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Malaysia to have 92-year-old leader

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180512-oldest-leader.html>

Malaysia's former leader Mahathir Mohamad has staged a remarkable political comeback to end the six-decade rule of the Barisan Nasional (BN) party. It is still unclear when Mr Mahathir, 92, will be sworn in as Malaysia's next prime minister. When he assumes power, he will be the world's oldest elected leader. Mahathir was Malaysia's prime minister from 1981 to 2003. At that time, he was leader of the BN party, which came to power in 1957 after Malaysia gained independence from British colonial rule. He was instrumental in his country's economic success and in making Malaysia an "Asian tiger". He was also accused of being an authoritarian leader who used security laws to imprison his opponents.

Official polling results show Mahathir's Pakatan Harapan party has won 113 seats. This is sufficient to form a simple majority in the country's 222-seat parliament. Mahathir came out of retirement and joined the opposition party. In an often bitterly-contested election race, he defeated his former protégé Najib Razak. Mr Najib had been beset by allegations of corruption and a multi-billion-dollar financial scandal. Mahathir told reporters that he wanted to put Malaysia back on the right track. He said: "What we want to do is to restore the rule of law." When reporters asked about his advancing years, he joked about age. He said his new cabinet would be, "a gathering of men and women, including a young person".

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<http://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/nation/2018/05/10/malaysia-looks-to-new-political-dawn/>
<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-44063675>

WARM-UPS

1. LEADERS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about leaders. 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?

leader / remarkable / comeback / decade / power / elected / independence / security / results / party / retirement / opposition / allegations / corruption / scandal / law / age

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

3. RETIREMENT: Students A **strongly** believe there should be an age at which all leaders must retire; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. LEADERS: Who are the best? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	The Best	Why?
Political		
Religious		
Business		
Fashion		
Social media		
Music		

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

6. LEADERSHIP: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important things for a leader to have at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- youth
- ideas
- energy
- experience
- charisma
- qualifications
- looks
- nerves of steel

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 1. former | a. A period of ten years. |
| 2. remarkable | b. Having previously filled a particular role or been a particular thing. |
| 3. decade | c. Admitted someone to an official position by getting them to take a formal oath (promise). |
| 4. sworn in | d. Relating to a time when different powers took political control of poorer countries. |
| 5. colonial | e. Worthy of attention; striking. |
| 6. instrumental | f. Rivals; the people you fight against in a competition or election. |
| 7. opponents | g. Being a key part of the process of getting something achieved. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. polling | h. Enough. |
| 9. sufficient | i. A person who is guided and supported by an older and more experienced or influential person. |
| 10. majority | j. The process of voting in an election. |
| 11. bitterly | k. The greater number of. |
| 12. protégé | l. Of a problem or difficulty that is always there. |
| 13. beset | m. To an extreme, forceful, or particularly harsh degree. |
| 14. allegations | n. Claims that someone has done something illegal or wrong, typically one made without proof. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180512-oldest-leader.html>

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

- a. Malaysia's Barisan Nasional party ruled for around 60 years. **T / F**
- b. Mr Mahathir will be sworn in as prime minister on Monday. **T / F**
- c. Mr Mahathir was Malaysian prime minister in the 1980s and 90s. **T / F**
- d. People have accused Mr Mahathir of putting his opponents in jail. **T / F**
- e. Malaysia's parliament has 113 seats. **T / F**
- f. Mr Mahathir's opponent was accused of corruption. **T / F**
- g. Mr Mahathir said he never joked about his age. **T / F**
- h. Mr Mahathir said his cabinet would be full of young people. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| 1. former | a. key |
| 2. remarkable | b. reinstate |
| 3. assumes | c. foes |
| 4. instrumental | d. extraordinary |
| 5. opponents | e. trainee |
| 6. sufficient | f. ex- |
| 7. protégé | g. plagued |
| 8. beset | h. assembly |
| 9. restore | i. takes over |
| 10. gathering | j. enough |

