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# THE ARTICLE

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People in Burma could buy a newspaper from a private news company on Monday for the first time in 50 years. Burma's government has allowed the printing of 16 newspapers, although only four were ready for the first day of sale. The Burmese military took control of the press and the news it published in 1964. From then until Sunday, the government controlled what news people read. Life was made impossible for journalists from the free press. The government tortured and imprisoned many reporters who broke the rules. Burma is also allowing international news agencies to work in the country. The Associated Press became the first when its six staff opened for business on Saturday.

The re-introduction of private newspapers comes on the first anniversary of the election of opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi to parliament. She has been a strong supporter of bringing back the free press to Burma. Her political party, the National League for Democracy, will start printing its own daily newspaper later this month. The editor of the "Voice Daily" newspaper thinks the private newspapers will be better than the government ones. He said: "I can say with absolute confidence that we can compete with government papers in terms of content and quality of news." He added: "I am very excited that we are finally printing daily editions. It is a dream come true." The "Voice Daily" printed its first edition on Monday.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. NEWSPAPERS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about newspapers. Change partners often 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.

*newspaper / the first time / 50 years / military / journalists / tortured / broke the rules / anniversary / political party / absolute confidence / quality of news / daily editions*

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

**3. NEWS SOURCES:** How can these be better? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

News from...	How good now?	How to be better?
newspapers		
the Internet		
radio		
TV		
magazines		
apps		

**4. FREE PRESS:** Students A **strongly** believe newspapers should print anything they like; Students B **strongly** believe newspapers should follow rules about what to write about. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. SECTIONS:** Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put your favourite newspaper sections at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- world news
- sport
- environment
- celebrity gossip
- local news
- business news
- national news
- technology news

**6. NEWS:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'news'. 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/1304/130402-newspapers.html>

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

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| a. No private newspapers have been sold in Burma for five decades.  | T / F |
| b. Sixteen private newspapers went on sale on Monday.               | T / F |
| c. Burma's government tortured journalists in the past.             | T / F |
| d. CNN became the first international news agency to open in Burma. | T / F |
| e. Private newspapers went on sale a year after a special election. | T / F |
| f. Aung San Suu Kyi's party will start its own newspaper next year. | T / F |
| g. An editor said private newspapers could match government ones.   | T / F |
| h. The editor suggested the sale of his paper was nothing special.  | T / F |

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

- |               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. buy        | a. jailed       |
| 2. printing   | b. belief       |
| 3. military   | c. chief        |
| 4. imprisoned | d. publishing   |
| 5. allowing   | e. issue        |
| 6. leader     | f. armed forces |
| 7. supporter  | g. total        |
| 8. absolute   | h. backer       |
| 9. confidence | i. purchase     |
| 10. edition   | j. letting      |

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

- |                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. the first time              | a. and quality of news  |
| 2. The Burmese military took   | b. the rules            |
| 3. The government tortured and | c. business on Saturday |
| 4. reporters who broke         | d. anniversary          |
| 5. its six staff opened for    | e. imprisoned many      |
| 6. on the first                | f. control of the press |
| 7. the free                    | g. come true            |
| 8. I can say with absolute     | h. press                |
| 9. in terms of content         | i. in 50 years          |
| 10. It is a dream              | j. confidence           |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1304/130402-newspapers.html>

People in Burma could buy a newspaper from a private news (1) \_\_\_\_\_ on Monday for the first time in 50 years. Burma's government has (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the printing of 16 newspapers, although only four were ready for the first day of (3) \_\_\_\_\_. The Burmese military took (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of the press and the news it published in 1964. From then until Sunday, the government controlled what news people read. Life was made (5) \_\_\_\_\_ for journalists from the free press. The government tortured and imprisoned many reporters who (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the rules. Burma is also allowing international news (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to work in the country. The Associated Press became the first when its six (8) \_\_\_\_\_ opened for business on Saturday.

