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THE ARTICLE

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A city in South Korea has added a new attraction to its cultural landscape - the world's first "toilet theme park". The Restroom Cultural Park in the city of Suwon is proving a huge hit with locals and tourists alike. The latest tourist site is dedicated to the memory of former city mayor Sim Jae-duck, affectionately known as "Mr Toilet". He believed the toilet is a very important and under-appreciated aspect of world culture. Visitors to the park can admire its toilet-bowl-shaped exhibition hall as well as dozens of bronze statues in various toilet positions. They can even sit on Mr Sim's original toilet, which includes a full-length glass door that mists up when it is being used.

Suwon has become well known for the promotion of toilet culture. The city attracts toilet-related artwork from around the world to its galleries. It famously hosts the Golden Poop Art Festival – a celebration of one of the calls of nature. The city also lists dozens of its own public toilets as tourist attractions on its website. Sim Jae-duck's own giant, toilet-shaped house, now a museum, should be the must-see for enthusiasts. Mr Sim's fascination with toilets supposedly began because he was born in the smallest room of his mother's house. He said in 2007: "The toilet...can save humankind from diseases [and is] a place for introspection. The toilet is also a central living place that possesses culture."

Sources: Metro.co.uk - <http://www.metro.co.uk/weird/917436-toilet-theme-park-is-a-hit-in-south-korea>
BBC - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-20258175>
The Guardian - <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2012/nov/09/south-korea-toilet-theme-park>

YouTube: The BBC video - <http://youtu.be/mkbeeokI9FU>
A video on "Mr Toilet's" house - <http://youtu.be/m30hrA5LBLo>

WARM-UPS

1. TOILETS: Walk around the class and talk to other students about toilets. 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.

cultural landscape / theme park / a huge hit / world culture / exhibition hall / positions / promotion / artwork / festivals / public toilets / toilet-shaped house / introspection

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

3. THE TOILET: How important is it? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners and share what you wrote. Change and share again.

	Importance	How to make it even better
World culture		
Stopping disease		
Thinking		
Socializing		
Shopping		
Toilet art		

4. INVENTION: Students A **strongly** believe the toilet is one of the world's greatest inventions; Students B **strongly** believe not. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. TOILET NAMES: Rank these various names for "toilet" and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- toilet
- loo (British English)
- bathroom (US English)
- restroom
- little boys' / girls' room
- lavatory
- WC (water closet)
- powder room

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

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1211/121111-theme_park.html

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

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. The world's second theme park about toilets opened in South Korea. | T / F |
| b. The theme park is liked by tourists and local people. | T / F |
| c. The theme park was inspired by an ex-mayor known as "Mr Toilet". | T / F |
| d. The theme park has a toilet-bowl-shaped exhibition hall. | T / F |
| e. The city of Suwon hosts the Golden Toilet Art Carnival every year. | T / F |
| f. One of the city's top attractions is a toilet-shaped house. | T / F |
| g. Reports are the former city mayor was born in a restroom. | T / F |
| h. The ex-mayor said the toilet aided thinking and disease prevention. | T / F |

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

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. proving | a. warmheartedly |
| 2. hit | b. holds |
| 3. affectionately | c. valued |
| 4. appreciated | d. steams / fogs |
| 5. mists | e. turning out to be |
| 6. promotion | f. fans |
| 7. hosts | g. tourist sites |
| 8. attractions | h. thought / reflection |
| 9. enthusiasts | i. encouragement |
| 10. introspection | j. success |

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

- | | |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. added a new attraction to | a. of former city mayor |
| 2. a huge hit with locals and tourists | b. humankind from diseases |
| 3. dedicated to the memory | c. mists up |
| 4. under- | d. related artwork |
| 5. a full-length glass door that | e. of nature |
| 6. The city attracts toilet- | f. alike |
| 7. a celebration of one of the calls | g. introspection |
| 8. the must- | h. its cultural landscape |
| 9. The toilet can save | i. see for enthusiasts |
| 10. a place for | j. appreciated |

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WHILE READING / LISTENING

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1211/121111-theme_park.html

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

A city in South Korea has added a new attraction to its cultural (1) _____ - the world's first "toilet theme park". The Restroom Cultural Park in the city of Suwon is (2) _____ a huge hit with locals and tourists alike. The latest tourist site is (3) _____ to the memory of former city mayor Sim Jae-duck, (4) _____ known as "Mr Toilet". He believed the toilet is a very important and under-(5) _____ aspect of world culture. Visitors to the park can admire its toilet-(6) _____ -shaped exhibition hall as well as dozens of bronze statues in various toilet (7) _____. They can even sit on Mr Sim's original toilet, which includes a full-length glass door that (8) _____ up when it is being used.