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

- | | |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. Mohamad has staged a remarkable | a. colonial rule |
| 2. end the six- | b. opponents |
| 3. Malaysia gained independence from British | c. years |
| 4. accused of being an authoritarian | d. decade rule |
| 5. imprison his | e. of retirement |
| 6. This is sufficient to form | f. contested election race |
| 7. Mahathir came out | g. leader |
| 8. an often bitterly- | h. political comeback |
| 9. put Malaysia back | i. a simple majority |
| 10. reporters asked about his advancing | j. on the right track |

GAP FILL

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Malaysia's (1) _____ leader Mahathir Mohamad has staged a remarkable political comeback to end the six-decade (2) _____ of the Barisan Nasional (BN) party. It is still unclear when Mr Mahathir, 92, will be (3) _____ in as Malaysia's next prime minister. When he assumes power, he will be the world's oldest (4) _____ leader. Mahathir was Malaysia's prime minister from 1981 to 2003. At that time, he was leader of the BN party, which came to (5) _____ in 1957 after Malaysia gained independence from British (6) _____ rule. He was instrumental in his country's economic success and in making Malaysia an "Asian tiger". He was also (7) _____ of being an authoritarian leader who used security laws to imprison his (8) _____.

rule
colonial
elected
opponents
former
accused
sworn
power

Official polling (9) _____ show Mahathir's Pakatan Harapan party has won 113 seats. This is sufficient to form a simple (10) _____ in the country's 222-seat parliament. Mahathir came out of retirement and joined the opposition party. In an often (11) _____ -contested election race, he defeated his former protégé Najib Razak. Mr Najib had been beset by (12) _____ of corruption and a multi-billion-dollar financial (13) _____. Mahathir told reporters that he wanted to put Malaysia back on the right (14) _____. He said: "What we want to do is to (15) _____ the rule of law." When reporters asked about his (16) _____ years, he joked about age. He said his new cabinet would be, "a gathering of men and women, including a young person".

majority
scandal
advancing
results
bitterly
restore
allegations
track

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180512-oldest-leader.html>

- 1) Mahathir Mohamad has staged a remarkable _____
 - a. politically comeback
 - b. political comeback
 - c. political came back
 - d. politically came back
- 2) It is still unclear when Mr Mahathir, 92, will be _____
 - a. sworn in
 - b. swore nine
 - c. swarm in
 - d. swarming
- 3) came to power in 1957 after Malaysia gained independence from British _____
 - a. colonial ruler
 - b. colonial rules
 - c. colonial ruled
 - d. colonial rule
- 4) instrumental in his country's economic success and in making Malaysia _____
 - a. an "Asian lion"
 - b. an "Asian puma"
 - c. an "Asian leopard"
 - d. an "Asian tiger"
- 5) an authoritarian leader who used security laws to _____ opponents
 - a. in prison his
 - b. imprisoned his
 - c. imprison his
 - d. imp prison his
- 6) Official polling results show Mahathir's Pakatan Harapan party has won _____
 - a. 113 chairs
 - b. 113 seats
 - c. 113 sofas
 - d. 113 settees
- 7) This is sufficient to form a _____
 - a. simply majority
 - b. simply minority
 - c. simple minority
 - d. simple majority
- 8) In an often bitterly-contested election race, he defeated his _____
 - a. former protected
 - b. former protection
 - c. former protecting
 - d. former protégé
- 9) Mahathir told reporters that he wanted to put Malaysia back on _____
 - a. the right track
 - b. the light track
 - c. the bright track
 - d. the trite track
- 10) When reporters asked about his _____
 - a. advance sin ears
 - b. advance sing years
 - c. advancing years
 - d. advance in years

