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Moscow to get English radio station

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THE ARTICLE

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1211/121101-hurricane_sandy.html

Moscow's English-speaking residents and language learners will have something new to listen to starting on November 12. The city is launching a brand new radio station in English to cater to expats, tourists and local residents. The new station, to be called Moscow FM, is being set up by Moscow's city hall. It is part of an ongoing initiative to make the city easier to live in for non-Russians. The radio channel follows hot on the heels of street signs in English, which emerged for the first time several months ago. Moscow's Deputy Mayor Andrei Sharonov told the "Moscow Times" newspaper that the next stage of the city's project would be to provide tuition to the city's police officers to study English.

Moscow FM will have a strong focus on news – both national and international. The "Moscow Times" reported that: "The news content will be produced by the state-funded English language TV channel Russia Today and will make up 20-30 per cent of the airtime." A spokesman for the new station promised it would be, "a fundamentally new urban radio". It is sure to be a hit with tens of thousands of Moscow's foreign residents as well as the five million tourists who pass through Russia's capital every year. It should also prove popular with Russians learning English in Moscow. Language student Oksana Ivashin said she would be tuning in regularly to the station, "for a Russian perspective on English news".

Sources: **Novosti** - <http://en.ria.ru/russia/20121102/177139254.html>
The Moscow Times - <http://www.themoscowtimes.com/news/article/city-hall-to-start-radio-station-for-expats/470926.html>

WARM-UPS

1. ENGLISH RADIO: Walk around the class and talk to other students about English radio. Change partners often. Share your findings with your first partner.

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

Moscow / language learners / radio station / initiative / street signs in English / tuition / international news / state-funded / airtime / fundamentally new / foreign residents

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

3. LEARNING ENGLISH: With your partner(s), write 3 tips for each of the things in the table. Change partners and share what you wrote. Change and share again.

| | Tip 1 | Tip 2 | Tip 3 |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Radio | | | |
| Internet | | | |
| Movies | | | |
| Songs | | | |
| Newspapers | | | |
| TV | | | |

4. RADIO: Students A **strongly** believe there is no need for radio because we have the Internet, etc.; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. RADIO SHOWS: What are your favourites? Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- local news
- weather
- traffic
- business news
- the top songs of the week playlist
- chat show
- drama
- documentary

6. ENGLISH: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'English'. 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. The new Moscow radio station is only for language learners. | T / F |
| b. The new station is to be called Moscow English World FM. | T / F |
| c. Moscow's city hall is behind the plan to launch the radio station. | T / F |
| d. The city's English-speaking police officers will work as DJs. | T / F |
| e. The station will focus on domestic and global news. | T / F |
| f. As much as 30% of the time on air will be dedicated to news. | T / F |
| g. A radio spokesman said the station would be a little different. | T / F |
| h. A language learner will listen for a Russian viewpoint on the news. | T / F |

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

- | | |
|------------------------|----------------|
| 1. residents | a. constitute |
| 2. cater to | b. teaching |
| 3. initiative | c. basically |
| 4. hot on the heels of | d. domestic |
| 5. tuition | e. frequently |
| 6. national | f. viewpoint |
| 7. make up | g. locals |
| 8. fundamentally | h. soon after |
| 9. regularly | i. scheme |
| 10. perspective | j. provide for |

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

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Moscow's English-speaking | a. heels of |
| 2. a brand | b. airtime |
| 3. cater | c. new radio station |
| 4. hot on the | d. on news |
| 5. provide | e. in regularly |
| 6. a strong focus | f. residents |
| 7. state- | g. perspective |
| 8. 20-30 per cent of the | h. tuition to |
| 9. she would be tuning | i. to expats |
| 10. for a Russian | j. funded |

WHILE READING / LISTENING

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1211/121105-english_radio.html

