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Michael Schumacher medical records 'for sale'

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THE ARTICLE

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Shocking though it may seem, someone has stolen the medical records of Formula 1 legend Michael Schumacher and could be offering them for sale to the highest bidder. The F1 driver's manager Sabine Kehm told journalists that she wasn't sure whether the person trying to sell the records actually had them. She reiterated that she would press charges if anyone bought or published the genuine documents. She said: "The contents of any medical files are totally private and confidential and must not be made available to the public. We will therefore, in every single case, press for criminal charges and damages against any publication of the content or reference to the medical file."

The seven-time F1 champion has only just been brought out of a coma after suffering a traumatic head injury in a skiing accident in the French Alps on 29 December. Sky Sports News correspondent Craig Slater reported on how lax the security was at Mr Schumacher's hospital. He said: "Security was very scant indeed and it was distressing. The family had to run a gauntlet of paparazzi every day when they arrived at the hospital, despite repeated pleas for the media to take a step back and to respect Michael Schumacher's privacy as a patient and a human being." He added that it was sad the family now faced seeing Michael's medical notes "potentially being auctioned over the Internet".

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WARM-UPS

1. CONFIDENTIALITY: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about confidentiality. 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?

shocking / medical records / the highest bidder / documents / confidential / criminal / champion / head injury / security / paparazzi / media / privacy / auctioned

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

3. SECURITY: How can we strengthen it? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Current dangers	How to strengthen security
Medical records		
Internet passwords		
Credit cards		
At airports		
Home security		
Pickpockets		

4. DIGITAL: Students A **strongly** believe all hospital records should be digital and not hand-written; Students B **strongly** believe this is too much. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. PRIVATE: Rank these with your partner. Put the most private things at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- your age
- your weight
- your address
- your date of birth
- your marital status
- your salary
- your Facebook account
- your dream

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

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140626-michael-schumacher.html>

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

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. A hospital is selling the medical records of its patients. | T / F |
| b. Michael Schumacher's manager isn't sure the "seller" has the records. | T / F |
| c. The manager will start criminal charges against any buyers of the data. | T / F |
| d. The manager said it would be OK for publishers to refer to the file. | T / F |
| e. Schumacher had a terrible skiing accident at the beginning of this year. | T / F |
| f. Sky News said security at Mr Schumacher's hospital was very tight. | T / F |
| g. Mr Schumacher's family is having problems with media photographers. | T / F |
| h. Mr Schumacher's is sad his medical records could be sold online. | T / F |

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

- | | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. seem | a. reporter |
| 2. sure | b. authentic |
| 3. actually | c. upsetting |
| 4. genuine | d. insufficient |
| 5. confidential | e. appear |
| 6. traumatic | f. really |
| 7. correspondent | g. appeals |
| 8. scant | h. classified |
| 9. distressing | i. shocking |
| 10. pleas | j. certain |

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

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Shocking though | a. case |
| 2. Formula 1 | b. of a coma |
| 3. totally private | c. legend |
| 4. in every single | d. gauntlet of paparazzi |
| 5. press for criminal charges | e. and confidential |
| 6. brought out | f. head injury |
| 7. suffering a traumatic | g. it may seem |
| 8. how lax the | h. over the Internet |
| 9. The family had to run a | i. security was |
| 10. being auctioned | j. and damages |

GAP FILL

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Shocking though it may (1) _____, someone has stolen the medical records of Formula 1 legend Michael Schumacher and could be offering them for sale to the highest (2) _____. The F1 driver's manager Sabine Kehm told journalists that she wasn't sure whether the person trying to sell the records (3) _____ had them. She (4) _____ that she would press charges if anyone bought or published the (5) _____ documents. She said: "The contents of any medical files are totally private and (6) _____ and must not be made (7) _____ to the public. We will therefore, in every single case, press for criminal (8) _____ and damages against any publication of the content or reference to the medical file."

confidential
actually
charges
seem
available
reiterated
bidder
genuine

The seven-time F1 champion has only just been (9) _____ out of a coma after (10) _____ a traumatic head injury in a skiing accident in the French Alps on 29 December. Sky Sports News correspondent Craig Slater reported on how (11) _____ the security was at Mr Schumacher's hospital. He said: "Security was very scant (12) _____ and it was distressing. The family had to run a gauntlet of (13) _____ every day when they arrived at the hospital, despite repeated (14) _____ for the media to take a step back and to respect Michael Schumacher's (15) _____ as a patient and a human being." He added that it was sad the family now (16) _____ seeing Michael's medical notes "potentially being auctioned over the Internet".