affectionately

landscape

positions

proving

dedicated

bowl

mists

appreciated

Suwon has become well known for the (9) _____ of toilet culture. The city (10) _____ toilet-related artwork from around the world to its galleries. It famously hosts the Golden Poop Art Festival - a celebration of one of the (11) _____ of nature. The city also (12) _____ dozens of its own public toilets as tourist attractions on its website. Sim Jae-duck's own giant, toilet-shaped house, now a museum, should be the (13) _____ -see for enthusiasts. Mr Sim's fascination with toilets (14) _____ began because he was born in the smallest room of his mother's house. He said in 2007: "The toilet...can save humankind from diseases [and is] a place for (15) _____. The toilet is also a central living place that (16) _____ culture."

calls

introspection

promotion

must

possesses

attracts

lists

supposedly

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

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- 1) A city in South Korea has added a new attraction to its ...
 - a. portrait culture.
 - b. landscape culture.
 - c. cultural landscape.
 - d. cultural portrait.
- 2) ... a huge hit with locals and tourists ...
 - a. likely
 - b. likelihood
 - c. liking
 - d. alike
- 3) ... the toilet is a very important and under-appreciated aspect of world culture.
 - a. under-sized aspect of world culture.
 - b. under-appreciated aspect of world culture.
 - c. over-estimated aspect of world culture.
 - d. over-charged aspect of world culture.
- 4) ... dozens of bronze statues in _____ toilet positions.
 - a. variable
 - b. varied
 - c. a variety of
 - d. various
- 5) ... a full-length glass door that _____ when it is being used.
 - a. mists up
 - b. steams up
 - c. fogs up
 - d. puffs up
- 6) The city attracts _____ from around the world.
 - a. works of related toilet art
 - b. toilet-related artwork
 - c. artwork-related toilets
 - d. related toilet artwork
- 7) a celebration of one of the ...
 - a. calls of duty
 - b. calls of the wild
 - c. calls of nature
 - d. calls of the sea
- 8) the _____ for enthusiasts
 - a. must-see
 - b. must-visit
 - c. must-do
 - d. must-try
- 9) he was born in the smallest room of his mother's house
 - a. the little boys' room of
 - b. the restroom of
 - c. the smallest room of
 - d. the WC of
- 10) The toilet...can save humankind from diseases [and is] a
 - a. place for introspection.
 - b. palace for introspection.
 - c. place for retrospection.
 - d. a piece of innovation.

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LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Suwon has become well (7) _____ of toilet culture. The city attracts toilet-related artwork from around the world to its galleries. It (8) _____ Golden Poop Art Festival – a celebration of one of the calls of nature. The city (9) _____ its own public toilets as tourist attractions on its website. Sim Jae-duck's own giant, toilet-shaped house, now a museum, should be the (10) _____. Mr Sim's fascination with toilets (11) _____ he was born in the smallest room of his mother's house. He said in 2007: "The toilet...can save humankind from diseases [and is] a (12) _____. The toilet is also a central living place that possesses culture."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1211/121111-theme_park.html

1. What did South Korea add to its cultural landscape?

2. Who is the theme park proving a huge hit with?

3. Whose memory inspired the creation of the theme park?

4. What is unusual about the exhibition hall at the theme park?

5. What happens to Sim Jae-duck's original toilet when someone uses it?

6. What has Suwon become famous for?

7. What is the Golden Poop Art Festival a celebration of?

8. What is unusual about Sim Jae-duck's house?

9. Why did Sim Jae-duck become interested in toilets?

10. What did Sim Jae-duck say toilets possess?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1211/121111-theme_park.html

1. What's the theme park's name?
 - a) Restroom Paradise
 - b) Toilet World
 - c) The Park of World Toilets
 - d) The Restroom Cultural Park
2. Who is the theme park dedicated to?
 - a) Korea's toilet manufacturers
 - b) An ex-mayor of a city called Suwon
 - c) The memory of a major city farmer
 - d) Those around the world without toilets
3. What was the nickname of Sim Jae-duck?
 - a) Captain Lavatory
 - b) Number Two
 - c) Bathroom Bill
 - d) Mr Toilet
4. What did Sim Jae-duck believe about the toilet?
 - a) It was overpriced
 - b) It was undercover
 - c) It was under-appreciated
 - d) It was over-valued
5. What happens to Sim Jae-duck's toilet when someone uses it?
 - a) The toilet slowly spins around
 - b) "The Toilet Song" starts playing
 - c) A factsheet about sanitation appears on a PC screen
 - d) Its glass door fogs up
6. What does the city of Suwon have a reputation for?
 - a) Having the oldest toilets in the world
 - b) Its super-clean public toilets
 - c) The promotion of toilet culture
 - d) Manufacturing high-tech toilets
7. What does the Golden Poop Art Festival celebrate?
 - a) One of the calls of nature
 - b) Toilet paintings
 - c) The study of that part of the human body
 - d) Sim Jae-duck
8. What was the shape of Sim Jae-duck's house?
 - a) A urinal
 - b) Something we cannot mention
 - c) A toilet
 - d) A toilet roll
9. Where do reports say Sim Jae-duck was born?
 - a) A toilet-shaped bed
 - b) The WC of his mother's house
 - c) A public toilet in Suwon
 - d) A hospital toilet
10. What did Sim Jae-duck say a toilet was a place for?
 - a) Introspection
 - b) Inspection
 - c) Instruction
 - d) Introduction

