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London 'slaves' rescued after 30 years

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THE ARTICLE

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Three women have been rescued from a house in south London after being held in captivity for 30 years. Police raided the home of a 67-year-old man and woman who reportedly held the women against their will for three decades. Police told reporters the captives were kept in "horrific conditions". The rescue took place after one of the women managed to gain access to a telephone and contacted Freedom Charity, which specializes in freeing victims of forced marriages. The police found a 69-year-old Malaysian woman, a 57-year-old Irish woman and a 30-year-old Briton. The British woman is believed to have been born in captivity and have no experience of life outside the house in which she was enslaved.

London police said: "This is the very early stages of a complicated and sensitive investigation. These women are highly traumatised, having been held in servitude for at least 30 years with no real exposure to the outside world." They added that: "Trying to find out exactly what has happened over three decades will understandably take some time." A spokeswoman from Freedom Charity expressed amazement at how the women could have been kept for so long in the middle of London without anyone knowing. She said: "In a very busy capital city, we often don't know our neighbours. We're looking at people who were kept against their will in an ordinary residential street in central London."

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-25046624>
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<http://news.sky.com/story/1171815/women-were-kept-as-slaves-for-over-30-years>

WARM-UPS

1. NEIGHBOURS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about neighbours. 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.

rescued / captivity / three decades / horrific / charity / victims / forced marriages / early stages / complicated / sensitive / traumatised / amazement / capital city

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

3. NEIGHBOURLY: Which of these neighbourly deeds are important? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

Deeds for your neighbour	How important (why)?	How often do you do this?
Say hello		
Invite them for coffee		
Send New Year cards		
Keep a spare house key		
Go shopping for them		
Help with their DIY / garden		

4. CITY LIFE: Students A **strongly** believe city life is harming personal relationships; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. CHARITY: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "charity". 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/1311/131124-london-slaves.html>

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

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. The women were rescued by a special unit from the British Army. | T / F |
| b. The rescue took place after one of the captives telephoned for help. | T / F |
| c. The woman called a charity that frees victims of forced marriages. | T / F |
| d. None of the women who were held captive was British. | T / F |
| e. London police suggested it would not be a difficult case to investigate. | T / F |
| f. The police said it would take time to get to the facts of this case. | T / F |
| g. The charity wasn't surprised this could have happened in London. | T / F |
| h. The charity said it can be difficult to know who your neighbours are. | T / F |

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

- | | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. rescued | a. distressed |
| 2. captivity | b. slavery |
| 3. raided | c. confinement |
| 4. freeing | d. intricate |
| 5. experience | e. saved |
| 6. complicated | f. wishes |
| 7. traumatised | g. contact with |
| 8. servitude | h. stormed |
| 9. will | i. unremarkable |
| 10. normal | j. releasing |

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

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. after being | a. forced marriages |
| 2. gain | b. in captivity |
| 3. freeing victims of | c. what has happened |
| 4. believed to have been born | d. stages |
| 5. the house in which | e. held in captivity |
| 6. the very early | f. to the outside world |
| 7. a complicated and | g. street |
| 8. no real exposure | h. she was enslaved |
| 9. find out exactly | i. sensitive investigation |
| 10. an ordinary residential | j. access to a telephone |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1311/131124-london-slaves.html>

Three women have been (1) _____ from a house in south London after being held in captivity for 30 years. Police (2) _____ the home of a 67-year-old man and woman who (3) _____ held the women against their will for three decades. Police told reporters the captives were kept in "(4) _____ conditions". The rescue took place after one of the women managed to gain (5) _____ to a telephone and contacted Freedom Charity, which specializes in freeing victims of (6) _____ marriages. The police found a 69-year-old Malaysian woman, a 57-year-old Irish woman and a 30-year-old Briton. The British woman is (7) _____ to have been born in captivity and have no experience of life outside the house in which she was (8) _____.

horrific
forced
raided
enslaved
rescued
access
believed
reportedly

London police said: "This is the very early (9) _____ of a complicated and sensitive investigation. These women are (10) _____ traumatised, having been held in servitude for at least 30 years with no real (11) _____ to the outside world." They added that: "Trying to find out exactly what has happened over three decades will understandably take (12) _____ time." A spokeswoman from Freedom Charity expressed (13) _____ at how the women could have been kept for so long in the middle of London without anyone knowing. She said: "In a very (14) _____ capital city, we often don't know our neighbours. We're looking at people who were kept against their (15) _____ in an ordinary (16) _____ street in central London."