The re-introduction of private newspapers comes on the first (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of the election of opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi to parliament. She has been a strong (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of bringing back the free press to Burma. Her political (11) \_\_\_\_\_, the National League for Democracy, will start printing its own daily newspaper later this month. The (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of the "Voice Daily" newspaper thinks the private newspapers will be better than the government ones. He said: "I can say with absolute (13) \_\_\_\_\_ that we can compete with government papers in terms of content and (14) \_\_\_\_\_ of news." He added: "I am very excited that we are finally printing daily (15) \_\_\_\_\_. It is a (16) \_\_\_\_\_ come true." The "Voice Daily" printed its first edition on Monday.

*broke*  
*sale*  
*impossible*  
*company*  
*agencies*  
*allowed*  
*staff*  
*control*

*editions*  
*editor*  
*supporter*  
*quality*  
*anniversary*  
*dream*  
*party*  
*confidence*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1304/130402-newspapers.html>

- 1) People in Burma could buy a newspaper from a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. private news companies
  - b. private news accompany
  - c. private news company
  - d. private news accompanied
- 2) ...although only four were ready for the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. first days of sale
  - b. first day for sale
  - c. first day from sale
  - d. first day of sail
- 3) The Burmese military took \_\_\_\_\_ and the news it published
  - a. control of the press
  - b. control of the presses
  - c. control of the pressed
  - d. control of the pressing
- 4) The government tortured and imprisoned many reporters who \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. broke the rule
  - b. broke the rulings
  - c. broke the rulers
  - d. broke the rules
- 5) The Associated Press became the first when its six staff \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. opened for businesses
  - b. opened for business
  - c. opened for businesslike
  - d. opened for businessmen
- 6) the election \_\_\_\_\_ Aung San Suu Kyi to parliament
  - a. of oppositions leader
  - b. of opposite leader
  - c. of opposing leader
  - d. of opposition leader
- 7) She has been a strong supporter of bringing \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. back the freely press
  - b. back the free press
  - c. back the freed press
  - d. back the freer press
- 8) I can say \_\_\_\_\_ that we can compete with government papers
  - a. with absolute confidence
  - b. with absolutely confidence
  - c. with absolute confidently
  - d. with absolute confidences
- 9) in terms of \_\_\_\_\_ of news
  - a. contents and quality
  - b. content and qualities
  - c. contents and qualities
  - d. content and quality
- 10) I am very excited that we are finally \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. printing day editions
  - b. printing daily editions
  - c. printing day lee editions
  - d. printing daily editions

## LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1304/130402-newspapers.html>

1. When was the last time private newspapers were sold in Burma?

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2. How many private newspapers went on sale on Monday?

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3. For whom did the Burmese government make life impossible?

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4. Which journalists were thrown in jail?

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5. Why was the Associated Press news agency mentioned?

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6. What happened on April 1, 2012?

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7. What did Aung San Suu Kyi want to do to the free press?

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8. When will Aung San Suu Kyi's party start publishing a newspaper?

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9. What did an editor say about government newspapers?

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10. When did the "Voice Daily" publish its first issue?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1304/130402-newspapers.html>

1. When was the last time private newspapers were sold in Burma?
  - a) two months ago
  - b) never
  - c) 50 years ago (1964)
  - d) 1948
2. How many private newspapers went on sale on Monday?
  - a) 4
  - b) 8
  - c) 16
  - d) 32
3. For whom did the Burmese government make life impossible?
  - a) newspaper readers
  - b) newspaper sellers
  - c) newspaper editors
  - d) journalists
4. Which journalists were thrown in jail?
  - a) sports correspondents
  - b) those who broke the rules
  - c) those who called Myanmar "Burma"
  - d) foreign reporters
5. Why was the Associated Press news agency mentioned?
  - a) it won an award in Burma
  - b) it was banned in Burma
  - c) it was the first to open an agency in Burma
  - d) it is training Burma's journalists
6. What happened on April 1, 2012?
  - a) the U.S. President visited Burma
  - b) Aung San Suu Kyi won an election
  - c) a riot in Burma's capital
  - d) Burma passed a newspaper freedom act
7. What did Aung San Suu Kyi want to do to the free press?
  - a) ban it
  - b) make it English only
  - c) get money for it
  - d) bring it back
8. When will Aung San Suu Kyi's party start publishing a newspaper?
  - a) tomorrow
  - b) April
  - c) 2014
  - d) in the next few years
9. What did an editor say about government newspapers?
  - a) private newspapers could compete with them
  - b) they were the best in the world
  - c) they should become private
  - d) they do not tell the truth
10. When did the "Voice Daily" publish its first issue?
  - a) Friday
  - b) Wednesday
  - c) Sunday
  - d) Monday

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# ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1304/130402-newspapers.html>

## **Role A – Journalist**

You think freedom of speech is very important. You think you should be able to write anything in newspapers. Tell the others three reasons why. You think the government is afraid of journalists. You think everyone should know the truth about everything and everyone.

