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Venezuela's Hugo Chavez dies at 58

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THE ARTICLE

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Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez has died from respiratory problems, aged 58. He had been seriously ill with cancer for over a year. There had been much speculation over whether or not he would regain his health to resume his presidential duties. Venezuelan vice-president Nicolas Maduro informed the nation on Tuesday evening, telling Venezuelans that Mr Chavez had died, "after battling a tough illness for nearly two years." Maduro speculated that Chavez's cancer was started by foul play. He said: "We have no doubt that Commandant Chavez was attacked with this illness. We don't have a single doubt. The established enemies of our land specifically tried to harm the health of our leader."

Hugo Chavez was a highly popular leader in his country who continually championed the causes and rights of the poor. He redirected significant sums from the country's considerable oil revenues into social welfare programmes. He became famous for his fiery speeches, especially those attacking the USA. He made several controversial attacks on then president George W. Bush, whom he labelled a devil. Mr Maduro led a call for Venezuelans to celebrate Chavez, saying: "We're going to grow, we're going to get past this. Have a lot of courage. Stay strong, be strong. Let his name rise up. Let's praise Hugo Chavez." He added: "Those who die for life, can't be called dead."

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WARM-UPS

1. HUGO CHAVEZ: Walk around the class and talk to other students about Hugo Chavez. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

respiratory problems / seriously ill / speculation / tough illness / foul play / doubt / championed causes / oil revenues / fiery speeches / controversial / devil / courage

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

3. POPULAR LEADER: How do leaders become popular? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What is important?	Rate your leader
Character		
Public image		
Promises		
Background		
Speaking ability		
Record in office		

4. CHAVEZ: Students A **strongly** believe Hugo Chavez was a great leader; Students B **strongly** believe he wasn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

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

- Barack Obama
- Angela Merkel
- Vladimir Putin
- Hamid Karzai
- Wen Jiaobao
- Mahmoud Ahmadinejad
- Jacob Zuma
- Raul Castro

6. PRESIDENT: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'president'. Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. Hugo Chavez died from problems connected to his stomach. | T / F |
| b. There was very little talk about his future role as president. | T / F |
| c. Venezuela's vice-president believes Chavez's death wasn't so simple. | T / F |
| d. The VP said Venezuela's enemies contributed to Chavez's death. | T / F |
| e. Chavez used revenues from Venezuelan oil to help the poor. | T / F |
| f. He was continually attacked in fiery speeches from the USA. | T / F |
| g. Hugo Chavez said a former U.S. president was the devil. | T / F |
| h. The vice-president said it was time to forget Chavez and move on. | T / F |

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

- | | |
|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. respiratory | a. serious |
| 2. speculation | b. uncertainty |
| 3. resume | c. pay tribute to |
| 4. foul play | d. guessing |
| 5. doubt | e. promoted |
| 6. championed | f. breathing |
| 7. significant | g. dirty work |
| 8. fiery | h. bravery |
| 9. courage | i. carry on with |
| 10. praise | j. passionate |

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

- | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. died from | a. popular leader |
| 2. regain | b. play |
| 3. battling a | c. a devil |
| 4. started by foul | d. of courage |
| 5. a single | e. respiratory problems |
| 6. a highly | f. his health |
| 7. championed the causes | g. speeches |
| 8. fiery | h. doubt |
| 9. ...whom he labelled | i. and rights of the poor |
| 10. a lot | j. tough illness |

GAP FILL

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Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez has died from (1) _____ problems, aged 58. He had been seriously ill with cancer for over a year. There had been much (2) _____ over whether or not he would regain his health to (3) _____ his presidential duties. Venezuelan vice-president Nicolas Maduro informed the nation on Tuesday evening, telling Venezuelans that Mr Chavez had died, "after (4) _____ a tough illness for nearly two years." Maduro speculated that Chavez's cancer was started by (5) _____ play. He said: "We have no (6) _____ that Commandant Chavez was attacked with this illness. We don't have a (7) _____ doubt. The established enemies of our land (8) _____ tried to harm the health of our leader."

battling
respiratory
doubt
single
speculation
specifically
resume
foul

Hugo Chavez was a highly popular leader in his country who continually (9) _____ the causes and rights of the poor. He redirected significant (10) _____ from the country's considerable oil (11) _____ into social welfare programmes. He became famous for his (12) _____ speeches, especially those attacking the USA. He made several (13) _____ attacks on then president George W. Bush, whom he (14) _____ a devil. Mr Maduro led a call for Venezuelans to celebrate Chavez, saying: "We're going to grow, we're going to get past this. Have a lot of (15) _____. Stay strong, be strong. Let his name rise up. Let's (16) _____ Hugo Chavez." He added: "Those who die for life, can't be called dead."