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

Moscow's English-speaking (1) _____ and language learners will have something new to listen to starting on November 12. The city is launching a (2) _____ new radio station in English to cater to expats, tourists and local residents. The new station, to be called Moscow FM, is being (3) _____ up by Moscow's city hall. It is part of an ongoing (4) _____ to make the city easier to live in for non-Russians. The radio channel follows hot on the (5) _____ of street signs in English, which emerged for the first time (6) _____ months ago. Moscow's Deputy Mayor Andrei Sharonov told the "Moscow Times" newspaper that the next (7) _____ of the city's project would be to provide (8) _____ to the city's police officers to study English.

initiative

brand

several

tuition

residents

stage

set

heels

Moscow FM will have a (9) _____ focus on news – both national and international. The "Moscow Times" reported that: "The news content will be produced by the state- (10) _____ English language TV channel Russia Today and will make up 20-30 per cent of the (11) _____." A spokesman for the new station promised it would be, "a (12) _____ new urban radio". It is sure to be a hit with tens of thousands of Moscow's foreign residents as well as the five million tourists who (13) _____ through Russia's capital every year. It should also (14) _____ popular with Russians learning English in Moscow. Language student Oksana Ivashin said she would be (15) _____ in regularly to the station, "for a Russian (16) _____ on English news".

prove

funded

perspective

fundamentally

strong

pass

tuning

airtime

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

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- 1) Moscow's English-speaking ...
 - a. teachers
 - b. population
 - c. residents
 - d. citizens
- 2) The city is launching a _____ new radio station
 - a. very
 - b. totally
 - c. refreshingly
 - d. brand
- 3) Moscow FM is being set up by Moscow's _____
 - a. city hall
 - b. education board
 - c. tourism board
 - d. amateur radio community
- 4) The radio channel follows hot on the _____ of street signs in English
 - a. feet
 - b. toes
 - c. heels
 - d. soles
- 5) provide tuition to the city's _____
 - a. police officers
 - b. tourist police
 - c. immigration officers
 - d. tourist information workers
- 6) Moscow FM will have a strong focus on _____
 - a. grammar and vocabulary
 - b. Moscow and Russia
 - c. news
 - d. sport
- 7) The news content will be produced by the state-funded _____
 - a. English language TV channel
 - b. English school chain
 - c. English tourist authority
 - d. English Council
- 8) It will make up 20-30 per cent of the _____
 - a. time
 - b. show time
 - c. airtime
 - d. on time
- 9) A spokesman for the new station promised it would be, " _____ "
 - a. " fundamentally a new urban radio"
 - b. "a new urban radio, fundamentally "
 - c. "a new, fundamentally urban radio"
 - d. "a new urban fundamentally radio"
- 10) Oksana Ivashin said she would be tuning _____
 - a. up every now and then
 - b. out regularly
 - c. in from time to time
 - d. in regularly

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Moscow's (1) _____ and language learners will have something new to listen to starting on November 12. The city is launching a brand new radio station in English (2) _____, tourists and local residents. The new station, to be called Moscow FM, is being set up by Moscow's city hall. It is part of (3) _____ to make the city easier to live in for non-Russians. The radio channel follows hot on (4) _____ in English, which emerged for the first time several months ago. Moscow's Deputy Mayor Andrei Sharonov told the "Moscow Times" newspaper (5) _____ of the city's project would be (6) _____ the city's police officers to study English.

Moscow FM will (7) _____ on news – both national and international. The "Moscow Times" reported that: "The news content will be produced (8) _____ English language TV channel Russia Today and will make up 20-30 per cent of the airtime." A spokesman for the new station promised it would be, "(9) _____ urban radio". It is (10) _____ tens of thousands of Moscow's foreign residents as well as the five million tourists who pass through Russia's capital every year. It should (11) _____ Russians learning English in Moscow. Language student Oksana Ivashin said she would be tuning in regularly to the station, "(12) _____ on English news".

