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Cuckoo completes epic 12,000km migration

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200529-cuckoo.html>

A cuckoo has just completed one of the longest migrations ever recorded by any bird. The cuckoo left its winter home in Zambia in Southern Africa on March the 20th and has arrived at its breeding ground in Mongolia. Ornithologists named the bird Onon after a Mongolian river. They tagged five different cuckoos in Mongolia with microchips last summer to track their migration. The satellite tags monitored the progress of the birds across the Indian Ocean and 16 countries. Onon was the quickest of the five birds to make the return journey from Mongolia to Zambia and back. The ornithologists hailed Onon's feat and described it as being "a mammoth journey".

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<https://birdingbeijing.com/the-mongolia-cuckoo-project/>

WARM-UPS

1. CUCKOOS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about cuckoos. 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?

cuckoo / migration / bird / breeding / ornithologist / microchips / mammoth / journey
venture / science / conservation / club / blog / progress / round trip / endurance

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

3. MIGRATION: Students A **strongly** believe we should all go on a long migration; Students B **strongly** believe we shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. LOVERS: Why are these people so in love with the things they are in love with? How much do you love these things? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Why The Love?	Your Love For These?
Bird lovers		
Opera lovers		
Apple computer lovers		
Chocolate lovers		
Coffee lover		
Cat lovers		

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

6. ORNITHOLOGY: Rank these with your partner. Put the best ~ologies at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Ornithology
- Biology
- Epidemiology
- Psychology
- Virology
- Pathology
- Zoology
- Etymology

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 1. migration | a. Follow the course of someone or something to find them or know their location at various points. |
| 2. breeding | b. A person who studies or is an expert on birds. |
| 3. ornithologist | c. The activity of animals getting together to create babies. |
| 4. tagged | d. Very, very, very, very big. |
| 5. track | e. The movement of animals or birds every year from one part of the world to another. |
| 6. feat | f. Put a microchip on someone or something to know where they go. |
| 7. mammoth | g. An action that needs great courage, skill, or strength. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 8. venture | h. Helped to make something easy or easier. |
| 9. facilitated | i. The fact or power of keeping going in a painful or difficult situation without giving up. |
| 10. border | j. Try to stop someone attacking or hurting you. |
| 11. navigation | k. A line between two countries or areas. |
| 12. endurance | l. An area that an animal or group of animals protects against other animals. |
| 13. territory | m. The process or activity of finding where you are and planning and following a route. |
| 14. defend | n. A business project. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200529-cuckoo.html>

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

- a. A cuckoo has completed the longest migration ever by a bird. **T / F**
- b. The cuckoo flew from Zanzibar to Outer Mongolia. **T / F**
- c. A total of five cuckoos were tagged and tracked by ornithologists. **T / F**
- d. The ornithologists said the cuckoos' feet were like a mammoth's feet. **T / F**
- e. The tagging project was done by Mongolian, UK and Chinese bird lovers. **T / F**
- f. There was a blog called the Mongolia Cuckoo Tracker. **T / F**
- g. The cuckoo flew across 27 borders. **T / F**
- h. Scientists said the cuckoo must now try to breed with many females. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1. recorded | a. project |
| 2. named | b. achievement |
| 3. track | c. documented |
| 4. feat | d. area |
| 5. mammoth | e. breed |
| 6. venture | f. called |
| 7. facilitated | g. tolerance |
| 8. endurance | h. epic |
| 9. territory | i. assisted |
| 10. mate | j. follow |

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

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. one of the longest migrations ever | a. ground |
| 2. breeding | b. journey |
| 3. monitored the progress | c. and endurance |
| 4. The ornithologists hailed | d. lovers |
| 5. described it as being a mammoth | e. of the birds |
| 6. bird | f. females as possible |
| 7. 27 border | g. competing males |
| 8. remarkable navigation | h. recorded |
| 9. defend it from | i. crossings |
| 10. mate with as many | j. Onon's feat |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200529-cuckoo.html>

A cuckoo has just completed one of the longest migrations ever (1) _____ by any bird. The cuckoo left its winter home in Zambia in Southern Africa on March the 20th and has arrived at its (2) _____ ground in Mongolia. Ornithologists named the bird Onon after a Mongolian (3) _____. They tagged five different cuckoos in Mongolia with microchips last summer to (4) _____ their migration. The satellite tags monitored the (5) _____ of the birds across the Indian Ocean and 16 countries. Onon was the (6) _____ of the five birds to make the (7) _____ journey from Mongolia to Zambia and back. The ornithologists hailed Onon's feat and described it as being "a (8) _____ journey".