controversial
sums
praise
championed
fiery
courage
revenues
labelled

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

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- 1) Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez has died _____.
 - a. from perspiration problems
 - b. from respiration problems
 - c. from respiratory problems
 - d. from perspiring problems
- 2) There had been much speculation over whether or not he _____.
 - a. would regain his healthy
 - b. would regain his healthful
 - c. would regain his healthier
 - d. would regain his health
- 3) Maduro speculated that Chavez's cancer was _____.
 - a. started by fowl play
 - b. started by foul play
 - c. started by fall play
 - d. started by fail play
- 4) He said: "We have no doubt that Commandant Chavez was _____.
 - a. attacked with this illness
 - b. attacked with his illness
 - c. attacked with thins illness
 - d. attacked withers illness
- 5) enemies of our land _____ the health of our leader
 - a. specifics tried to harm
 - b. specially tried to harm
 - c. specifically tried to harm
 - d. specific ally tried to harm
- 6) continually championed the causes and _____.
 - a. rights of a poor
 - b. rights of all poor
 - c. rights of our poor
 - d. rights of the poor
- 7) He redirected significant sums from the country's _____.
 - a. considerable oil revenues
 - b. considerable oil revenue
 - c. considerably oil revenues
 - d. considerable oily revenues
- 8) He became famous for _____.
 - a. his fiery speeches
 - b. his fire re speeches
 - c. his fires peaches
 - d. his fiery speech
- 9) We're going to grow, we're going to get past this. Have _____.
 - a. a lots of courage
 - b. a loads of courage
 - c. a lot of courage
 - d. allot of courage
- 10) He added: "Those who die for life, can't _____."
 - a. be called dead
 - b. be cold dead
 - c. be could dead
 - d. be culled dead

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LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Hugo Chavez was a highly popular leader in his country who continually (7) _____ rights of the poor. He redirected significant sums from the country's (8) _____ social welfare programmes. He became (9) _____ speeches, (10) _____ the USA. He made several controversial attacks on then president George W. Bush, whom he labelled a devil. Mr Maduro led a call for Venezuelans to celebrate Chavez, saying: "We're going to grow, (11) _____ this. Have a lot of courage. Stay strong, be strong. (12) _____. Let's praise Hugo Chavez." He added: "Those who die for life, can't be called dead."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1303/130307-hugo_chavez.html

1. What problems lead to Hugo Chavez's death?

2. What did he have to regain to carry on as president?

3. When did the vice-president announce the news?

4. What did the vice-president say really caused Chavez's illness?

5. How many doubts does the VP have that other nations harmed Chavez?

6. What did Chavez champion?

7. What did Chavez spend oil revenues on?

8. What did Chavez call George W. Bush?

9. What did the VP ask Venezuelans to do?

10. Who did the VP say cannot be called dead?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1303/130307-hugo_chavez.html

1. What did Hugo Chavez die from?
 - a) perspiring problems
 - b) perspiration problems
 - c) respiratory problems
 - d) respirator problems
2. What were people guessing about?
 - a) if he would regain his health
 - b) how long he would fight cancer
 - c) if he would move to Cuba
 - d) that he had died months ago
3. Who told the nation of Chavez's death?
 - a) the head of Chavez's party
 - b) the vice-president
 - c) Chavez's lawyer
 - d) a newsreader
4. What did the VP say started Chavez's cancer?
 - a) an unhealthy lifestyle
 - b) genes
 - c) a poor diet
 - d) foul play
5. How many doubts does the VP have that foreigners aided Chavez's death?
 - a) several
 - b) countless
 - c) none
 - d) numerous
6. What causes did Chavez promote?
 - a) preservation of the Amazon
 - b) those of the poor
 - c) indigenous affairs
 - d) world free trade
7. How much money did he spend on social welfare?
 - a) all earnings from Venezuela's oil
 - b) 50% of Venezuela's GDP
 - c) almost \$1bn annually
 - d) significant sums
8. What kind of speeches was Chavez famous for?
 - a) fearsome ones
 - b) fiery ones
 - c) famous ones
 - d) friendly ones
9. What did he call George W. Bush?
 - a) an alien
 - b) a devil
 - c) dangerous
 - d) a cowboy
10. Who did the VP say "can't be called dead"?
 - a) Those who die for life
 - b) Those who live and die
 - c) Those who live for death
 - d) Those who live with death

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Chavez fan

You are a huge fan of Hugo Chavez. Tell the others three reasons why. If you hear anything bad against Chavez, tell the person who said it they are totally wrong, and give two reasons why they are wrong.

