| 5. turned up | e. Arrived somewhere. |
| 6. properly | f. Silly and stupid. |
| 7. ridiculous | g. Discrimination against someone of a different race based on the belief that one's own race is much, much better. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. apologize | h. Talking to or working with other people. |
| 9. terms | i. Angry or hurt because someone said or did something. |
| 10. appearance | j. Voluntarily leave a job or other position. |
| 11. offended | k. Say you are sorry. |
| 12. resign | l. Words or phrases that have a special meaning. |
| 13. crime | m. An action that is against the law. |
| 14. interacting | n. The way that someone or something looks. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180810-burka.html>

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

- a. Boris Johnson is the UK's Foreign Minister. **T / F**
- b. Mr Johnson made comments about the burka in the 'Times' newspaper. **T / F**
- c. Mr Johnson said women who wear a burka look like 'letter boxes'. **T / F**
- d. Mr Johnson wants full-face veils to be banned in the UK. **T / F**
- e. Britain's leader asked Mr Johnson to apologize for his comments. **T / F**
- f. Theresa May said we must be careful about the language we use. **T / F**
- g. A politician asked Boris Johnson to quit his job. **T / F**
- h. Boris Johnson was the mayor of London for two years. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| 1. former | a. arrived |
| 2. turned up | b. quit |
| 3. properly | c. say sorry |
| 4. banned | d. stupid |
| 5. ridiculous | e. upset |
| 6. apologize | f. correctly |
| 7. resign | g. forbidden |
| 8. offended | h. communicating |
| 9. comments | i. ex- |
| 10. interacting | j. remarks |

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

- | | |
|--|-------------------------|
| 1. Johnson has been accused | a. comments about women |
| 2. He made a number of | b. were Islamophobic |
| 3. writing an article about the recent | c. ridiculous |
| 4. full-face veils should not | d. offend many Muslims |
| 5. look absolutely | e. of racism |
| 6. be very careful about the language | f. with Muslim people |
| 7. describing people's | g. be banned |
| 8. other politicians said Johnson's comments | h. appearance |
| 9. he knew his comments would | i. full-face veil ban |
| 10. thousands of experiences interacting | j. and terms we use |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180810-burka.html>

The United Kingdom's (1) _____ Foreign Minister Boris Johnson has been accused of racism. He made a (2) _____ of comments about women wearing the burka (3) _____ writing in the British newspaper 'The Telegraph'. Mr Johnson said women who wear burkas "look like letter boxes". He also said: "If a female student (4) _____ up at school or at a university lecture looking like a bank robber," he would ask her to (5) _____ it so that he "could talk to her properly". Johnson was writing an article about the (6) _____ full-face veil ban in Denmark. In the article, Mr Johnson said full-face veils should not be (7) _____ in the UK, but said women who wear a burka "look absolutely (8) _____".

turned
recent
former
ridiculous
while
banned
number
remove

The UK's Prime Minister Theresa May has asked Mr Johnson to apologize for his (9) _____. She said: "I do think that we all have to be very (10) _____ about the language and terms we use, and some of the terms Boris used describing people's appearance (11) _____ have offended." Another senior British politician has asked Mr Johnson to resign. Many other (12) _____ said Johnson's comments were Islamophobic and were a (13) _____ crime. They say he knew his comments would (14) _____ many Muslims and (15) _____ in the UK. Mr Johnson was London's mayor for eight years and the UK Foreign Minister for two years and so had thousands of experiences (16) _____ with Muslim people.