river
progress
return
recorded
track
mammoth
breeding
quickest

The tagging of the birds was a (9) _____ venture between the Wildlife Science and Conservation Center of Mongolia and the British Trust for Ornithology. It was (10) _____ by the group Birding Beijing and the Oriental Bird Club. A special blog called the Mongolia Cuckoo Project was (11) _____ up so bird lovers could track the birds' (12) _____. It reported that Onon arrived home, "as of 15:30 local time on May 27, 2020 after a (13) _____ trip of about 26,000km, including 27 border crossings (14) _____ 16 countries." It called the journey: "Remarkable navigation and endurance." It added: "Onon has no time to (15) _____ as he needs to set up his territory, defend it from competing males and (16) _____ with as many females as possible."

facilitated
progress
waste
set
involving
mate
joint
round

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) A cuckoo has just completed one of the longest migrations ever _____ bird
 - a. recorded buy any
 - b. record it by any
 - c. record did buy any
 - d. recorded by any
- 2) in Zambia in Southern Africa on March the 20th and has arrived at _____
 - a. its breeding ground
 - b. its bleeding ground
 - c. its bread in ground
 - d. its bread ding ground
- 3) They tagged five different cuckoos in Mongolia _____
 - a. with microchips
 - b. with potato chips
 - c. with casino chips
 - d. with my crow chips
- 4) The satellite tags monitored the _____ birds
 - a. progress off the
 - b. progress of the
 - c. progress of a
 - d. progress of them
- 5) The ornithologists hailed Onon's feat and described it as being _____
 - a. a mammoth journey
 - b. a dinosaur journey
 - c. a ostrich journey
 - d. a dragon journey
- 6) a joint venture between the Wildlife Science and Conservation _____
 - a. Center off Mongolia
 - b. Center in Mongolia
 - c. Center of Mongolia
 - d. Center at Mongolia
- 7) the Mongolia Cuckoo Project was set up so bird lovers could track _____
 - a. there birds' progress
 - b. them birds' progress
 - c. a birds' progress
 - d. the birds' progress
- 8) on May 27, 2020 after a round trip of about 26,000km, including _____
 - a. 27 boarder crossings
 - b. 27 broader crossings
 - c. 27 board are crossings
 - d. 27 border crossings
- 9) Onon has no time to waste as he needs to set _____
 - a. top his territory
 - b. tip his territory
 - c. up his territory
 - d. tap his territory
- 10) defend it from competing males and mate with as many _____
 - a. females as possibly
 - b. females as posse ball
 - c. females as possibility
 - d. females as possible

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200529-cuckoo.html>

1. Where was the cuckoo's winter home?
2. Where was the cuckoo's breeding ground?
3. What was the cuckoo named after?
4. How many countries did the cuckoo fly over?
5. What did ornithologists describe the cuckoo's feat as being as?
6. What kind of venture did the article say this project was?
7. Who was a special blog set up for?
8. What did the cuckoo cross 27 times?
9. What did ornithologists say the cuckoo now had to set up?
10. What does the cuckoo now have to do as much as possible?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200529-cuckoo.html>

- 1) Where was the cuckoo's winter home?
 - a) Zagreb
 - b) Zambia
 - c) Zanzibar
 - d) Zimbabwe
- 2) Where was the cuckoo's breeding ground?
 - a) Malta
 - b) Madagascar
 - c) Mongolia
 - d) Montana
- 3) What was the cuckoo named after?
 - a) a Madagascan spirit
 - b) a Chinese valley
 - c) a Zambian mountain
 - d) a Mongolian river
- 4) How many countries did the cuckoo fly over?
 - a) 15
 - b) 16
 - c) 17
 - d) 18
- 5) What did ornithologists describe the cuckoo's feat as being as?
 - a) a mammoth journey
 - b) a dinosaur feat
 - c) a monster feet
 - d) a creature feature
- 6) What kind of venture did the article say this project was?
 - a) a joint venture
 - b) a secret venture
 - c) a public venture
 - d) a virtual venture
- 7) Who was a special blog set up for?
 - a) zoologists
 - b) immunologists
 - c) cuckoos
 - d) bird lovers
- 8) What did the cuckoo cross 27 times?
 - a) an ocean
 - b) rivers
 - c) borders
 - d) tracking stations
- 9) What did ornithologists say the cuckoo now had to set up?
 - a) a fan club
 - b) a Facebook page
 - c) a blog
 - d) his territory
- 10) What does the cuckoo now have to do as much as possible?
 - a) pal
 - b) mate
 - c) friend
 - d) companion

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Ornithology

You think ornithology is the most interesting ~ology. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ~ologies. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these ~ologies (and why): virology, psychology or etymology.