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1211/121105-english_radio.html

1. Which of Moscow's residents will have something new to listen to?

2. When is the radio channel due to start airing?

3. Who will the station cater to, besides tourists and local residents?

4. Who is behind the radio station?

5. What will be provided to Moscow's police officers?

6. What will the channel have a strong focus on?

7. What proportion of the airtime will be dedicated to news?

8. How many tourists does Moscow see each year?

9. What will student Oksana Ivashin be doing regularly?

10. What kind of perspective does Oksana Ivashin want?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1211/121105-english_radio.html

1. When will the radio station start?
 - a) November 12
 - b) November 21
 - c) November 20
 - d) November 22
2. How new is the radio station?
 - a) Totally new
 - b) Amazingly new
 - c) Brand new
 - d) Very new
3. What is the name of the new station?
 - a) Moscow English
 - b) Moscow FM
 - c) FM Moscow
 - d) Moscow English FM
4. Who is setting up the station?
 - a) Moscow Tourism Authority
 - b) Moscow's board of education
 - c) Moscow's amateur radio club
 - d) Moscow's city hall
5. What will Moscow's police soon get?
 - a) English language tuition
 - b) Free radios
 - c) Part-time jobs as radio DJs
 - d) Their own radio station
6. What will the station focus on?
 - a) English language
 - b) Moscow life
 - c) Sport
 - d) News
7. Who is paying for the station?
 - a) Moscow entrepreneurs
 - b) It's state funded
 - c) Russia's Tourism Agency
 - d) Subscribers
8. How much airtime will be news?
 - a) Very little
 - b) It depends on weekdays / weekends
 - c) About half
 - d) 20-30%
9. How many tourists go to Moscow?
 - a) 25,000,000
 - b) 35,000,000
 - c) 5,000,000
 - d) 15,000,000
10. What kind of perspective does Oksana want?
 - a) One from Moscow
 - b) A Russian one
 - c) An international one
 - d) An unbiased one

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Main Moscow FM presenter

You think Moscow FM will give a great image of Moscow all over the world. You really want to focus a lot more on Moscow only. Think of 3 reasons why. Your boss (who you hate) said she wants an international focus. You also want only Russian songs. People must learn about Russian culture.

Role B – Boss of Moscow FM

You have spent years planning Moscow FM. You want a very international feel to it. Think of three reasons why. You are very worried about the main presenter, who wants a strong Moscow focus. You also want only American and British songs on the radio. You may have to fire the presenter.

Role C – An English student

You are very excited about the new radio station. You really want lots of news about other countries. Think of three reasons why. You love music from the US and UK. You hope there will be lots of shows about English grammar and vocabulary. You don't want news – you can get that from other stations.

Role D – A local resident

You think the radio will be great for your English. It must have a very strong Russian focus. You can learn English better if the topics are music are about Russia. Think of 3 reasons why. You are fed up with people who have no pride in Russia and who always want to be international (the boss and the student).

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1211/121105-english_radio.html

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

| English | radio |
|---------|-------|
| | |

- 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">• residents• brand• cater• set up• heels• provide | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• focus• funded• 30• hit• 5,000,000• tuning in |
|--|---|

ENGLISH RADIO SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about English radio 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.

ENGLISH RADIO 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 'radio'?
- c) How good is using the radio to learn English?
- d) Talk about your experiences of learning English listening to the radio?
- e) Do you think all cities should have an English radio station?
- f) Do you think Moscow FM will be a big hit?
- g) What English shows would you like to listen to on the radio?
- h) Which is better, Internet radio, car radio, or regular radio?
- i) How much English is there in your town (radio, street signs, etc)?
- j) What do you think of the idea of giving English tuition to the police?

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ENGLISH RADIO DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Do you like news with a strong local or international focus?
- c) Is there a problem with news content coming from a state-funded body?
- d) What did you think "a fundamentally new urban radio" might be?
- e) What should radio stations do to help people learn languages?
- f) Do you like news from the perspective of your country?
- g) Which is a better way to learn English, radio or television?
- h) What are the advantages and disadvantages of listening to the radio to learn English?
- i) What proportion of news, music, traffic, weather, etc. would you want on a radio station?
- j) What questions would you like to ask the boss of Moscow FM?