politicians
offend
comments
interacting
obviously
others
careful
hate

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180810-burka.html>

- 1) The United Kingdom's former Foreign Minister Boris Johnson has been _____
 - a. accuses of racism
 - b. accusing of racism
 - c. accused of racism
 - d. a cruised of racism
- 2) ...at a university lecture looking like a bank robber, he would ask her _____
 - a. to remove them
 - b. to remove all
 - c. to remove it
 - d. to remove this
- 3) he would ask her to remove it so that he could talk _____
 - a. to her proper
 - b. to her prosper
 - c. to her preferably
 - d. to her properly
- 4) In the article, Mr Johnson said full-face veils should _____
 - a. not be burned
 - b. not be binned
 - c. not be banned
 - d. not be band
- 5) ... but said women who wear a burka look _____
 - a. absolute ridicules
 - b. absolutely ridiculous
 - c. absolutely ridiculously
 - d. absolute ridiculous
- 6) Prime Minister Theresa May has asked Mr Johnson to apologize _____
 - a. for this comments
 - b. for his comments
 - c. for his comment
 - d. for this comment
- 7) I do think that we all have to be very careful about the _____
 - a. language and terms
 - b. languages and terms
 - c. language and term
 - d. languages and term
- 8) Another senior British politician has asked Mr Johnson _____
 - a. to resign
 - b. to resigns
 - c. to resigned
 - d. to resigning
- 9) Johnson's comments were Islamophobic and were _____
 - a. a hate crimes
 - b. a hate climb
 - c. a hate crime
 - d. a hate criminal
- 10) ...for two years and so had thousands of experiences interacting _____
 - a. within Muslim people
 - b. without Muslim people
 - c. wither Muslim people
 - d. with Muslim people

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180810-burka.html>

The United Kingdom's former Foreign Minister Boris Johnson has been (1) _____. He made a number of comments about women wearing the burka (2) _____ the British newspaper 'The Telegraph'. Mr Johnson said women who wear burkas "(3) _____ boxes". He also said: "If a female student turned up at school or at a university (4) _____ a bank robber," he would ask her to remove it so that he "could talk to her properly". Johnson was writing an article about the recent full-face (5) _____ Denmark. In the article, Mr Johnson said full-face veils should not be banned in the UK, but said women who wear a burka "(6) _____".

The UK's Prime Minister Theresa May has asked Mr Johnson (7) _____ his comments. She said: "I do think that we all have to be very careful about the (8) _____ we use, and some of the terms Boris used describing people's appearance obviously have offended." (9) _____ politician has asked Mr Johnson to resign. Many other politicians said Johnson's comments were Islamophobic and (10) _____ crime. They say he knew his comments would offend many Muslims and (11) _____ UK. Mr Johnson was London's mayor for eight years and the UK Foreign Minister for two years and so (12) _____ experiences interacting with Muslim people.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180810-burka.html>

1. What has the foreign minister of the UK been accused of?
2. How many comments did Boris Johnson make?
3. What did Johnson say burka-clad women look like besides bank robbers?
4. Why would Mr Johnson ask a woman to remove her veil?
5. What country did Johnson write about in a newspaper article?
6. Who asked Mr Johnson to resign?
7. What did the UK prime minister say we had to be careful of?
8. Who asked Mr Johnson to resign?
9. What kind of crime did politicians accuse Mr Johnson of?
10. How long did Mr Johnson work as London's mayor?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180810-burka.html>

- 1) What has the foreign minister of the UK been accused of?
 - a) communism
 - b) hedonism
 - c) racism
 - d) sexism
- 2) How many comments did Boris Johnson make?
 - a) a number of comments
 - b) 7
 - c) 6
 - d) 5
- 3) What did Johnson say burka-clad women look like besides bank robbers?
 - a) ghosts
 - b) normal people
 - c) angels
 - d) letter boxes
- 4) Why would Mr Johnson ask a woman to remove her veil?
 - a) he disrespects her
 - b) to talk to her properly
 - c) because it is UK law
 - d) he is afraid of her
- 5) What country did Johnson write about in a newspaper article?
 - a) Bolivia
 - b) Mauritius
 - c) Denmark
 - d) Jordan
- 6) Who asked Mr Johnson to apologize?
 - a) a senior politician
 - b) Theresa May
 - c) an imam
 - d) a Muslim woman
- 7) What did the UK prime minister say we had to be careful of?
 - a) stupid comments
 - b) Boris Johnson
 - c) burkas
 - d) language
- 8) Who asked Mr Johnson to resign?
 - a) Theresa May
 - b) a senior politician
 - c) an imam
 - d) a Muslim woman
- 9) What kind of crime did politicians accuse Mr Johnson of?
 - a) a hate crime
 - b) robbery
 - c) ignorance
 - d) a petty crime
- 10) How long did Mr Johnson work as London's mayor?
 - a) 2 years
 - b) 4 years
 - c) 7 years
 - d) 8 years

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Racism

You think racism is the worst ~ism. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ~isms. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): sexism, ageism or alcoholism.

Role B – Sexism

You think sexism is the worst ~ism. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ~isms. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): racism, ageism or alcoholism.