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – The mayor of the city

You are very happy with the new theme park. Think of three reasons why. You don't like people who say negative things about the theme park. You believe it will be one of Korea's biggest attractions. Your city will be famous around the world and that will bring in lots of tourist dollars.

Role B – An election candidate for mayor

You are shocked the theme park actually got opened. Think of three reasons why. You believe it deeply embarrasses the city. Your number one election promise is to tear it down. You know the mayor is receiving money secretly from toilet makers. You want to spend city money on a sanitation research park.

Role C – Mr Toilet's close friend

You are so proud of Sim Jae-duck. Think of three reasons why. He cared deeply for poor people in the world. He really worried that people died of disease because they had no toilet. The theme park is important to raise global awareness. You want it expanded, with Restroom Cultural Parks built worldwide.

Role D – An art lover

You cannot believe anyone can celebrate toilet culture as art. Think of three reasons why. You will provide millions of dollars to change the theme park into a museum for traditional Korean arts. This will bring in more money and make the city famous internationally – for a good reason.

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 'theme' and 'park'.

theme	park

- 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">• added• huge• memory• aspect• bowl• mists	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• promotion• hosts• dozens• see• smallest• central
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TOILETS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about toilets 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.

TOILETS 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 'toilet'?
- c) What do you think of a toilet theme park?
- d) What do you think you would see at the Restroom Cultural Park?
- e) How interested are you in visiting this park?
- f) Do you think other toilet theme parks will open around the world?
- g) What can the park do to attract more visitors?
- h) Would you like your town to be well known for a toilet theme park?
- i) Do you think you would admire the toilet-bowl-shaped exhibition hall?
- j) What do you think of being able to sit on Sim Jae-duck's toilet?

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TOILETS DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) What is toilet culture?
- c) What do you think happens at the Golden Poop Art Festival?
- d) Do you have a favourite or hated toilet?
- e) What new exhibitions could the park have?
- f) What design features might a toilet-shaped house have?
- g) What do you think Sim Jae-duck might have thought about this park?
- h) Should the world know more about sanitation and how the lack of toilets kills thousands of people every year?
- i) What questions would you like to ask the people who made the park?
- j) What do you think their answers might be?

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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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Suwon has become well known for the promotion (7) ____ toilet culture. The city attracts toilet-related artwork from around the world to its galleries. It famously (8) ____ the Golden Poop Art Festival - a celebration of one of the (9) ____ of nature. The city also lists dozens of its own public toilets as tourist attractions on its website. Sim Jae-duck's own giant, toilet-shaped house, now a museum, should be the (10) ____-see for enthusiasts. Mr Sim's fascination with toilets (11) ____ began because he was born in the smallest room of his mother's house. He said in 2007: "The toilet...can save humankind from diseases [and is] a place for (12) _____. The toilet is also a central living place that possesses culture."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1. | (a) landscape | (b) portrait | (c) seascape | (d) cityscape |
| 2. | (a) hug | (b) hugs | (c) huge | (d) huff |
| 3. | (a) likely | (b) likability | (c) alike | (d) likeliness |
| 4. | (a) affected | (b) affects | (c) affectation | (d) affectionately |
| 5. | (a) post | (b) pre | (c) under | (d) lessen |
| 6. | (a) gorgeous | (b) full | (c) useful | (d) part |
| 7. | (a) by | (b) of | (c) as | (d) on |
| 8. | (a) heists | (b) hosts | (c) fastens | (d) ghosts |
| 9. | (a) screams | (b) shouts | (c) calls | (d) whispers |
| 10. | (a) may | (b) could | (c) have to | (d) must |
| 11. | (a) supposes | (b) suppose | (c) supposition | (d) supposedly |
| 12. | (a) introduction | (b) induction | (c) inspection | (d) introspection |

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SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. a new attraction to its cultural pealncasd
2. rgpvino a huge hit with locals
3. dcieeadtd to the memory of former city mayor
4. a very important and under-tpaecpradie aspect
5. dozens of bronze sutetas
6. a flul-englht glass door