## **Role B – Government leader**

You think freedom of speech is very dangerous. You think journalists should not be able to write anything in newspapers. Tell the others three reasons why. You think the government should check what journalists write. You think many stories in the news can start wars.

## **Role C – Newspaper reader**

You think newspapers are very important. Tell the others three reasons why. You need to know what is happening in the world. You think the government should check what journalists write because their information is sometimes wrong. Journalists who write lies should go to jail.

## **Role D – Newspaper owner**

You think newspapers should be able to write anything about anyone. Tell the others three reasons why. Newspapers write stories people want to hear. They must also attack the government if it is doing wrong things. The government should stay away from newspapers.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1304/130402-newspapers.html>

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

daily	news

- 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"><li>• 50</li><li>• 16</li><li>• 1964</li><li>• impossible</li><li>• rules</li><li>• six</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• first</li><li>• strong</li><li>• start</li><li>• compete</li><li>• dream</li><li>• Monday</li></ul>
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# NEWSPAPERS SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1304/130402-newspapers.html>

Write five GOOD questions about newspapers 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.

# NEWSPAPERS 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 'news'?
- c) What do you think about private newspapers selling in Burma?
- d) How important are newspapers to you?
- e) Why do governments want to control newspapers?
- f) Do you believe everything you read in newspapers?
- g) How good are newspapers in your country?
- h) Are newspapers the best place to go for news?
- i) What kind of life does a journalist have?
- j) What would you like to report on if you were a journalist?

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# NEWSPAPERS DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) How important is the free press?
- c) What are your favourite sections of the newspaper?
- d) Should political parties make newspapers?
- e) Which are better, government newspapers or private newspapers?
- f) What news stories are you following at the moment?
- g) Will the Internet kill off newspapers?
- h) Have you ever been in a newspaper?
- i) Do you think celebrity gossip is news?
- j) What questions would you like to ask a newspaper editor?

## **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

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1304/130402-newspapers.html>

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

- |     |              |             |              |               |
|-----|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) buying   | (b) bought  | (c) buy      | (d) buys      |
| 2.  | (a) allowed  | (b) allows  | (c) allowing | (d) allowable |
| 3.  | (a) ready    | (b) readily | (c) already  | (d) readied   |
| 4.  | (a) until    | (b) for     | (c) since    | (d) by        |
| 5.  | (a) wrote    | (b) broke   | (c) made     | (d) damaged   |
| 6.  | (a) by       | (b) of      | (c) from     | (d) for       |
| 7.  | (a) goes     | (b) leaves  | (c) comes    | (d) sends     |
| 8.  | (a) right    | (b) under   | (c) over     | (d) back      |
| 9.  | (a) printing | (b) printed | (c) prints   | (d) printer   |
| 10. | (a) for      | (b) with    | (c) of       | (d) by        |
| 11. | (a) teams    | (b) terms   | (c) times    | (d) tames     |
| 12. | (a) be       | (b) do      | (c) come     | (d) give      |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. Burma's gvmeetornn
2. adllweo the printing of 16 newspapers
3. Burmese Imaiiytr
4. Life was made impossible for iurnosstalj
5. edtortru and imprisoned many reporters
6. international news ancieesg

## Paragraph 2

7. on the first vsyanieanrr
8. the National League for ymDcroeac
9. The irodte of the "Voice Daily" newspaper
10. I can say with absolute nedioecncf
11. in terms of content and auqlyti of news
12. first eoinitd