pleas
paparazzi
lax
faced
brought
privacy
suffering
indeed

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Shocking though _____
 - a. it may seen
 - b. it may seem
 - c. it may theme
 - d. it may seems
- 2) ...and could be offering them for sale to _____
 - a. a highest bidder
 - b. that highest bidder
 - c. the highest bidder
 - d. the highest bidders
- 3) she would press charges if anyone bought or published the _____
 - a. genuinely documents
 - b. genuine document
 - c. genuinely document
 - d. genuine documents
- 4) She said: "The contents of any medical files are totally _____"
 - a. privacy and confidential
 - b. private and confidential
 - c. privacy and confidentiality
 - d. private and confidentiality
- 5) press for criminal charges and damages against any publication _____
 - a. of the content
 - b. of the contents
 - c. of the contented
 - d. of the contentment
- 6) been brought out of a coma after suffering a _____
 - a. traumatic head injuries
 - b. traumatic head injured
 - c. traumatic head injury
 - d. traumatic head injurious
- 7) Sky Sports News correspondent Craig Slater reported on how _____
 - a. lax the security was
 - b. tax the security was
 - c. max the security was
 - d. wax the security was
- 8) He said: "Security was _____."
 - a. very scent indeed
 - b. very scant indeed
 - c. very slant indeed
 - d. very spent indeed
- 9) The family had to run a _____
 - a. gauntlet of paparazzi
 - b. gaunt let of paparazzi
 - c. haunted of paparazzi
 - d. hunted of paparazzi
- 10) seeing Michael's medical notes "potentially being auctioned _____"
 - a. across the Internet
 - b. via the Internet
 - c. above the Internet
 - d. over the Internet

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The seven-time F1 champion (7) _____ brought out of a coma after suffering a (8) _____ in a skiing accident in the French Alps on 29 December. Sky Sports News correspondent Craig Slater reported (9) _____ security was at Mr Schumacher's hospital. He said: "Security was (10) _____ and it was distressing. The family had to run a gauntlet of paparazzi every day when they arrived at the hospital, (11) _____ for the media to take a step back and to respect Michael Schumacher's privacy as a patient and a human being." He added that it was sad (12) _____ seeing Michael's medical notes "potentially being auctioned over the Internet".

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140626-michael-schumacher.html>

1. Who might buy the medical records?

2. Who is Sabine Kehm?

3. What will be pressed if the records are sold?

4. Who did Ms Kehm say the records should not be made available to?

5. In which cases will Mr Schumacher's manager press for charges?

6. What has Michael Schumacher been brought out of?

7. Who is Craig Slater?

8. What wasn't tight enough at the hospital?

9. Who does Michael Schumacher's family have to get past every day?

10. Where could the medical records be auctioned?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140626-michael-schumacher.html>

1. Who might buy the medical records?
 - a) a doctor
 - b) other rivals
 - c) the highest bidder
 - d) his family
2. Who is Sabine Kehm?
 - a) Michael Schumacher's manager
 - b) an F1 driver
 - c) a journalist
 - d) a driver
3. What will be pressed if the records are sold?
 - a) criminal charges
 - b) magazines
 - c) flesh
 - d) coins
4. Who did Ms Kehm say the records should not be made available to?
 - a) managers
 - b) the public
 - c) paparazzi
 - d) the Internet
5. In which cases will Mr Schumacher's manager press for charges?
 - a) leather ones
 - b) one or two
 - c) cases of spying
 - d) in all cases
6. What has Michael Schumacher been brought out of?
 - a) ICU
 - b) a coma
 - c) retirement
 - d) hospital
7. Who is Craig Slater?
 - a) a reporter
 - b) a race driver
 - c) a doctor
 - d) a manager
8. What wasn't tight enough at the hospital?
 - a) rules
 - b) nuts
 - c) security
 - d) uniforms
9. Who does Michael Schumacher's family have to get past every day?
 - a) nurses and doctors
 - b) security
 - c) agents
 - d) the paparazzi
10. Where could the medical records be auctioned?
 - a) the Internet
 - b) an auction house
 - c) in the newspapers
 - d) Germany

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Medical records

You think medical records are the hardest things to keep safe. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their thing is easier to keep safe. Also, tell the others which is the most secure of these (and why): Internet passwords, homes or credit cards.

Role B – Internet passwords

You think Internet passwords are the hardest things to keep safe. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their thing is easier to keep safe. Also, tell the others which is the most secure of these (and why): medical records, homes or credit cards.

Role C – Homes

You think homes are the hardest things to keep safe. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their thing is easier to keep safe. Also, tell the others which is the most secure of these (and why): Internet passwords, medical records or credit cards.