Role B – Chavez critic

You are a huge critic of Hugo Chavez. Tell the others three reasons why. If you hear anyone say good things about Chavez, tell the person who said it they are totally wrong, and give two reasons why they are wrong.

Role C – Poor Venezuelan

You are very, very sad that Hugo Chavez died. Tell the others three reasons why. You love Chavez and think he was one of the best world leaders ever. He helped the poor like no other world leader. You think all world leaders should be like him.

Role D – Jo Nobody

You don't really know much about Hugo Chavez. Do two things: 1. Find out facts about him from the others. 2. Talk about those facts and compare them with the actions of other world leaders.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1303/130307-hugo_chavez.html

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

popular	leader

- 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">• seriously• much• informed• tough• attacked• single	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• highly• sums• fiery• several• grow• life
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HUGO CHAVEZ SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Hugo Chavez 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.

HUGO CHAVEZ DISCUSSION

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

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'leader'?
- c) What did you think about Hugo Chavez?
- d) What would you like to know about Hugo Chavez?
- e) What will Venezuela's future be like without Hugo Chavez?
- f) Which three adjectives would you use to describe Hugo Chavez?
- g) Do you think it's possible other countries had a hand in Chavez's death?
- h) Why might other countries want Hugo Chavez dead?

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HUGO CHAVEZ DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) What do you know about Hugo Chavez?
- c) How popular is the leader of your country?
- d) Why don't all leaders champion the causes and rights of the poor?
- e) What do you think of leaders who make fiery speeches?
- f) What do you think of a world leader calling another leader a devil?
- g) How will Hugo Chavez be remembered decades from now?
- h) What questions would you like to ask a Hugo Chavez expert?

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. _____

MULTIPLE CHOICE - LANGUAGE

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

- | | | | |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. (a) digestion | (b) exhalation | (c) perspiring | (d) respiratory |
| 2. (a) many | (b) lots | (c) high | (d) much |
| 3. (a) replete | (b) regain | (c) refill | (d) reuse |
| 4. (a) confirmed | (b) affirmed | (c) informed | (d) reformed |
| 5. (a) fall | (b) fowl | (c) foul | (d) fail |
| 6. (a) single | (b) one | (c) unitary | (d) whole |
| 7. (a) wins | (b) championed | (c) victors | (d) crusaded |
| 8. (a) sums | (b) coffers | (c) totals | (d) wholes |
| 9. (a) that | (b) then | (c) this | (d) before |
| 10. (a) convene | (b) summons | (c) call | (d) ring |
| 11. (a) arise | (b) raise | (c) rise | (d) risen |
| 12. (a) prose | (b) prize | (c) prise | (d) praise |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. rysparoiert problems
2. much utnepislcao
3. iesenatlirpd duties
4. a utgoh illness
5. a single utobd
6. lecyifaipscI tried to harm the health...

Paragraph 2

7. ndmopchaei the causes and rights
8. insnciiafgt sums
9. riyef speeches
10. croralsonivet attacks
11. a lot of gaeruoc
12. apisre Hugo Chavez

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () Hugo Chavez was a highly popular leader in his country who continually
- () seriously ill with cancer for over a year. There had been much speculation over whether or not he would regain
- () a tough illness for nearly two years." Maduro speculated that Chavez's cancer was started by foul
- () speeches, especially those attacking the USA. He made several controversial attacks on then
- () play. He said: "We have no doubt that Commandant Chavez was attacked with
- () championed the causes and rights of the poor. He redirected significant sums from the country's considerable
- () oil revenues into social welfare programmes. He became famous for his fiery
- () the nation on Tuesday evening, telling Venezuelans that Mr Chavez had died, "after battling
- () president George W. Bush, whom he labelled a devil. Mr Maduro led a call for Venezuelans to
- () his health to resume his presidential duties. Venezuelan vice-president Nicolas Maduro informed
- (**1**) Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez has died from respiratory problems, aged 58. He had been
- () this illness. We don't have a single doubt. The established enemies of our land specifically tried to harm the health of our leader."
- () strong. Let his name rise up. Let's praise Hugo Chavez." He added: "Those who die for life, can't be called dead."
- () celebrate Chavez, saying: "We're going to grow, we're going to get past this. Have a lot of courage. Stay strong, be

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. a over for cancer with ill seriously been had He year.

2. health duties to resume Regain his his presidential.

3. for nearly two years Died after battling a tough illness.

4. play cancer that by was Chavez's foul started Speculated.

5. the our Specifically harm of to health leader tried.

6. causes the the of Championed rights and poor.

7. from revenues the country's Significant considerable sums oil.

8. for famous became He speeches fiery his.