Paragraph 2

7. well known for the oipnomort of toilet culture
8. a ialebetncro of one of the calls of nature
9. the must-see for itaushssten
10. Sim's tnfscioaain with toilets
11. The toilet can save mukaihdnn from diseases
12. a central living place that osepsesss culture

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1211/121111-theme_park.html

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () his mother's house. He said in 2007: "The toilet...can save humankind from
- () with toilets supposedly began because he was born in the smallest room of
- () giant, toilet-shaped house, now a museum, should be the must-see for enthusiasts. Mr Sim's fascination
- () appreciated aspect of world culture. Visitors to the park can admire its toilet-bowl-
- () diseases [and is] a place for introspection. The toilet is also a central living place that possesses culture."
- (**1**) A city in South Korea has added a new attraction to its cultural landscape - the world's
- () artwork from around the world to its galleries. It famously hosts the Golden Poop Art Festival – a celebration of one of the calls
- () first "toilet theme park". The Restroom Cultural Park in the city of Suwon is proving a huge hit
- () Suwon has become well known for the promotion of toilet culture. The city attracts toilet-related
- () former city mayor Sim Jae-duck, affectionately known as "Mr Toilet". He believed the toilet is a very important and under-
- () on Mr Sim's original toilet, which includes a full-length glass door that mists up when it is being used.
- () of nature. The city also lists dozens of its own public toilets as tourist attractions on its website. Sim Jae-duck's own
- () with locals and tourists alike. The latest tourist site is dedicated to the memory of
- () shaped exhibition hall as well as dozens of bronze statues in various toilet positions. They can even sit

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PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. a Added landscape cultural its to attraction new.

2. alike a with tourists Proving hit and huge locals.

3. of Dedicated former to city the mayor memory.

4. various statues of in toilet . bronze Dozens positions

5. a full - that door glass length mists up . Includes

6. promotion Well of known toilet for culture the.

7. world toilet artwork the Attracts related around - from

8. of the nature celebration of of A one calls.

9. lists dozens of its own public toilets The city also.

10. diseases from humankind save can toilet The.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1211/121111-theme_park.html

A city in South Korea has added a new *attraction / attractive* to its cultural *landscape / cityscape* - the world's first "toilet theme park". The Restroom Cultural Park in the city of Suwon is *proofing / proving* a huge hit with locals and tourists *alike / likened*. The latest tourist site is dedicated *of / to* the memory of former city mayor Sim Jae-duck, *affectionately / affection* known as "Mr Toilet". He believed the toilet is a very important and under-*appreciation / appreciated* aspect of world culture. Visitors to the park can admire its toilet-*bowel / bowl*-shaped exhibition hall as well as *dozen / dozens* of bronze statues in various toilet positions. They can even sit on Mr Sim's original toilet, which includes a *full- / fill*-length glass door that mists up when it is being used.

Suwon has become well known for the *premonition / promotion* of toilet culture. The city attracts toilet-*related / relative* artwork from around the world to its galleries. It famously *hosts / hosting* the Golden Poop Art Festival - a celebration of one of the *whispers / calls* of nature. The city also *lasts / lists* dozens of its own public toilets *as / has* tourist attractions on its website. Sim Jae-duck's own giant, toilet-shaped house, now a museum, should be the *must-see / could-see* for enthusiasts. Mr Sim's fascination *from / with* toilets supposedly began because he was born in the smallest room of his mother's house. He said in 2007: "The toilet...can save humankind from diseases [and is] a place for *introspection / introversion*. The toilet is also a *central / centrality* living place that possesses culture."

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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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 South Korea's Restroom Cultural Park. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

4. SANITATION: Write a magazine article about world sanitation and the toilet's importance in reducing disease. Include imaginary interviews with a toilet maker and someone in a poor country who has no toilet.

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 a toilet expert. Ask him/her three questions about toilets and S. Korea's new Restroom Cultural Park. Give him/her three of your opinions. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. proving | a. turning out to be |
| 2. hit | b. success |
| 3. affectionately | c. warmheartedly |
| 4. appreciated | d. valued |
| 5. mists | e. steams / fogs |
| 6. promotion | f. encouragement |
| 7. hosts | g. holds |
| 8. attractions | h. tourist sites |
| 9. enthusiasts | i. fans |
| 10. introspection | j. thought / reflection |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. A new attraction.
2. Locals and tourists.
3. Suwon former city mayor Sim Jae-duck.
4. It is shaped like a toilet bowl.
5. Its glass door mists up.
6. The promotion of toilet culture.
7. One of the calls of nature.
8. It's shaped like a toilet.
9. He was supposedly born in one (in his mother's house).
10. Culture.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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