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1304/130402-newspapers.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) newspaper later this month. The editor of the "Voice Daily" newspaper thinks the private newspapers will be
- ( ) printing daily editions. It is a dream come true." The "Voice Daily" printed its first edition on Monday.
- ( ) press to Burma. Her political party, the National League for Democracy, will start printing its own daily
- ( ) ready for the first day of sale. The Burmese military took control of the press and the news it published in 1964. From then
- ( ) better than the government ones. He said: "I can say with absolute confidence that we can compete with government
- ( ) country. The Associated Press became the first when its six staff opened for business on Saturday.
- ( **1** ) People in Burma could buy a newspaper from a private news company on Monday for the first time
- ( ) in 50 years. Burma's government has allowed the printing of 16 newspapers, although only four were
- ( ) papers in terms of content and quality of news." He added: "I am very excited that we are finally
- ( ) opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi to parliament. She has been a strong supporter of bringing back the free
- ( ) journalists from the free press. The government tortured and imprisoned many reporters who broke
- ( ) until Sunday, the government controlled what news people read. Life was made impossible for
- ( ) the rules. Burma is also allowing international news agencies to work in the
- ( ) The re-introduction of private newspapers comes on the first anniversary of the election of

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1304/130402-newspapers.html>

1. first For 50 time the years in.

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2. news what controlled government The read people.

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3. impossible journalists Life made for was.

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4. the broke who reporters many Imprisoned rules.

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5. six on staff Saturday opened for Its business.

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6. election the of anniversary first the On.

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7. press strong bringing free A of the supporter back.

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8. its newspaper month printing daily this Start own later.

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9. In quality terms of of news content and.

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10. finally Excited printing that daily we editions are.

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1304/130402-newspapers.html>

People in Burma *could / can* buy a newspaper from a private news company on Monday for the first time *on / in* 50 years. Burma's government has allowed the printing *for / of* 16 newspapers, although only four were *ready / already* for the first day *of / for* sale. The Burmese military took control of the press and the news it published in 1964. From then until Sunday, the government controlled what news people *reading / read*. Life was made *impossible / impossibility* for journalists from the free press. The government *tortures / tortured* and imprisoned many reporters who *smashed / broke* the rules. Burma is also allowing international news agencies to work in the country. The Associated Press became the first when its six staff *opened / opening* for business on Saturday.

The re-introduction of private newspapers *goes / comes* on the first anniversary of the election *of / by* opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi to parliament. She has been a *strength / strong* supporter of bringing back the free press to Burma. Her *political / politics* party, the National League for Democracy, will start *printing / printed* its own daily newspaper later *this / last* month. The *editor / edition* of the "Voice Daily" newspaper thinks the private newspapers will be *best / better* than the government ones. He said: "I can say with absolute confidence that we can compete *of / with* government papers in terms of content and quality of news." He added: "I am very excited that we are finally printing daily editions. It is a dream come *true / truly*." The "Voice Daily" printed its first edition on Monday.

**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)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1304/130402-newspapers.html>

P\_\_pl\_ \_n B\_rm\_ c\_\_ld b\_y \_ n\_wsp\_p\_r fr\_m \_  
pr\_v\_t\_n\_ws c\_m\_p\_ny \_n M\_nd\_y f\_r th\_ f\_rst t\_m\_\_n  
50 y\_\_rs. B\_rm\_'s g\_v\_rnm\_nt h\_s \_ll\_w\_d th\_  
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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1304/130402-newspapers.html>

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# 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 newspapers around the world. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. THE PRESS:** Make a poster about the press. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. JOURNALISTS:** Write a magazine article about journalists. Include imaginary interviews with two journalists from your country.

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 newspaper owner. Ask him/her three questions about newspapers. Give him/her three ideas on how to make them better. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. buy        | a. purchase     |
| 2. printing   | b. publishing   |
| 3. military   | c. armed forces |
| 4. imprisoned | d. jailed       |
| 5. allowing   | e. letting      |
| 6. leader     | f. chief        |
| 7. supporter  | g. backer       |
| 8. absolute   | h. total        |
| 9. confidence | i. belief       |
| 10. edition   | j. issue        |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. 50 years ago (in 1964)
2. 4
3. Journalists
4. Those who broke the rules
5. It was the first international news agency to open in Burma
6. Aung San Suu Kyi was elected to parliament
7. Bring it back
8. Later in April
9. Private newspapers could compete with them
10. Monday

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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