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180512-oldest-leader.html>

1. What did the article say Mahathir Mohamad staged?
2. How long had the Barisan Nasional party been in power?
3. When was Mahathir Mohamad prime minister before?
4. When did Malaysia get independence from Britain?
5. What do people say Mahathir Mohamad did to his opponents?
6. How many seats did Mahathir Mohamad win?
7. How many seats are there in Malaysia's parliament?
8. What was Mahathir Mohamad's opponent accused of?
9. What rule does Mahathir Mohamad want to restore?
10. What will Mahathir Mohamad's new cabinet include?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180512-oldest-leader.html>

- 1) What did the article say Mahathir Mohamad staged?
 - a) a charity event
 - b) a political comeback
 - c) a cover-up
 - d) a musical
- 2) How long had the Barisan Nasional party been in power?
 - a) 12 years and two months
 - b) 50 years
 - c) 80 years
 - d) 60 years
- 3) When was Mahathir Mohamad prime minister before?
 - a) 1982 to 2001
 - b) 1983 to 2002
 - c) 1981 to 2003
 - d) 1980 to 2004
- 4) When did Malaysia get independence from Britain?
 - a) 1957
 - b) 1958
 - c) 1959
 - d) 1956
- 5) What do people say Mahathir Mohamad did to his opponents?
 - a) gave them jobs
 - b) imprisoned them
 - c) followed them
 - d) fought them
- 6) How many seats did Mahathir Mohamad win?
 - a) 113
 - b) 114
 - c) 115
 - d) 116
- 7) How many seats are there in Malaysia's parliament?
 - a) 220
 - b) 221
 - c) 222
 - d) 223
- 8) What was Mahathir Mohamad's opponent accused of?
 - a) corruption
 - b) voter fraud
 - c) cyber-bullying
 - d) cheating
- 9) What rule does Mahathir Mohamad want to restore?
 - a) the rule of survival
 - b) the one that says no one can cheat
 - c) rule #82
 - d) the rule of law
- 10) What will Mahathir Mohamad's new cabinet include?
 - a) a robot
 - b) an opponent
 - c) a young person
 - d) a vase

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180512-oldest-leader.html>

Role A – Youth

You think youth is most important for a leader. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): experience, qualifications or looks.

Role B – Experience

You think experience is most important for a leader. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): youth, qualifications or looks.

Role C – Qualifications

You think qualifications are most important for a leader. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): experience, youth or looks.

Role D – Looks

You think looks are most important for a leader. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): experience, qualifications or youth.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180512-oldest-leader.html>

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

old	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">• staged• decade• still• 1957• success• laws	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 113• 222• often• multi• law• men
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LEADERS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180512-oldest-leader.html>

Write five GOOD questions about leaders 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.

LEADERS 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 'old'?
3. What do you know about Mahathir Mohamad?
4. What do you think of the leader of your country?
5. Why is Mahathir Mohamad's comeback so remarkable?
6. What is the biggest comeback you know of?
7. Would you be a good leader?
8. Do you think you can be too old to be a leader?
9. What would you do if you were prime minister?
10. In what ways are older leaders better leaders?

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LEADERS 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 'leader'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How interested are you in election results?
15. Would you come out of retirement to work again?
16. What makes a good leader?
17. What corruption stories are there in your country?
18. Why is the rule of law so important?
19. Who are the world's best leaders?
20. What questions would you like to ask Mahathir Mohamad?

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) former | (b) firmer | (c) farmer | (d) framer |
| 2. | (a) ruler | (b) rules | (c) rule | (d) ruling |
| 3. | (a) swarm | (b) swear | (c) sworn | (d) swearing |
| 4. | (a) in | (b) on | (c) up | (d) to |
| 5. | (a) instrumental | (b) instrument | (c) instrumentally | (d) instruction |
| 6. | (a) prison | (b) imprison | (c) in prison | (d) prisoner |
| 7. | (a) holing | (b) rolling | (c) bowling | (d) polling |
| 8. | (a) do | (b) form | (c) frame | (d) take |
| 9. | (a) won | (b) beaten | (c) defeated | (d) secured |
| 10. | (a) fight | (b) light | (c) night | (d) right |
| 11. | (a) advanced | (b) advance | (c) advances | (d) advancing |
| 12. | (a) includes | (b) including | (c) included | (d) inclusion |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. a remarkable laitolcpi comeback
2. end the six-cdeaed rule
3. nows in as Malaysia's next prime minister
4. British oloinlca rule
5. He was inttlanusmer in his country's...
6. imprison his eponotpsn