Role B – Virology

You think virology is the most interesting ~ology. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ~ologies. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these ~ologies (and why): ornithology, psychology or etymology.

Role C – Psychology

You think psychology is the most interesting ~ology. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ~ologies. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these ~ologies (and why): virology, ornithology or etymology.

Role D – Etymology

You think etymology is the most interesting ~ology. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ~ologies. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these ~ologies (and why): virology, psychology or ornithology.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200529-cuckoo.html>

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

cuckoo	epic
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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">• completed• ground• named• tags• five• feat	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•joint•special•set•as•added•possible
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CUCKOOS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about cuckoos 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.

CUCKOO ARTICLE 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 'cuckoo'?
3. What is your favourite bird, and why?
4. What do you think of migration?
5. Where would you migrate to if you could?
6. What do you know about Mongolia?
7. Would you rather visit Mongolia or Zambia?
8. What do you think of ornithology?
9. What river would you like to be named after?
10. What was the biggest journey you have ever been on?

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CUCKOO ARTICLE 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 'bird'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about Zambia?
15. How interested are you in looking at wildlife?
16. Where would you go if you travelled to 16 countries?
17. Would you like to go on a 26,000km journey?
18. How much endurance do you have?
19. What do you think of wasting time?
20. What questions would you like to ask the scientists?

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) completed | (b) competed | (c) competent | (d) combatant |
| 2. | (a) brooding | (b) bleeding | (c) breeding | (d) braiding |
| 3. | (a) enraged | (b) pilloried | (c) tagged | (d) hunkered |
| 4. | (a) as | (b) at | (c) to | (d) of |
| 5. | (a) make | (b) test | (c) aviate | (d) have |
| 6. | (a) mast | (b) feat | (c) cut | (d) recital |
| 7. | (a) roast | (b) perch | (c) aviary | (d) joint |
| 8. | (a) at | (b) by | (c) on | (d) to |
| 9. | (a) loves | (b) lovelies | (c) lovers | (d) loaves |
| 10. | (a) triangular | (b) round | (c) square | (d) pentagonal |
| 11. | (a) safeguard | (b) seeding | (c) bitter | (d) endurance |
| 12. | (a) pal | (b) mate | (c) friend | (d) companion |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. the longest migrations ever reocerdd
2. arrived at its ebdgrnei ground
3. They atdgge five different cuckoos
4. monitored the gsoerpsr of the birds
5. make the return yrojneu
6. described it as being a ommtahm journey

Paragraph 2

7. The tagging of the birds was a joint rtveeun
8. It was afilcettiad by the group
9. Remarkable vatgninaoi and endurance
10. he needs to set up his rottyirre
11. ednedf it from competing males
12. as many emaelfs as possible

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200529-cuckoo.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () of the five birds to make the return journey from Mongolia to Zambia and back. The
- () ornithologists hailed Onon's feat and described it as being "a mammoth journey".
- (**1**) A cuckoo has just completed one of the longest migrations ever recorded by any bird. The cuckoo left its winter
- () home in Zambia in Southern Africa on March the 20th and has arrived at its breeding ground in
- () journey: "Remarkable navigation and endurance." It added: "Onon has no time to waste
- () Mongolia. Ornithologists named the bird Onon after a Mongolian river. They tagged five different
- () cuckoos in Mongolia with microchips last summer to track their migration. The satellite
- () as he needs to set up his territory, defend it from competing males and mate with as many females as possible."
- () tags monitored the progress of the birds across the Indian Ocean and 16 countries. Onon was the quickest
- () and the British Trust for Ornithology. It was facilitated by the group Birding Beijing
- () progress. It reported that Onon arrived home, "as of 15:30 local time on May 27, 2020 after a round
- () The tagging of the birds was a joint venture between the Wildlife Science and Conservation Center of Mongolia
- () and the Oriental Bird Club. A special blog called the Mongolia Cuckoo Project was set up so bird lovers could track the birds'
- () trip of about 26,000km, including 27 border crossings involving 16 countries." It called the

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200529-cuckoo.html>

1. one Completed recorded . the of longest ever migrations
2. Ornithologists bird named a Mongolian after the river .
3. tags the the progress Satellite of monitored birds .
4. of quickest Onon the birds . five was the
5. it as being Described a journey . mammoth
6. birds tagging was of joint a The venture .
7. lovers track birds' could the progress . Bird
8. round trip of After a 26,000km . about
9. set needs his He up territory . to
10. possible . with females as Mate as many

