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THE ARTICLE

First 'honest African leader' prize given

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WARM-UPS

1. PRIZES: Walk around the class and talk to other students about prizes and awards. Change partners often. After you finish, sit with your original partner(s) and share what you found out.

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

leadership / tycoons / former presidents / being honest / sticking to rules / corruption / civil wars / achievements / high standards / financial security

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

3. INTERNATIONAL PRIZES: Discuss this with your partner(s) which international leaders should win these prizes. Change partners and share your ideas:

- the peacemaker award
- the award for the biggest mistake(s)
- the hero prize
- the villain prize
- the award for bravery
- the environment award
- the brightest newcomer award

4. ASSESS YOUR LEADER: With your partner(s), assess your country's leader using the points below. 10 = top marks, 0 = should be out of a job.

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| • the economy _____ | • environment _____ |
| • crime _____ | • corruption _____ |
| • international relations _____ | • keeping election promises _____ |
| • social progress _____ | • intelligence _____ |

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

6. QUICK DEBATE: Students A think offering African leaders prizes for honesty is insulting. Students B think African leaders need as much encouragement as possible to be honest. Debate this with your partners. Change partners often.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

1. TRUE / FALSE: Look at the article's headline and guess whether these sentences are true (T) or false (F):

- a. A prize has been given to Africa's first honest leader. T / F
- b. The prize is worth well over \$5 million over the winner's lifetime. T / F
- c. The award is to discourage African leaders from ruling for too long. T / F
- d. The winner of the award had a squeaky clean image in his country. T / F
- e. The United Nations Secretary General announced the winner. T / F
- f. The winner brought peace and prosperity to his country. T / F
- g. The winner served three terms as president of Mozambique. T / F
- h. The prize is a cash incentive to rule in a non-corrupt manner. T / F

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

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|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. set up | a. accusations |
| 2. tycoon | b. standards |
| 3. stick to | c. industrialist |
| 4. criteria | d. peace of mind |
| 5. allegations | e. reuniting |
| 6. praised | f. abide by |
| 7. reconciliation | g. fought |
| 8. seeking | h. commended |
| 9. contested | i. looking for |
| 10. security | j. established |

3. PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article (sometimes more than one combination is possible):

- | | |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1. given for the very | a. that has taken place |
| 2. Chissano will receive a cool | b. allegations of corruption |
| 3. be honest and stick | c. 16-year civil war |
| 4. The criteria | d. following retirement |
| 5. Chissano left office amid many | e. to the rules |
| 6. ending Mozambique's | f. the judges used |
| 7. his decision to step down without | g. half a million dollars |
| 8. a measure of the remarkable change | h. first time |
| 9. elections have been contested in a generally | i. seeking the third term |
| 10. offering them financial security | j. peaceful manner |

WHILE READING / LISTENING

GAP FILL: Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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freely

life

cool

turning

leadership

amid

plus

stick

_____ UN Secretary General Kofi Annan praised Mr. Chissano for ending Mozambique's 16-year civil war and bringing _____ to his nation. Mr. Annan said: "President Chissano's achievements in bringing peace, reconciliation, _____ democracy and economic progress to his country greatly impressed the committee. So too did his decision to step _____ without seeking the third term the constitution allowed." He added: "It is a _____ of the remarkable change that has taken place that national and _____ elections have been contested in a generally peaceful manner by both sides in the _____ civil war." Mr. Annan told reporters that he hopes the prize will encourage African leaders "to follow the highest standards by offering them financial security following retirement from _____ political life".

regional

stable

active

down

former

bitter

good

measure

LISTENING

Listen and fill in the spaces.

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AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

honest	leader
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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 exactly how these were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• good• plus• cool• stick• term• amid	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ending• stable• step• measure• bitter• active
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STUDENT LEADERS SURVEY

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.

DISCUSSION

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

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What is your opinion on the giving of this prize?
- c) Do you think the just the award would have been OK without the cash?
- d) Do you think the prize suggests African leaders are not honest, especially when no prizes for honesty are given to European or American leaders?
- e) Are there more effective ways of encouraging African leaders to leave office when their time is up?
- f) What other African leaders do you think deserve such an award?
- g) Do you think this award should be given on other continents?
- h) Is there corruption in your country's government?
- i) Do you think Mr. Chissano should have got the award if he was being accused of corruption?



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

- a) Did you like reading this article?
- b) What do you know about Mozambique?
- c) What do you think you could be praised for?
- d) How do you think a leader ends a civil war?
- e) What do you think of leaders who do not step down when their term of office ends?
- f) Who do you think are the most corrupt of the world's leaders?
- g) Do you think this award will bring change to Africa?
- h) What questions would you like to ask Mr. Chissano?
- i) Did you like this discussion?

LANGUAGE

CORRECT WORD: Put the correct words from a–d below in the article.

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|-----|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) with | (b) of | (c) for | (d) by |
| 2. | (a) plus | (b) multiply | (c) divide | (d) minus |
| 3. | (a) chilly | (b) freezing | (c) cold | (d) cool |
| 4. | (a) in | (b) as | (c) of | (d) with |
| 5. | (a) to | (b) for | (c) by | (d) at |
| 6. | (a) between | (b) centre | (c) middle | (d) amid |
| 7. | (a) and | (b) by | (c) for | (d) with |
| 8. | (a) staple | (b) stable | (c) stale | (d) stapler |
| 9. | (a) walk | (b) ladder | (c) stair | (d) step |
| 10. | (a) measure | (b) volume | (c) quantity | (d) statistic |
| 11. | (a) tart | (b) sharp | (c) bitter | (d) acidic |
| 12. | (a) actively | (b) active | (c) activity | (d) activate |

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 more information about the Joaquim Chissano. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. LEADERSHIP: Make a poster about the leaders of different African countries. Rate their leadership. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all include similar things?

4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about an African national leader. Include imaginary interviews with an opposition leader and an average citizen.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down new words and expressions.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to Joaquim Chissano. Ask him three questions about his life. Give her three pieces of advice on how to live his life from now. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

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ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE:

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

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| 3. stick to | c. abide by |
| 4. criteria | d. standards |
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LANGUAGE WORK

1 - c 2 - a 3 - d 4 - b 5 - a 6 - d 7 - c 8 - b 9 - d 10 - a 11 - c 12 - b