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. _____

MULTIPLE CHOICE - LANGUAGE

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) residences | (b) residents | (c) rodents | (d) rampant |
| 2. | (a) blend | (b) brand | (c) bland | (d) blind |
| 3. | (a) along | (b) down | (c) on | (d) up |
| 4. | (a) goings on | (b) ongoing | (c) oncoming | (d) overcoming |
| 5. | (a) feet | (b) heels | (c) toes | (d) soles |
| 6. | (a) fruition | (b) condition | (c) tuition | (d) rendition |
| 7. | (a) matter | (b) appendix | (c) content | (d) index |
| 8. | (a) timeliness | (b) timely | (c) airtime | (d) big time |
| 9. | (a) around | (b) over | (c) via | (d) through |
| 10. | (a) prove | (b) proof | (c) evidence | (d) evidenced |
| 11. | (a) tuning | (b) turning | (c) toning | (d) training |
| 12. | (a) cognitive | (b) mind | (c) perspective | (d) opinions |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Moscow's English-speaking seterdnsi
2. The city is nuhagicln a brand new radio station
3. part of an ongoing tvitaniiei
4. svarele months ago
5. the next stage of the city's ocprtje
6. provide ttunioi to the city's police officers

Paragraph 2

7. the state-nedfdu English language TV channel
8. A nmsekpoas for the new station
9. "a yuleltdnnamfa new urban radio"
10. It should also evrop popular with Russians
11. tuning in raelrugly
12. for a Russian irptcevpese on English news

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () up 20-30 per cent of the airtime." A spokesman for the new station promised it would be, "a fundamentally
- () Moscow FM will have a strong focus on news – both national and international. The "Moscow Times" reported
- (**1**) Moscow's English-speaking residents and language learners will have something new to listen
- () months ago. Moscow's Deputy Mayor Andrei Sharonov told the "Moscow Times" newspaper that the next
- () to expats, tourists and local residents. The new station, to be called Moscow FM, is being set
- () to starting on November 12. The city is launching a brand new radio station in English to cater
- () in regularly to the station, "for a Russian perspective on English news".
- () Russians learning English in Moscow. Language student Oksana Ivashin said she would be tuning
- () up by Moscow's city hall. It is part of an ongoing initiative to make the city easier to live in for non-Russians. The radio channel follows hot
- () stage of the city's project would be to provide tuition to the city's police officers to study English.
- () on the heels of street signs in English, which emerged for the first time several
- () new urban radio". It is sure to be a hit with tens of thousands of Moscow's foreign residents as well as the five
- () that: "The news content will be produced by the state-funded English language TV channel Russia Today and will make
- () million tourists who pass through Russia's capital every year. It should also prove popular with

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PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. to learners something listen Language have to will new

2. radio The launching new is brand station city a.

3. initiative ongoing an of part is It.

4. heels the on hot follows It English in signs street of.

5. city's the to tuition Provide officers police.

6. English The language state TV - channel funded.

7. hit a be to sure is It thousands of tens with.

8. million Russia's tourists capital who pass Five through.

9. she regularly would be Ivashin tuning said in.

10. news English on perspective Russian a For.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1211/121105-english_radio.html

Moscow's English-speaking *residents / residence* and language learners will have something new to listen to starting on November 12. The city is launching a *brand / bland* new radio station in English to cater *of / to* expats, tourists and *local / locally* residents. The new station, to be called Moscow FM, is being *set / let* up by Moscow's city hall. It is part of an *oncoming / ongoing* initiative to make the city easier to live in for non-Russians. The radio channel follows *cool / hot* on the *souls / heels* of street signs in English, which emerged for the first time *several / numerous* months ago. Moscow's Deputy Mayor Andrei Sharonov told the "Moscow Times" newspaper that the next stage of the city's project would be to provide *tuition / tutorial* to the city's police officers to study English.