Role C – Ageism

You think ageism is the worst ~ism. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ~isms. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): sexism, racism or alcoholism.

Role D – Alcoholism

You think alcoholism is the worst ~ism. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ~isms. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): sexism, ageism or racism.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180810-burka.html>

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

bank	robber
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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">• been• while• female• remove• recent• full	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• apologize• careful• senior• resign• others• thousands
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THE BURKA SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the burka 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.

THE BURKA 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 'bank robber'?
3. What do you think of Boris Johnson's comments?
4. Are Boris Johnson's comments racist?
5. What do you know about the burka?
6. Are Mr Johnson's comments sexist?
7. Is Mr Johnson childish for making such comments?
8. What would Muslims think about Johnson's comments?
9. What do you think of full-face veil bans?
10. What do you know about Islamophobia?

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THE BURKA 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 'burka'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Why should Mr Johnson apologize?
15. How tolerant do you think Britain is?
16. Is racism around the world increasing or decreasing?
17. Are Mr Johnson's comments an example of hate crime?
18. What might a burka-wearing woman say to Mr Johnson?
19. What advice do you have for Mr Johnson?
20. What questions would you like to ask Boris Johnson?

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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The UK's Prime Minister Theresa May has asked Mr Johnson to apologize (7) _____ his comments. She said: "I do think that we all have to be (8) _____ careful about the language and terms we use, and some of the terms Boris used describing people's appearance (9) _____ have offended." Another senior British politician has asked Mr Johnson to (10) _____. Many other politicians said Johnson's comments were Islamophobic and were a hate crime. They say he knew his comments would (11) _____ many Muslims and others in the UK. Mr Johnson was London's mayor for eight years and the UK Foreign Minister for two years and so had thousands of experiences (12) _____ with Muslim people.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) filmer | (b) former | (c) farmer | (d) firmer |
| 2. | (a) numeral | (b) number | (c) numeric | (d) numeracy |
| 3. | (a) writes | (b) written | (c) wrote | (d) writing |
| 4. | (a) tanned | (b) turned | (c) toned | (d) tuned |
| 5. | (a) property | (b) proper | (c) prosperity | (d) properly |
| 6. | (a) being | (b) been | (c) be | (d) bee |
| 7. | (a) for | (b) at | (c) of | (d) from |
| 8. | (a) verily | (b) vary | (c) very | (d) varying |
| 9. | (a) obviously | (b) obliviously | (c) oblivious | (d) obvious |
| 10. | (a) resign | (b) resigning | (c) resigns | (d) resignation |
| 11. | (a) offend | (b) offence | (c) offender | (d) offering |
| 12. | (a) interacting | (b) interaction | (c) interact | (d) interacts |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Johnson has been usceacd of racism
2. He made a number of octnmsem
3. at a university retlcue
4. he could talk to her peropyrl
5. Johnson was writing an iatrcle
6. look absolutely oisliuucr

Paragraph 2

7. May has asked Mr Johnson to oipaegzlo
8. describing people's rppcaaeaen
9. lvyusoobi have offended
10. Another senior British aopniiltc
11. London's oyarm
12. experiences naticigentr with Muslim people

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180810-burka.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () asked Mr Johnson to resign. Many other politicians said Johnson's comments were Islamophobic and were a hate
- () The UK's Prime Minister Theresa May has asked Mr Johnson to apologize for his comments. She said: "I do
- () and so had thousands of experiences interacting with Muslim people.
- (**1**) The United Kingdom's former Foreign Minister Boris Johnson has been accused of racism. He made a number
- () of comments about women wearing the burka while writing in the British newspaper 'The Telegraph'. Mr Johnson said women who
- () wear burkas "look like letter boxes". He also said: "If a female student turned up at school or
- () describing people's appearance obviously have offended." Another senior British politician has
- () think that we all have to be very careful about the language and terms we use, and some of the terms Boris used
- () London's mayor for eight years and the UK Foreign Minister for two years
- () in Denmark. In the article, Mr Johnson said full-face veils should not be banned in the
- () UK, but said women who wear a burka "look absolutely ridiculous".
- () at a university lecture looking like a bank robber," he would ask her to remove it so that he "could talk
- () to her properly". Johnson was writing an article about the recent full-face veil ban
- () crime. They say he knew his comments would offend many Muslims and others in the UK. Mr Johnson was

