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THE ARTICLE

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A number of racist attacks against Indians in Melbourne has damaged the reputation of Australia's second most populous city. These include the murder of a graduate student Nitin Garg at the beginning of this year. The violence has caused great anger among the Indian community. This has affected political relations between the two countries. Australia was angered earlier this year when an Indian newspaper printed a cartoon showing an Australian police officer as a member of the Ku Klux Klan. There has also been a reduction in the number of students wishing to study in Australia. Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said he hoped the event would help mend relations. He added his support by visiting a curry house.

WARM-UPS

1. INDIAN FOOD: Walk around the class and talk to other students about Indian food. Change partners often. Sit with your first partner(s) and share your findings.

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

eating / protest / Indian restaurants / support / violence / reputation / friendly city / racist attacks / graduate students / political relations / cartoons / study / curry

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

3. PROTESTS: What's the best way to protest against these things? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners and share what you wrote. Change again and share what you heard.

	Ideas
Racism	
Sexism	
Ageism	
Religious intolerance	
Weightism	
Class / Caste	

4. EQUALITY: Students A **strongly** believe the world will be more equal in the future; Students B **strongly** believe discrimination will increase in the future. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. MENDING RELATIONS: How could these things mend relations between countries? Rank them – put the best at the top. Change partners and share your rankings.

- food
- cartoons
- sport
- marriage
- children
- English
- business
- art

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

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. Australians are protesting in the streets because of high curry prices. | T / F |
| b. Many Australians went to Indian restaurants to support Indians. | T / F |
| c. An Australian leader said Melbourne was a hurt and friendless city. | T / F |
| d. Australians living in other countries also had Indian food for lunch. | T / F |
| e. More people live in Melbourne than in any other Australian city. | T / F |
| f. The violence against Indians has affected Indo-Australian relations. | T / F |
| g. Indian students have stopped studying in Australia. | T / F |
| h. Australia's Prime Minister visited an Indian restaurant. | T / F |

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

- | | |
|----------------|------------------|
| 1. took part | a. created |
| 2. support | b. one of a kind |
| 3. initiative | c. several |
| 4. unique | d. backing |
| 5. fully | e. cut |
| 6. A number of | f. plan |
| 7. reputation | g. participated |
| 8. caused | h. repair |
| 9. reduction | i. totally |
| 10. mend | j. image |

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

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. protest against recent | a. to study in Australia |
| 2. show support | b. and celebrities |
| 3. leading politicians | c. for us to unite |
| 4. a unique opportunity | d. help mend relations |
| 5. fully | e. most populous city |
| 6. A number | f. racist attacks |
| 7. Australia's second | g. relations |
| 8. This has affected political | h. for the country's Indians |
| 9. students wishing | i. booked |
| 10. he hoped the event would | j. of racist attacks |

WHILE READING / LISTENING

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

Australians took part in an _____-fest on February 23rd to protest against _____-racist attacks on Indians. Thousands went to Indian restaurants to show _____-for the country's Indians. Diners included leading politicians and celebrities. The 'Vindaloo Against Violence' campaign _____-10,000 diners to restaurants across Australia's Victoria state. Victorian leader John Brumby said: "The Vindaloo against Violence _____-is a unique opportunity for us to unite and send a message that the actions of a _____-will not be allowed to hurt the reputation of Melbourne as a peaceful and friendly city." Restaurant owners reported they were all _____-booked. Australian expatriates all around the world also showed their _____-by having an Indian meal for lunch.

support

fully

attracted

eating

support

few

recent

initiative

A _____-of racist attacks against Indians in Melbourne has damaged the _____-of Australia's second most populous city. These include the murder of a graduate student Nitin Garg at the beginning of this year. The violence has _____-great anger among the Indian community. This has affected political relations _____-the two countries. Australia was angered earlier this year when an Indian newspaper _____-a cartoon showing an Australian police officer as a member of the Ku Klux Klan. There has also been a _____-in the number of students wishing to study in Australia. Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said he _____-the event would help mend relations. He added his support by _____-a curry house.