Moscow FM will have a *strong / strength* focus on news – both national and international. The "Moscow Times" reported that: "The news content will be *produced / production* by the *state-funded / state-founded* English language TV channel Russia Today and will *make / rake* up 20-30 per cent of the airtime." A spokesman for the new station promised it would be, "a fundamentally new *urban / rural* radio". It is sure to be a hit with *dozens / tens* of thousands of Moscow's foreign residents as *well / good* as the five million tourists who pass *via / through* Russia's capital every year. It should also *prove / proof* popular with Russians learning English in Moscow. Language student Oksana Ivashin said she would be tuning *out / in* regularly to the station, "for a Russian perspective on English news".

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Moscow's English-speaking residents and long-gone
listeners will have something new to listen to
starting on November 12. The city is launching a
brand new radio station in English to cater to
expats, tourists and immigrants. The new station,
to be called Moscow FM, is being set up by Moscow's
city hall. It is part of an ongoing initiative to
make the city more attractive for foreigners. The
radio channel will host the hours of broadcasts
in English, which merged for the first time several
months ago. Moscow's Deputy Mayor Shervin
told the "Moscow Times" newspaper that the next
stage of the city's project would be to provide
television to the city's public facilities in English.

Moscow FM will have a strong focus on news - both
national and international. The "Moscow Times"
reported that: "The news content will be produced by
the station-funded English language TV channel Ross
Today and will make up 20-30 percent of the
programme." It spoke from the new station premises
that would be, "fundamentally new urban radio". It is
set to be the highlight of the series of Moscow's
foreign residents as well as the former immigrants
who pass through Russia's capital every year. It
should also provide people with Russians learning
English in Moscow. Long-gone students who
said show would be bringing in regularly to the station,
"for Russia to respect values in English news".

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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moscow's english-speaking residents and language learners will have something new to listen to starting on november 12 the city is launching a brand new radio station in english to cater to expats tourists and local residents the new station to be called moscow fm is being set up by moscow's city hall it is part of an ongoing initiative to make the city easier to live in for non-russians the radio channel follows hot on the heels of street signs in english which emerged for the first time several months ago moscow's deputy mayor andrei sharonov told the "moscow times" newspaper that the next stage of the city's project would be to provide tuition to the city's police officers to study english

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Moscow's English-speaking residents and language learners will have something new to listen to starting on November 12. The city is launching a brand new radio station in English to cater to expats, tourists and local residents. The new station, to be called Moscow FM, is being set up by Moscow's city hall. It is part of an ongoing initiative to make the city easier to live in for non-Russians. The radio channel follows hot on the heels of street signs in English, which emerged for the first time several months ago. Moscow's Deputy Mayor Andrei Sharonov told the "Moscow Times" newspaper that the next stage of the city's project would be to provide tuition to the city's police officers to study English.

Moscow FM will have a strong focus on news – both national and international. The "Moscow Times" reported that: "The news content will be produced by the state-funded English language TV channel Russia Today and will make up 20-30 per cent of the airtime." A spokesman for the new station promised it would be, "a fundamentally new urban radio". It is sure to be a hit with tens of thousands of Moscow's foreign residents as well as the five million tourists who pass through Russia's capital every year. It should also prove popular with Russians learning English in Moscow. Language student Oksana Ivashina said she would be tuning in regularly to the station, "for a Russian perspective on English news".

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

3. THE RADIO: Make a poster about using the radio to study. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. MOSCOW FM: Write a magazine article about Moscow FM. Include imaginary interviews with the boss and a Muscovite English learner.

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 Moscow FM. Ask three questions about English radio. Give the station three of your opinions on the use of radio to study English. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. residents | a. locals |
| 2. cater to | b. provide for |
| 3. initiative | c. scheme |
| 4. hot on the heels of | d. soon after |
| 5. tuition | e. teaching |
| 6. national | f. domestic |
| 7. make up | g. constitute |
| 8. fundamentally | h. basically |
| 9. regularly | i. frequently |
| 10. perspective | j. viewpoint |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. The English-speaking ones.
2. November 12
3. Expats
4. Moscow's city hall
5. (English language) tuition
6. (Both) national and international news
7. 20-30%
8. 5 million
9. Tuning in (to Moscow FM)
10. A Russian one

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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