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Level 3

Anger over racist Chinese advert

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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1605/160529-racist-advert.html>

There is a lot of anger on social media because of an advertisement for a Chinese laundry detergent. Some newspapers are saying it could be the most racist advert ever made. The commercial was created for the washing detergent company Qiaobi. In the ad, a young Chinese woman puts a detergent tablet into the mouth of a black man. She pushes him into a washing machine, closes the lid and then turns it on. The next scene shows the result of the wash – the black man has turned into a white Chinese man. The woman looks happy when she sees the fairer-skinned man. The ad is a month old but went viral 24 hours ago, after it was shared on social media.

Many news agencies are attacking the ad because of its racist content. The website BuzzFeed called it, the "most racist ad of 2016". It said the ad would make you feel dirty. It wrote: "The commercial will likely leave you feeling like you need a shower." One blogger complained that: "Chinese companies fail to understand the sensitivity of racism, which is a shame, but common in China." Another blogger asked: "How can these marketing people have no knowledge of racism?" The owner of Qiaobi told the BBC that he didn't realise the ad was racist until someone pointed it out. He said: "To be honest, I didn't really pay that much attention to the advertisement."

Sources: <http://www.scmp.com/news/china/society/article/1956281/racist-laundry-detergent-ad-slammed-turning-black-man-fair>
<http://www.chinatopix.com/articles/88939/20160527/racial-content-chinese-commercial-video.htm#ixzz49qwWNzYk>
<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-china-36394917>

WARM-UPS

1. RACISM: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about racism. 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?

anger / social media / advertisement / laundry / washing / detergent / 24 hours / viral news agencies / racist / commercial / shower / blogger / complained / pay attention

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

3. CRIME: Students A **strongly** believe racism will not exist in the future; Students B **strongly** believe it will always exist. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. RACIST: How can we stop people being racist? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How?	Effect?
Using the Internet?		
At school		
Punishments		
Social events		
Sports		
Movies		

5. SOCIAL MEDIA: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "social media". 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 at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- racism
- egoism
- sexism
- ageism
- capitalism
- communism
- hedonism
- atheism

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1605/160529-racist-advert.html>

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

- a. There is anger over an advert for a Chinese laundry detergent. **T / F**
- b. Some newspapers say it is the most racist ad ever made. **T / F**
- c. The ad shows a black man having to wash a white woman's clothes. **T / F**
- d. The ad is more than three weeks old. **T / F**
- e. The site Buzzfeed called the ad the most racist in advertising history. **T / F**
- f. The ad showed people in need of a shower. **T / F**
- g. A blogger asked why marketing companies knew so little about racism. **T / F**
- h. The company's boss said he knew the ad was racist when he saw it. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|------------------|------------------|
| 1. advertisement | a. cover |
| 2. created | b. normal |
| 3. lid | c. cheerful |
| 4. next | d. truthful |
| 5. happy | e. following |
| 6. attacking | f. commercial |
| 7. dirty | g. understanding |
| 8. common | h. unclean |
| 9. knowledge | i. made |
| 10. honest | j. criticising |

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

- | | |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1. There is a lot of anger on | a. it out |
| 2. it could be the most | b. viral 24 hours ago |
| 3. washing | c. then turns it on |
| 4. closes the lid and | d. dirty |
| 5. The ad is a month old but went | e. the ad was racist |
| 6. It said the ad would make you feel | f. racist advert ever made |
| 7. companies fail to understand the sensitivity | g. attention |
| 8. he didn't realise | h. social media |
| 9. until someone pointed | i. of racism |
| 10. I didn't really pay that much | j. detergent |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1605/160529-racist-advert.html>

There is a lot of (1) _____ on social media because of an advertisement for a Chinese laundry detergent. Some newspapers are saying it could be the most racist advert (2) _____ made. The commercial was (3) _____ for the washing detergent company Qiaobi. In the ad, a young Chinese woman puts a (4) _____ tablet into the mouth of a black man. She pushes him into a washing machine, closes the (5) _____ and then turns it on. The next scene shows the result of the wash – the black man has (6) _____ into a white Chinese man. The woman looks happy when she sees the (7) _____ -skinned man. The ad is a month old but went viral 24 hours ago, after it was (8) _____ on social media.