Paragraph 2

7. This is ifuiensftc
8. form a simple tomjyrai
9. Mahathir came out of tmntreerei
10. Najib had been beset by oglsietlana
11. a multi-billion-dollar naiancfli scandal
12. his new bciaetn

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180512-oldest-leader.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () leader. Mahathir was Malaysia's prime minister from 1981 to 2003. At that time, he was leader of the BN party, which came
- () instrumental in his country's economic success and in making Malaysia an "Asian tiger". He was also accused
- () protégé Najib Razak. Mr Najib had been beset by allegations of corruption and a multi-billion-dollar financial
- () scandal. Mahathir told reporters that he wanted to put Malaysia back on the right
- () to power in 1957 after Malaysia gained independence from British colonial rule. He was
- () rule of the Barisan Nasional (BN) party. It is still unclear when Mr Mahathir, 92, will be sworn
- () Official polling results show Mahathir's Pakatan Harapan party has won 113 seats. This is sufficient
- () track. He said: "What we want to do is to restore the rule of law." When reporters asked about his advancing
- () opposition party. In an often bitterly-contested election race, he defeated his former
- () of being an authoritarian leader who used security laws to imprison his opponents.
- () in as Malaysia's next prime minister. When he assumes power, he will be the world's oldest elected
- (**1**) Malaysia's former leader Mahathir Mohamad has staged a remarkable political comeback to end the six-decade
- () to form a simple majority in the country's 222-seat parliament. Mahathir came out of retirement and joined the
- () years, he joked about age. He said his new cabinet would be, "a gathering of men and women, including a young person".

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180512-oldest-leader.html>

1. remarkable political a comeback . Mohamad staged has
2. He leader . will the be oldest elected world's
3. gained rule . colonial independence After Malaysia from British
4. being accused He of was also authoritarian .
5. imprison security to laws Used opponents . his
6. a sufficient This form to is majority . simple
7. Mr out joined . of came and Mahathir retirement
8. of Najib by beset been had corruption . allegations
9. right on Malaysia Put the back track .
10. to want law . rule We restore of the

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180512-oldest-leader.html>

Malaysia's *former / firmer* leader Mahathir Mohamad has *staged / staggered* a remarkable political comeback to end the six-decade *ruler / rule* of the Barisan Nasional (BN) party. It is still unclear when Mr Mahathir, 92, will be *sworn / swear* in as Malaysia's next prime minister. When he *assumes / assumptions* power, he will be the world's oldest elected leader. Mahathir was Malaysia's prime minister from 1981 to 2003. At *that / what* time, he was leader of the BN party, which came *to / of* power in 1957 after Malaysia gained independence from British *colony / colonial* rule. He was instrumental in his country's *economically / economic* success and in making Malaysia an "Asian tiger". He was also accused of being an authoritarian leader who used security laws to *prison / imprison* his opponents.