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200529-cuckoo.html>

A cuckoo has just completed one of the longest migrations ever recorded by *any / some* bird. The cuckoo left its *wintered / winter* home in Zambia in Southern Africa on March the 20th and has arrived at its *bleeding / breeding* ground in Mongolia. Ornithologists named the bird Onon *before / after* a Mongolian river. They *tugged / tagged* five different cuckoos in Mongolia with microchips last summer to track their *mitigation / migration*. The satellite tags monitored the *progress / process* of the birds across the Indian Ocean and 16 countries. Onon was the quickest of the five birds to *aviate / make* the return journey from Mongolia to Zambia and *back / return*. The ornithologists hailed Onon's feat and described it as *been / being* "a mammoth journey".

The tagging of the birds was a *joint / jointly* venture between the Wildlife Science and Conservation Center of Mongolia and the British *Faith / Trust* for Ornithology. It was facilitated *by / on* the group Birding Beijing and the Oriental Bird Club. A special blog called the Mongolia Cuckoo Project was *let / set* up so bird *lovers / luvvies* could track the birds' progress. It reported that Onon arrived home, "*has / as* of 15:30 local time on May 27, 2020 after a round trip of about 26,000km, including 27 *broader / border* crossings involving 16 countries." It called the journey: "Remarkable *navigate / navigation* and endurance." It added: "Onon has no time to *paste / waste* as he needs to set up his territory, defend it from competing males and *mate / pal* with as many females as possible."

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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A c_c k__ h_s j_s t c_m p_l_t_d _n_ _f th_ l_n g_s
t m_g r_t__ n_s _v_r r_c_r d_d b_y _n_y b_r d. Th_
c_c k__ l_f t _t_s w_n t_r h_m_ _n Z_m b__ _n S__
t_h_r n A_f r_c_ _n M_r c_h th_ 20th _n_d h_s _r
r_v_d _t _t_s b_r__ d_n g g_r__ n_d _n M_n g_l__ . O
r_n t_h_l_g_s t_s n_m_d th_ b_r d O_n_n _f t_r _
M_n g_l__ n r_v_r. Th_y t_g g_d f_v_ d_f f_r_n t
c_c k__ s _n M_n g_l__ w_t_h m_c r_c h_p_s l_s t
s_m m_r t_ t_r_c k th__ r m_g r_t__ n. Th_ s_t_l
l_t_ t_g_s m_n t_r_d th_ p_r_g r_s_s _f th_ b_r d_s
_c_r_s_s th_ I_n d__ n O_c__ n _n_d 16 c__ n_t_r__ s
. O_n_n w_s th_ q__ c_k_s t _f th_ f_v_ b_r d_s
t_ m_k_ th_ r_t_r n j__ r_n_y f_r_m M_n g_l__ t_
Z_m b__ _n_d b_c k. Th_ _r_n t_h_l_g_s t_s h__ l_d
O_n_n 's f__ t _n_d d_s c_r_b_d _t _s b__ n_g "_
m_m m_t_h j__ r_n_y".

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200529-cuckoo.html>

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the tagging of the birds was a joint venture between the wildlife science and conservation center of mongolia and the british trust for ornithology it was facilitated by the group birding beijing and the oriental bird club a special blog called the mongolia cuckoo project was set up so bird lovers could track the birds progress it reported that onon arrived home as of 1530 local time on may 27 2020 after a round trip of about 26000km including 27 border crossings involving 16 countries it called the journey remarkable navigation and endurance it added onon has no time to waste as he needs to set up his territory defend it from competing males and mate with as many females as possible

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

4. TAGGING: Write a magazine article about satellite tagging people. 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 cuckoos. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your thoughts on migratory birds. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. c	2. f	3. j	4. b	5. h
6. a	7. i	8. g	9. d	10. e

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Zambia
2. Mongolia
3. A Mongolian river
4. 16
5. A mammoth journey
6. A joint venture
7. Bird lovers
8. Borders
9. His territory
10. Mate

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Completed one of the longest migrations ever recorded.
2. Ornithologists named the bird after a Mongolian river.
3. Satellite tags monitored the progress of the birds.
4. Onon was the quickest of the five birds.
5. Described it as being a mammoth journey.
6. The tagging of birds was a joint venture.
7. Bird lovers could track the birds' progress.
8. After a round trip of about 26,000km.
9. He needs to set up his territory.
10. Mate with as many females as possible.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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