ever
lid
anger
shared
detergent
fairer
created
turned

Many news (9) _____ are attacking the ad because of its racist content. The website BuzzFeed called it, the "most racist ad of 2016". It said the ad would make you feel (10) _____. It wrote: "The commercial will likely leave you feeling like you (11) _____ a shower." One blogger complained that: "Chinese companies fail to understand the sensitivity of racism, which is a (12) _____, but common in China." Another (13) _____ asked: "How can these marketing people have no (14) _____ of racism?" The owner of Qiaobi told the BBC that he didn't realise the ad was racist until someone (15) _____ it out. He said: "To be honest, I didn't really pay that much (16) _____ to the advertisement."

knowledge
need
agencies
attention
dirty
blogger
pointed
shame

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) anger on social media because of an advertisement for a Chinese _____
 - a. laundered detergent
 - b. lawn dry detergent
 - c. laundry detergent
 - d. lawn tree detergent
- 2) Some newspapers are saying it could be the most racist _____
 - a. adverts ever made
 - b. advert ever made
 - c. advert never made
 - d. advert even made
- 3) She pushes him into a washing machine, closes the lid and then _____
 - a. turns it ton
 - b. turn sit on
 - c. turn it on
 - d. turns it on
- 4) The woman looks happy when she sees the _____
 - a. fairer-skin man
 - b. fairer-skinned man
 - c. fairer-skinned men
 - d. fair a skinned man
- 5) The ad is a month old but went _____ ago
 - a. rival 24 hours
 - b. viral 24 hours
 - c. revel 24 hours
 - d. rebel 24 hours
- 6) Many news agencies are attacking the ad because of _____
 - a. its racist content
 - b. its racist contents
 - c. its racist context
 - d. its race is content
- 7) The commercial will likely leave you feeling like you _____
 - a. needs a shower
 - b. need a shower
 - c. need a showering
 - d. need the shower
- 8) How can these marketing people have no knowledge _____
 - a. of racism
 - b. for racism
 - c. off racism
 - d. of racist
- 9) he didn't realise the ad was racist until someone _____
 - a. pointed it tout
 - b. pointed a tout
 - c. pointed outer
 - d. pointed it out
- 10) To be honest, I didn't really pay that much attention _____
 - a. to the advertisements
 - b. to the ad first is meant
 - c. to the ad vest is mine
 - d. to the advertisement

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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There is (1) _____ social media because of an advertisement for a Chinese laundry detergent. Some newspapers are saying it (2) _____ racist advert ever made. The commercial (3) _____ the washing detergent company Qiaobi. In the ad, a young Chinese woman puts a detergent tablet into the mouth of a black man. She pushes him into a washing machine, closes the lid (4) _____. The next scene shows the result of the wash – the black man has turned into a white Chinese man. The woman looks happy (5) _____ fairer-skinned man. The ad is a month old (6) _____ hours ago, after it was shared on social media.

Many news agencies are attacking the ad because (7) _____. The website BuzzFeed called it, the "most racist ad of 2016". It said the ad would (8) _____. It wrote: "The commercial will likely (9) _____ like you need a shower." One blogger complained that: "Chinese companies fail to understand the sensitivity of racism, (10) _____, but common in China." Another blogger asked: "How can these marketing people have (11) _____ racism?" The owner of Qiaobi told the BBC that he didn't realise the ad was racist until someone pointed it out. He said: "To be honest, I didn't really pay (12) _____ to the advertisement."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1605/160529-racist-advert.html>

1. What is the advertisement for?
2. Who is saying the ad could be the most racist ever made?
3. Where does a Chinese woman put a black man?
4. What does the woman close?
5. When did the article go viral?
6. What did the website BuzzFeed call the ad?
7. What did BuzzFeed say you might need after watching the ad?
8. Who questioned why marketing people have no knowledge of racism?
9. Which news agency did the company boss talk to?
10. What did the boss of the company not pay much of attention to?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1605/160529-racist-advert.html>