Role D – Credit cards

You think credit cards are the hardest things to keep safe. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their thing is easier to keep safe. Also, tell the others which is the most secure of these (and why): Internet passwords, homes or medical records.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140626-michael-schumacher.html>

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

medical	record
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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">• seem• offering• sure• genuine• totally• damages	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• just• 29• lax• run• back• faced
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CONFIDENTIALITY SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about confidentiality 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.

CONFIDENTIALITY 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 'confidential'?
- c) What do you think about what you read?
- d) What kind of person would steal and sell medical records?
- e) Do you worry about your confidential information?
- f) What should the punishment be for the thief and any buyer?
- g) What would anyone hope to gain by publishing these records?
- h) How long a file would your medical records be?
- i) What private information is there on you in various agencies?
- j) What do you know about Michael Schumacher?

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CONFIDENTIALITY DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Should there be better security at hospitals?
- c) Are we becoming a world in which everything must have security?
- d) What do you think of the paparazzi?
- e) Should the police do anything to keep the paparazzi away from famous people?
- f) In what ways do famous people lack privacy and a 'normal' life?
- g) Do you think paparazzi care about a hospital patient's privacy?
- h) Do newspapers disrespect privacy by writing about people?
- i) How easy would it be to find the seller and buyer online?
- j) What questions would you like to ask the hospital boss?

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) seems | (b) seem | (c) seemingly | (d) seemed |
| 2. | (a) sell | (b) sale | (c) selling | (d) seller |
| 3. | (a) actualise | (b) actuality | (c) actual | (d) actually |
| 4. | (a) right | (b) totally | (c) correctly | (d) surely |
| 5. | (a) had | (b) done | (c) given | (d) made |
| 6. | (a) prior | (b) bar | (c) against | (d) opposed |
| 7. | (a) time | (b) timely | (c) timed | (d) times |
| 8. | (a) max | (b) wax | (c) lax | (d) tax |
| 9. | (a) distresses | (b) distressed | (c) distress | (d) distressing |
| 10. | (a) pleas | (b) please | (c) pleased | (d) pleasure |
| 11. | (a) as | (b) was | (c) has | (d) is |
| 12. | (a) faced | (b) headed | (c) skulled | (d) nosed |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. the highest drdbie
2. She eetedritar that she would press charges
3. the ngeieun documents
4. made bavelaila to the public
5. any nuicbtliaop of the content
6. rrneceef to the medical file

Paragraph 2

7. suffering a atmtricua head injury
8. Sky Sports News osrneptcoerd
9. it was tidsirseng
10. run a letgnaut of paparazzi every day
11. respect Michael Schumacher's ypvrcia
12. medical notes "tnoiyealptl being auctioned

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () paparazzi every day when they arrived at the hospital, despite repeated pleas for the media to take a step
- (**1**) Shocking though it may seem, someone has stolen the medical records of Formula 1
- () head injury in a skiing accident in the French Alps on 29 December. Sky Sports News
- () sad the family now faced seeing Michael's medical notes "potentially being auctioned over the Internet".
- () actually had them. She reiterated that she would press charges if anyone bought or published the genuine
- () charges and damages against any publication of the content or reference to the medical file."
- () legend Michael Schumacher and could be offering them for sale to the highest bidder. The F1 driver's
- () back and to respect Michael Schumacher's privacy as a patient and a human being." He added that it was
- () The seven-time F1 champion has only just been brought out of a coma after suffering a traumatic
- () correspondent Craig Slater reported on how lax the security was at Mr Schumacher's hospital. He said: "Security was very
- () scant indeed and it was distressing. The family had to run a gauntlet of
- () confidential and must not be made available to the public. We will therefore, in every single case, press for criminal
- () manager Sabine Kehm told journalists that she wasn't sure whether the person trying to sell the records
- () documents. She said: "The contents of any medical files are totally private and

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. the them highest for bidder sale to Offering.

2. sure wasn't she that journalists told Kehm.

3. press would she that reiterated She charges.

4. any are of files private contents medical totally The.

5. file Publication of the content or reference to the medical.

6. a been coma brought out Only of just.

7. accident a injury skiing Suffering head a traumatic in.

8. the reported security on was how lax Slater.

9. to take a step back Repeated pleas for the media.