9. call . led Maduro a Chavez celebrate to Venezuelans for

10. to going We're this past get to going we're , grow.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez has died from *perspiration* / *respiratory* problems, aged 58. He had been seriously ill *of* / *with* cancer for over a year. There had been *much* / *many* speculation over whether or not he would *regain* / *regaining* his health to *resume* / *resumption* his presidential duties. Venezuelan vice-president Nicolas Maduro *informed* / *affirmed* the nation on Tuesday evening, telling Venezuelans that Mr Chavez had died, "after battling a *tough* / *toughness* illness for nearly two years." Maduro speculated that Chavez's cancer was started by *foul* / *fowl* play. He said: "We have no doubt that Commandant Chavez was attacked with this illness. We don't have a *single* / *double* doubt. The established enemies of our land *specifically* / *specially* tried to harm the health of our leader."

Hugo Chavez was a *highly* / *height* popular leader in his country who continually *championed* / *triumphed* the causes and *rights* / *wrongs* of the poor. He redirected significant *some* / *sums* from the country's considerable *oil* / *oily* revenues into social welfare programmes. He became famous for his *furry* / *fiery* speeches, especially those attacking the USA. He made *several* / *servile* controversial attacks on then president George W. Bush, *that* / *whom* he labelled a devil. Mr Maduro led a call for Venezuelans to celebrate Chavez, saying: "We're going to grow, we're going to get *past* / *passed* this. Have a lot of courage. Stay strong, be strong. Let his name rise up. Let's *appraise* / *praise* Hugo Chavez." He added: "Those who die for life, can't be called dead."

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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V_n_z__l_'s Pr_s_d_nt H_g_ Ch_v_z h_s d__d fr_m
r_sp_r_t_ry pr_bl_ms, _g_d 58. H_ h_d b__n s_r__sly
_ll w_th c_nc_r f_r _v_r _y__r. Th_r_ h_d b__n m_ch
sp_c_l_t__n _v_r wh_th_r _r n_t h_ w__ld r_g__n h_s
h__lth t_r_s_m_ h_s pr_s_d_nt _ld_t__s. V_n_z__l_n
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h__lth _f __r l__d_r."

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fr_m th_ c__ntry's c_ns_d_r_bl_ __l r_v_n__s _nt_
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f__ry sp__ch_s, _sp_c__lly th_s _tt_ck_ng th_ _S_.
H_ m_d_ s_v_r_l c_ntr_v_rs__l _tt_cks _n th_n
pr_s_d_nt G__rg_ W. B_sh, wh_m h_ l_b_ll_d _d_v_l.
Mr M_d_r_ l_d _ c_ll f_r V_n_z__l_ns t_ c_l_br_t_
Ch_v_z, s_y_ng: "W_ 'r_ g__ng t_ gr_w, w_ 'r_ g__ng t_
g_t p_st th_s. H_v_ _l_t _f c__r_g_. St_y str_ng, b_
str_ng. L_t h_s n_m_ r_s_ _p. L_t's pr__s_ H_g_
Ch_v_z." H_ _dd_d: "Th_s_ wh_ d__ f_r l_f_, c_n't b_
c_ll_d d__d."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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hugo chavez was a highly popular leader in his country who continually championed the causes and rights of the poor he redirected significant sums from the country's considerable oil revenues into social welfare programmes he became famous for his fiery speeches especially those attacking the usa he made several controversial attacks on then president george w bush whom he labelled a devil mr maduro led a call for venezuelans to celebrate chavez saying "we're going to grow we're going to get past this have a lot of courage stay strong be strong let his name rise up let's praise hugo chavez" he added "those who die for life can't be called dead"

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FREE WRITING

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

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ACADEMIC WRITING

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All governments should channel revenues from the country's natural resources into social welfare programmes. Discuss.

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

3. HUGO CHAVEZ: Make a poster about Hugo Chavez. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. HUGO CHAVEZ: Write a magazine article about Hugo Chavez. Include imaginary interviews with people who thought he was a great leader and those who didn't.

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 a Hugo Chavez expert. Ask him/her three questions about Hugo Chavez. Give him/her three of your opinions. 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 T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1. respiratory | a. breathing |
| 2. speculation | b. guessing |
| 3. resume | c. carry on with |
| 4. foul play | d. dirty work |
| 5. doubt | e. uncertainty |
| 6. championed | f. promoted |
| 7. significant | g. serious |
| 8. fiery | h. passionate |
| 9. courage | i. bravery |
| 10. praise | j. pay tribute to |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Respiratory problems
2. His health
3. Tuesday evening
4. Foul play
5. None
6. The causes and rights of the poor
7. Social welfare programmes
8. A devil
9. Celebrate Chavez's life
10. Those who die for life

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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