- 1) What is the advertisement for?
 - a) a car
 - b) a mobile phone
 - c) a laundry detergent
 - d) pizza
- 2) Who is saying the ad could be the most racist ever made?
 - a) some newspapers
 - b) a charity
 - c) a TV channel
 - d) a Chinese company
- 3) Where does a Chinese woman put a black man?
 - a) in a washing machine
 - b) in a garage
 - c) in the garden
 - d) in the living room
- 4) What does the woman close?
 - a) a deal
 - b) a lid
 - c) a website
 - d) a door
- 5) When did the article go viral?
 - a) Tuesday
 - b) a week ago
 - c) last month
 - d) 24 hours ago
- 6) What did the website Buzzfeed call the ad?
 - a) the worst ever
 - b) the most racist of 2016
 - c) sad
 - d) disgusting
- 7) What did Buzzfeed say you might need after watching the ad?
 - a) a shower
 - b) sleep
 - c) a lawyer
 - d) a new computer
- 8) Who questioned why marketing people have no knowledge of racism?
 - a) a marketing boss
 - b) a website boss
 - c) a blogger
 - d) the company boss
- 9) Which news agency did the company boss talk to?
 - a) NHK
 - b) ABC
 - c) CNN
 - d) the BBC
- 10) What did the boss of the company not pay much of attention to?
 - a) the advertisement
 - b) profits
 - c) criticism
 - d) laundry detergent

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Racism

You think racism is the worst thing. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are also wrong with their isms. Also, tell the others which is the easiest of these to fight (and why): ageism, sexism or egoism.

Role B – Ageism

You think ageism is the worst thing. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are also wrong with their isms. Also, tell the others which is the easiest of these to fight (and why): racism, sexism or egoism.

Role C – Sexism

You think sexism is the worst thing. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are also wrong with their isms. Also, tell the others which is the easiest of these to fight (and why): ageism, racism or egoism.

Role D – Egoism

You think egoism is the worst thing. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are also wrong with their isms. Also, tell the others which is the easiest of these to fight (and why): ageism, sexism or racism.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1605/160529-racist-advert.html>

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

social	work
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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">• lot• most• young• lid• on• 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• content• 2016• shower• fail• owner• pay
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RACISM SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1605/160529-racist-advert.html>

Write five GOOD questions about racism 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.

RACISM DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What springs to mind when you hear the word 'racism'?
3. What do you think about what you read?
4. How racist are people in your country?
5. Why are people racist?
6. What can we do to stop people being racist?
7. How racist is the detergent advert?
8. Why do you think the advert was allowed to be put on TV?
9. What advice do you have for the ad company?
10. How does racism damage society?

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RACISM DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. When will racism disappear from the world?
13. Should the detergent company apologise?
14. Why might you want a shower after seeing the ad?
15. Why don't companies understand racism in 2016?
16. Should the marketing people lose their jobs?
17. How can the company's owner not realize the ad was racist?
18. What should the punishment be for racism?
19. How angry are you over this ad?
20. What questions would you like to ask the company's owner?

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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Many news agencies are attacking the ad because of its racist (7) _____. The website Buzzfeed called it, the "most racist ad of 2016". It said the ad would make you (8) _____ dirty. It wrote: "The commercial will likely leave you feeling like you need a shower." One blogger (9) _____ that: "Chinese companies fail to understand the sensitivity of racism, which is a (10) _____, but common in China." Another blogger asked: "How can these marketing people have no knowledge (11) _____ racism?" The owner of Qiaobi told the BBC that he didn't realise the ad was racist until someone pointed it out. He said: "To be honest, I didn't really (12) _____ that much attention to the advertisement."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) angrily | (b) angry | (c) angered | (d) anger |
| 2. | (a) mist | (b) mast | (c) moat | (d) most |
| 3. | (a) on | (b) for | (c) as | (d) to |
| 4. | (a) onto | (b) unto | (c) into | (d) so to |
| 5. | (a) spiraled | (b) twisted | (c) turned | (d) exchanged |
| 6. | (a) ago | (b) before | (c) passed | (d) gone |
| 7. | (a) ingredients | (b) content | (c) index | (d) includes |
| 8. | (a) feel | (b) be | (c) do | (d) take |
| 9. | (a) completed | (b) complained | (c) contented | (d) accompanied |
| 10. | (a) smooth | (b) shelf | (c) shame | (d) shaft |
| 11. | (a) at | (b) on | (c) of | (d) by |
| 12. | (a) sale | (b) purchase | (c) buy | (d) pay |