printed

caused

hoped

between

number

visiting

reputation

reduction

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LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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A number _____ Indians in Melbourne has damaged the reputation of Australia's second most populous city. These _____ graduate student Nitin Garg at the beginning of this year. The violence has _____ among the Indian community. This has affected political relations between the two countries. Australia _____ year when an Indian newspaper printed a cartoon showing an Australian police officer as a member of the Ku Klux Klan. There has also been _____ number of students wishing to study in Australia. Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said he hoped the event would help mend relations. He _____ visiting a curry house.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

curry	protest
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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">• part• included• unique• hurt• fully• lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• number• most• anger• printed• wishing• added
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STUDENT RACISM SURVEY

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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)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'racism'?
- c) How much racism exists where you live?
- d) Do you think everyone in the world is racist (even a tiny bit)?
- e) What do you think of the Vindaloo Against Violence initiative?
- f) Do you think it will change anything?
- g) What other things could Melbourne do to promote better race relations?
- h) How much do you think racism damages a city's reputation?
- i) How would you feel if you were the victim of a racist attack?
- j) What do you think of Indian food?

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RACISM DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article?
- b) What do you know about the Australian city Melbourne?
- c) Are you worried about violence in your city?
- d) Would you worry about your safety if you went to study in another country?
- e) How can Australia and India mend their relations over this?
- f) Why do you think Indian newspapers printed a cartoon showing an Australian policeman to be a member of the Ku Klux Klan?
- g) Do you think racism is increasing or decreasing in the world?
- h) Is there anyone you need to mend relations with?
- i) What's your image of Australia?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd?

LANGUAGE – MULTIPLE CHOICE

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A (7) _____ of racist attacks against Indians in Melbourne has damaged the reputation of Australia's second most populous city. These include the murder of a (8) _____ student Nitin Garg at the beginning of this year. The violence has caused great anger among the Indian community. This has affected political relations between the two countries. Australia was (9) _____ earlier this year when an Indian newspaper printed a cartoon showing an Australian police officer (10) _____ a member of the Ku Klux Klan. There has also been a reduction in the number of students (11) _____ to study in Australia. Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said he hoped the event would help (12) _____ relations. He added his support by visiting a curry house.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) party | (b) parted | (c) parts | (d) part |
| 2. | (a) for | (b) at | (c) to | (d) from |
| 3. | (a) dinners | (b) diners | (c) dining | (d) dined |
| 4. | (a) untie | (b) auntie | (c) unite | (d) unit |
| 5. | (a) some | (b) two | (c) a | (d) one |
| 6. | (a) full | (b) fully | (c) filling | (d) filled |
| 7. | (a) numeral | (b) numbers | (c) numerical | (d) number |
| 8. | (a) graduate | (b) grading | (c) graduation | (d) gradual |
| 9. | (a) anger | (b) angered | (c) angers | (d) angering |
| 10. | (a) has | (b) was | (c) is | (d) as |
| 11. | (a) wished | (b) wishes | (c) wishing | (d) wish |
| 12. | (a) mend | (b) send | (c) bend | (d) lend |

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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 Vindaloo Against Violence campaign. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

4. VIOLENCE: Write a magazine article about a racist attack. Include imaginary interviews with the racist and the victim.

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. LETTER: Write a letter to the creator of Vindaloo Against Violence. Ask him/her three questions about racism. Give him/her three of your opinions on how to stamp out racism. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE:

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

SYNONYM MATCH:

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. representative | a. spokesperson |
| 2. support | b. backing |
| 3. feast | c. banquet |
| 4. rich in | d. full of |
| 5. praised | e. applauded |
| 6. deeply | f. greatly |
| 7. vital | g. essential |
| 8. allows | h. permits |
| 9. cruel | i. bloodthirsty |
| 10. issue | j. topic |

PHRASE MATCH:

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------|
| 1. caused a scandal by | a. eating the heart of a seal |
| 2. show support | b. for seal hunters |
| 3. She joined hundreds of Inuit for | c. a community feast |
| 4. it was absolutely | d. delicious |
| 5. Canada's Inuit leaders praised | e. Ms Jean's gesture |
| 6. deeply | f. upset animal rights groups |
| 7. seal hunting is a vital part | g. of their culture |
| 8. they say hunting | h. methods are cruel |
| 9. a controversial | i. issue |
| 10. We don't really care about how the | j. outside world thinks |

GAP FILL:

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LANGUAGE WORK

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