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180810-burka.html>

1. made He about comments number women . of a
2. look Women burkas letter like who wear boxes .
3. up female turned student school . If at a
4. could he Remove talk so her . to it
5. should Johnson not be full-face said veils banned .
6. careful we very use . language the Be about
7. politician has resign . Johnson asked Another senior to
8. comments He would Muslims many . knew his offend
9. eight mayor for Johnson London's years . Mr was
10. of Muslim with interacting experiences people . Thousands

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180810-burka.html>

The United Kingdom's *farmer / former* Foreign Minister Boris Johnson has been accused of racism. He made a *numeral / number* of comments about women wearing the burka while *written / writing* in the British newspaper 'The Telegraph'. Mr Johnson said *women / woman* who wear burkas "look like letter boxes". He also said: "If a female student *tuned / turned* up at school or at a university lecture *looking / look* like a bank robber," he would ask her to remove it so that he "could talk to her *properly / property*". Johnson was writing an article about the *recently / recent* full-face veil ban in Denmark. In the article, Mr Johnson said full-face veils should not *been / be* banned in the UK, but said women who wear a burka "look absolutely *ridiculous / ridiculously*".

The UK's Prime Minister Theresa May has *ask / asked* Mr Johnson to *apologize / apology* for his comments. She said: "I do think that we all have to be very *careful / carefully* about the language and terms we use, and some of the terms Boris used *describes / describing* people's appearance obviously have *offended / offense*." Another senior British politician has asked Mr Johnson to *resign / design*. Many other politicians said Johnson's comments were Islamophobic and *was / were* a hate crime. They say he knew his comments would offend *much / many* Muslims and others in the UK. Mr Johnson was London's mayor for eight years and the UK *Foreign / Foreigner* Minister for two years and so had thousands of experiences interacting with Muslim *people / person*.

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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T h _ U n _ t _ d K _ n g d _ m ' s f _ r m _ r F _ r _ _ g n M _ n _ s
t _ r B _ r _ s J _ h n s _ n h _ s b _ _ n _ c c _ s _ d _ f r _ c _ s m .
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180810-burka.html>

the united kingdoms former foreign minister boris johnson has been accused of racism he made a number of comments about women wearing the burka while writing in the british newspaper the telegraph mr johnson said women who wear burkas look like letter boxes he also said if a female student turned up at school or at a university lecture looking like a bank robber he would ask her to remove it so that he could talk to her properly johnson was writing an article about the recent fullface veil ban in denmark in the article mr johnson said fullface veils should not be banned in the uk but said women who wear a burka look absolutely ridiculous

the uks prime minister theresa may has asked mr johnson to apologize for his comments she said i do think that we all have to be very careful about the language and terms we use and some of the terms boris used describing peoples appearance obviously have offended another senior british politician has asked mr johnson to resign many other politicians said johnsons comments were islamophobic and were a hate crime they say he knew his comments would offend many muslims and others in the uk mr johnson was londons mayor for eight years and the uk foreign minster for two years and so had thousands of experiences interacting with muslim people.

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. THE BURKA: Make a poster about the burka. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. ISLAMOPHOBIC COMMENTS: Write a magazine article about politicians making Islamophobic comments having to resign. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 the burka. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to reduce Islamophobia. 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. a 3. g 4. b 5. e 6. d 7. f
8. k 9. l 10. n 11. i 12. j 13. m 14. h

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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| 1. former | a. ex- |
| 2. turned up | b. arrived |
| 3. properly | c. correctly |
| 4. banned | d. forbidden |
| 5. ridiculous | e. stupid |
| 6. apologize | f. say sorry |
| 7. resign | g. quit |
| 8. offended | h. upset |
| 9. comments | i. remarks |
| 10. interacting | j. communicating |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Racism
2. A number of comments
3. Letter boxes
4. To talk to her properly
5. Denmark
6. Theresa May
7. Our language
8. A senior politician
9. Hate crime
10. Eight years

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. He made a number of comments about women.
2. Women who wear burkas look like letter boxes.
3. If a female student turned up at school.
4. Remove it so he could talk to her.
5. Johnson said full-face veils should not be banned.
6. Be very careful about the language we use.
7. Another senior politician has asked Johnson to resign.
8. He knew his comments would offend many Muslims.
9. Mr Johnson was London's mayor for eight years.
10. Thousands of experiences interacting with Muslim people.

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 ;-)