SPELLING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1605/160529-racist-advert.html>

Paragraph 1

1. laundry rettgende
2. a washing ceanmih
3. The next cnese shows the result
4. she sees the fairer-ndnskie man
5. went ilvar 24 hours ago
6. it was shared on social aimed

Paragraph 2

7. news ncaegsei are attacking the ad
8. one blogger dopimecanl
9. the iisnitstvye of racism
10. he didn't sielrae (UK) / lreiaze (USA) the ad was racist
11. To be notehs
12. I didn't really pay that much ittanoten

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1605/160529-racist-advert.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () racism, which is a shame, but common in China." Another blogger asked: "How can these marketing
- () detergent. Some newspapers are saying it could be the most racist advert ever made. The commercial was created
- () month old but went viral 24 hours ago, after it was shared on social media.
- () realise the ad was racist until someone pointed it out. He said: "To be honest, I didn't really pay
- () of a black man. She pushes him into a washing machine, closes the lid and then turns it on. The next scene
- () it, the "most racist ad of 2016". It said the ad would make you feel dirty. It wrote: "The commercial will likely leave you feeling
- () Many news agencies are attacking the ad because of its racist content. The website Buzzfeed called
- () happy when she sees the fairer-skinned man. The ad is a
- () people have no knowledge of racism?" The owner of Qiaobi told the BBC that he didn't
- () like you need a shower." One blogger complained that: "Chinese companies fail to understand the sensitivity of
- () that much attention to the advertisement."
- (**1**) There is a lot of anger on social media because of an advertisement for a Chinese laundry
- () for the washing detergent company Qiaobi. In the ad, a young Chinese woman puts a detergent tablet into the mouth
- () shows the result of the wash – the black man has turned into a white Chinese man. The woman looks

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1605/160529-racist-advert.html>

1. because media social on Anger advertisement an of .
2. be ever the made most It racist could advert .
3. detergent created company for The the commercial washing was .
4. shows wash the The result next of scene the .
5. viral went but old month a is ad The ago hours 24 .
6. ad its Agencies the of content attacking because racist are .
7. make said you the feel ad dirty would It .
8. ad will leave you feeling like you need a shower The .
9. to fail Companies racism of sensitivity the understand .
10. much the didn't that to I pay attention advertisement really .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1605/160529-racist-advert.html>

There is a lot of *angry / anger* on social media because of an advertisement for a Chinese *laundry / laundered* detergent. Some newspapers are *saying / said* it could be the most racist advert *never / ever* made. The commercial was created for the washing detergent company Qiaobi. In the ad, a young Chinese woman puts a detergent tablet *into / onto* the mouth of a black man. She pushes him into a washing machine, closes the *bin / lid* and then turns it on. The next scene shows the result of the *awash / wash* – the black man has turned into a white Chinese man. The woman looks happy when she sees the fairer-skinned *man / men*. The ad is a month old but went *virus / viral* 24 hours ago, after it was shared *on / in* social media.

Many news agencies are *attacked / attacking* the ad because of its racist content. The website BuzzFeed *called / calling* it, the "most racist ad of 2016". It said the ad would make you feel *dirt / dirty*. It wrote: "The commercial will likely *leave / left* you feeling like you need a shower." One blogger *compiled / complained* that: "Chinese companies *foil / fail* to understand the *sensitivity / sensitive* of racism, which is a shame, but *commonly / common* in China." Another blogger asked: "How can these marketing people have no knowledge of racism?" The owner of Qiaobi told the BBC that he didn't realise the ad was racist until someone *painted / pointed* it out. He said: "To be honest, I didn't really *pay / buy* that much attention to the advertisement."