10. Michael's Seeing auctioned being potentially notes medical.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Shocking though it may *seen / seem*, someone has stolen the medical records of Formula 1 *legend / legendary* Michael Schumacher and could be offering them for sale to the highest *bidder / bidding*. The F1 driver's manager Sabine Kehm told journalists that she wasn't *unsure / sure* whether the person trying to sell the records *actually / actual* had them. She reiterated that she would *press / push* charges if anyone bought or published the *genuinely / genuine* documents. She said: "The contents of any medical files are totally *private / privacy* and confidential and must not be made available to the public. We will therefore, in every *singular / single* case, press for criminal charges and damages against any publication of the content or *referee / reference* to the medical file."

The seven-time F1 champion has only *just / justly* been brought out of a coma after suffering a *traumatic / trauma* head injury in a skiing accident in the French Alps on 29 December. Sky Sports News correspondent Craig Slater reported on how *lax / tax* the security was at Mr Schumacher's hospital. He said: "Security was very *scent / scant* indeed and it was *distressing / distrusting*. The family had to run a *haunted / gauntlet* of paparazzi every day when they arrived at the hospital, *despite / spite* repeated pleas for the media to take a step *forward / back* and to respect Michael Schumacher's privacy *has / as* a patient and a human being." He added that it was sad the family now *faced / headed* seeing Michael's medical notes "potentially being auctioned over the Internet".

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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Sh_ck_ng th__gh__t m_y s__m, s_m__n_h_s st_l_n th_m_d_c_l_r_c_rds __f F_rm_l__l_l_g_nd M_ch__l Sch_m_ch_r_nd c__ld b__ff_r_ng th_m f_r s_l_t th_h_gh_st b_dd_r. Th_F1 dr_v_r's m_n_g_r S_b_n_K_hm t_ld j__rn_l sts th_t sh__w_sn't s_r__wh_th_r th_p_rs_n try_ng t_s_ll th_r_c_rds __ct__lly h_d th_m. Sh_r__t_r_t_d th_t sh__w__ld pr_ss ch_rg_s __f_ny_n_b__ght __r p_bl_sh_d th__g_n__n__d_c_m_nts. Sh_s__d: "Th_c_nt_nts __f_ny m_d_c_l_f_l_s __r_t_t_lly pr_v_t__nd c_nf_d_nt__l__nd m_st_n_t b__m_d__v__l_b_l_t th_p_b_l_c. W__w_ll th_r_f_r__, __n__v_ry s_ngl_c_s__, pr_ss f_r cr_m_n_l ch_rg_s __nd d_m_g_s __g__nst __ny p_b_l_c_t__n __f th_c_nt_nt __r_r_f_r_nc_t th_m_d_c_l_f_l__."

Th_s_v_n-t_m__F1 ch_m_p__n_h_s __nly j_st b__n br__ght __t __f __c_m__ft_r s_ff_r_ng __tr__m_t_c h__d __nj_ry __n __sk__ng __cc_d_nt __n th_Fr_nch __lps __n 29 D_c_m_b_r. Sky Sp_rts N_ws c_rr_sp_nd_nt Cr_g Sl_t_r_r_p_r_t_d __n h_w l_x th_s_c_r_ty w_s __t Mr Sch_m_ch_r's h_sp_t_l. H_s__d: "S_c_r_ty w_s v_ry sc_nt __nd __d __nd __t w_s d_str_ss_ng. Th_f_m_ly h_d t_r_n __g__ntl_t __f p_p_r_zz__v_ry d_y wh_n th_y __rr_v_d __t th_h_sp_t_l, d_sp_t__r_p__t_d pl__s f_r th_m_d__t__t_k__st_p_b_ck __nd t_r_sp_ct M_ch__l Sch_m_ch_r's pr_v_cy __s __p_t__nt __nd __h_m_n b__ng." H__dd_d th_t __t w_s s_d th_f_m_ly n_w f_c_d s__ng M_ch__l's m_d_c_l_n_t_s "p_t_nt__lly b__ng __ct__n_d __v_r th__nt_rn_t".

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 the Internet and confidentiality. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MICHAEL SCHUMACHER: Make a poster about Michael Schumacher. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. ONLINE PRIVACY: Write a magazine article about online privacy. 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 online privacy expert. Ask him/her three questions about it. 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

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. seem | a. appear |
| 2. sure | b. certain |
| 3. actually | c. really |
| 4. genuine | d. authentic |
| 5. confidential | e. classified |
| 6. traumatic | f. shocking |
| 7. correspondent | g. reporter |
| 8. scant | h. insufficient |
| 9. distressing | i. upsetting |
| 10. pleas | j. appeals |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. The highest bidder
2. Michael Schumacher's manager
3. (Criminal) charges
4. The public
5. In all cases
6. A coma
7. A (Sky News) reporter / correspondent
8. Security
9. The paparazzi
10. Over the Internet

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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