Official *appalling / polling* results show Mahathir's Pakatan Harapan party has won 113 seats. This is *suffice / sufficient* to form a simple majority in the country's *222-seat / seating* parliament. Mahathir came out of retirement and *joined / jointed* the opposition party. In an often bitterly-contested election race, he *defeated / defected* his former protégé Najib Razak. Mr Najib had been *beset / beast* by allegations of corruption and a multi-billion-dollar financial *sandal / scandal*. Mahathir told reporters that he wanted to put Malaysia back on the *right / light* track. He said: "What we want to do is to restore the rule of law." When reporters asked about his *advancing / advance* years, he joked about age. He said his new cabinet would be, "a gathering of men and women, *inclusion / including* a young 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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M_l_y s__ 's f_r m_r l__ d_r M_h_t h_r M_h_m_d h_s
s_t_g_d _ r_m_r k_b_l_ p_l_t_c_l c_m_b_c_k t_ n_d t
h_ s_x - d_c_d_ r_l_ _f t_h B_r_s_n N_s__ n_l (B N
) p_r_t_y . It _s s_t_l_l _n_c_l__ r w_h_n M_r M_h_t
h_r , 92 , w_l_l b_ s_w_r_n _n_s M_l_y s__ 's n_x
t p_r_m_ m_n_s_t_r . W_h_n h_ s_s_m_s p_w_r , h_
w_l_l b_ t_h_ w_r_l_d 's _l_d_s_t _l_c_t_d l__ d_r .
M_h_t h_r w_s M_l_y s__ 's p_r_m_ m_n_s_t_r f_r_m
1981 t_ 2003 . A_t t_h_t t_m_ , h_ w_s l__ d_r
_f t_h_ B N p_r_t_y , w_h_c_h c_m_ t_ p_w_r _n 19
57 _f_t_r M_l_y s__ g__ n_d _n_d_p_n_d_n_c_ f_r_m B
r_t_s_h c_l_n__ l_ r_l_ . H_ w_s _n_s_t_r_m_n_t_l _n
h_s c__ n_t_r_y 's _c_n_m_c s_c_c_s_s _n_d _n_m_k_n
g M_l_y s__ _n " A_s__ n_t_g_r " . H_ w_s _l_s_c
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h_ j_k_d _b__ t _g_ . H_ s__ d h_s n_w c_b_n_t
w__ l_d b_ , " _g_t_h_r_n_g _f m_n _n_d w_m_n , _n
c_l_d_n_g _ y__ n_g p_r_s_n " .

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180512-oldest-leader.html>

malaysias former leader mahathir mohamad has staged a remarkable political comeback to end the sixdecade rule of the barisan nasional bn party it is still unclear when mr mahathir 92 will be sworn in as malaysias next prime minister when he assumes power he will be the worlds oldest elected leader mahathir was malaysias prime minister from 1981 to 2003 at that time he was leader of the bn party which came to power in 1957 after malaysia gained independence from british colonial rule he was instrumental in his countrys economic success and in making malaysia an asian tiger he was also accused of being an authoritarian leader who used security laws to imprison his opponents

official polling results show mahathirs pakatan harapan party has won 113 seats this is sufficient to form a simple majority in the countrys 222seat parliament mahathir came out of retirement and joined the opposition party in an often bitterlycontested election race he defeated his former protg najib razak mr najib had been beset by allegations of corruption and a multibilliondollar financial scandal mahathir told reporters that he wanted to put malaysia back on the right track he said what we want to do is to restore the rule of law when reporters asked about his advancing years he joked about age he said his new cabinet would be a gathering of men and women including a young person

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

4. OLDER LEADERS: Write a magazine article about world leaders having to retire before they are 75. 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 leaders. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on what makes a good leader. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. former | a. ex- |
| 2. remarkable | b. extraordinary |
| 3. assumes | c. takes over |
| 4. instrumental | d. key |
| 5. opponents | e. foes |
| 6. sufficient | f. enough |
| 7. protégé | g. trainee |
| 8. beset | h. plagued |
| 9. restore | i. reinstate |
| 10. gathering | j. assembly |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. A political comeback
2. Six decades
3. 1981-2003
4. 1957
5. Imprisoned them
6. 113
7. 222
8. Corruption
9. The rule of law
10. A young person

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Mohamad has staged a remarkable political comeback.
2. He will be the world's oldest elected leader.
3. After Malaysia gained independence from British colonial rule.
4. He was also accused of being authoritarian.
5. Used security laws to imprison his opponents.
6. This is sufficient to form a simple majority.
7. Mr Mahathir came out of retirement and joined.
8. Najib had been beset by allegations of corruption.
9. Put Malaysia back on the right track.
10. We want to restore the rule of law.

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 ;-)