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_ _s_ _l_t_ _f_ _ng_r_ _n_s_c_ _l_m_d_ _b_c_ _s_ _f_ _n_
_dv_rt_s_m_nt_f_r_ _Ch_n_s_ _l_ _ndry_d_t_rg_nt. S_m_ _
n_wsp_p_rs_ _r_ _s_y_ng_ _t_c_ _ld_b_ _th_ _m_st_r_c_st_
_dv_rt_ _v_r_m_d_. Th_c_mm_rc_ _l_w_s_cr_ _t_d_f_r_th_ _
w_sh_ng_d_t_rg_nt_c_mpn_y_Q_ _ _b_. _n_th_ _d, _
y_ _ng_Ch_n_s_ _w_m_n_p_ts_ _d_t_rg_nt_t_bl_t_nt_ th_ _
m_ _th_ _f_ _bl_ck_m_n. Sh_p_sh_s_h_m_nt_ _w_sh_ng_
m_ch_n_, cl_s_s_th_ _l_d_ _nd_th_n_t_rns_ _t_n. Th_n_xt_
sc_n_ sh_ws_th_r_s_l_t_ _f_th_ _w_sh_ - th_ _bl_ck_m_n_h_s_
t_rn_d_ _nt_ _ _wh_t_ _Ch_n_s_ _m_n. Th_ _w_m_n_l_ _ks_
h_ppy_wh_n_sh_ _s_ _s_th_ _f_ _r_r-sk_nn_d_m_n. Th_ _d_
s _m_nth_ _ld_b_t_w_nt_v_r_l_ 24_h_ _rs_ _g_ _ft_r_t_
w_s_sh_r_d_ _n_s_c_ _l_m_d_ _.

M_ny_n_ws_ _g_nc_ _s_ _r_ _tt_ck_ng_th_ _d_b_c_ _s_ _f_
_ts_r_c_st_c_nt_nt. Th_w_bs_t_ B_zzf_ _d_c_ll_d_t, th_ _
"m_st_r_c_st_d_f_2016". _t_s_ _d_th_ _d_w_ _ld_m_k_ _
y_ _f_ _l_d_rty. _t_wr_t_: "Th_c_mm_rc_ _l_w_ll_l_k_ly_
l_ _v_ _y_ _f_ _l_ng_l_k_ _y_ _n_ _d_ _sh_w_r." _n_ _
bl_gg_r_c_mpl_ _n_d_th_t: "Ch_n_s_ _c_mpn_ _s_f_ _l_t_ _
_nd_rst_nd_th_ _s_ns_t_v_ty_ _f_r_c_sm, wh_ch_ _s_ _
sh_m_, b_t_c_mm_n_n_Ch_n_." _n_th_r_bl_gg_r_sk_d:_
"H_w_c_n_th_s_ _m_rk_t_ng_p_ _pl_ _h_v_ _n_ _kn_wl_dg_ _
_f_r_c_sm?" Th_ _wn_r_ _f_Q_ _ _b_ _t_ld_th_ BBC_th_t_h_ _
d_dn't_r_ _l_s_ _th_ _d_w_s_r_c_st_ _nt_l_s_m_ _n_ _
p_ _nt_d_ _t_ _t. H_ _s_ _d: "T_ _b_ _h_n_st, _ _d_dn't_
r_ _lly_p_y_th_t_m_ch_ _tt_nt_ _n_t_ th_ _dv_rt_s_m_nt."

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

3. RACISM: Make a poster about the dangers of racism. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. SERIOUS CRIME: Write a magazine article about making all forms of racism a serious crime. 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 racism. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your own on how to stop people being racist. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. advertisement | a. commercial |
| 2. created | b. made |
| 3. lid | c. cover |
| 4. next | d. following |
| 5. happy | e. cheerful |
| 6. attacking | f. criticising |
| 7. dirty | g. unclean |
| 8. common | h. normal |
| 9. knowledge | i. understanding |
| 10. honest | j. truthful |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. A laundry detergent
2. Some newspapers
3. In a washing machine
4. The lid
5. 24 hours ago
6. The most racist ad of 2016
7. A shower
8. A blogger
9. The BBC
10. The advertisement

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 ;-)