exposure
will
amazement
stages
residential
some
highly
busy

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1311/131124-london-slaves.html>

- 1) Three women have been rescued from a house in south London after being held in _____
 - a. captive for 30 years
 - b. captivation for 30 years
 - c. captivity for 30 years
 - d. captives for 30 years
- 2) a 67-year-old man and woman who reportedly held the women _____
 - a. against their will
 - b. against their wills
 - c. against their wills
 - d. against their willing
- 3) Police told reporters the captives were kept in _____
 - a. "horrific condition"
 - b. "horrific conditioned"
 - c. "horrific conditioners"
 - d. "horrific conditions"
- 4) and contacted Freedom Charity, which specializes in freeing victims _____
 - a. of forceful marriages
 - b. of farcical marriages
 - c. of fearsome marriages
 - d. of forced marriages
- 5) no experience of life outside the house in which _____
 - a. she was in slaved
 - b. she was in slavery
 - c. she was enslaved
 - d. she was enslave
- 6) This is the very early stages of a complicated and _____
 - a. sensitively investigation
 - b. sensitise investigation
 - c. sensitivity investigation
 - d. sensitive investigation
- 7) _____ for at least 30 years with no real exposure to the outside world
 - a. held up servitude
 - b. held on servitude
 - c. held in servitude
 - d. held an servitude
- 8) Trying to find out exactly what has happened over three decades _____ some time
 - a. will understandable take
 - b. will understand ably take
 - c. will under stand able take
 - d. will understandably take
- 9) A spokeswoman from Freedom Charity _____
 - a. expressed amazement
 - b. expression amazement
 - c. expresses amazement
 - d. expressive amazement
- 10) in an _____ street in central London
 - a. ordinarily residential
 - b. ordinary residential
 - c. ordinal residential
 - d. ordering residential

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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London police said: "This is the (7) _____ of a complicated and sensitive investigation. These women are (8) _____, having been held in servitude for at least 30 years with no real exposure to the outside world." They added that: "Trying to (9) _____ has happened over three decades will understandably take some time." A spokeswoman from Freedom Charity expressed amazement at how the women could have been (10) _____ in the middle of London without anyone knowing. She said: "In a very busy capital city, we often don't know our neighbours. We're looking at (11) _____ against their will in (12) _____ street in central London."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1311/131124-london-slaves.html>

1. In which part of London were the women held captive?

2. How old are the suspected captors?

3. Who did one of the captive women alert?

4. What are the captives' nationalities?

5. Who is thought to have been born a captive?

6. In what mental state did police describe the women as being?

7. What did the women have no real exposure to for 30 years?

8. What did the police say would take some time to do?

9. Whom did the charity say we often do not know?

10. How did the charity describe the London street?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1311/131124-london-slaves.html>

1. In which part of London were the women held captive?
 - a) North London
 - b) South London
 - c) West London
 - d) East London
2. How old are the suspected captors?
 - a) 65
 - b) 66
 - c) 67
 - d) 68
3. Who did one of the captive women alert?
 - a) a TV show
 - b) a neighbour
 - c) the police
 - d) a charity
4. What are the captives' nationalities?
 - a) all British
 - b) Malaysian, Irish and British
 - c) Dutch, Belgian and Norwegian
 - d) Latvian, Polish and Finnish
5. Who is thought to have been born a captive?
 - a) the 30-year-old Briton
 - b) one of the captors
 - c) a neighbour
 - d) a charity worker
6. In what mental state did police describe the women as being?
 - a) highly traumatised
 - b) stable
 - c) optimistic
 - d) dazed
7. What did the women have no real exposure to for 30 years?
 - a) daylight
 - b) news
 - c) the Internet
 - d) the outside world
8. What did the police say would take some time to do?
 - a) search the house
 - b) find a missing captor
 - c) find out what happened
 - d) interview everyone
9. Whom did the charity say we often do not know?
 - a) ourselves
 - b) those closest to us
 - c) our friends
 - d) our neighbours
10. How did the charity describe the London street?
 - a) suburban
 - b) ordinary
 - c) upmarket
 - d) out-of-the-way

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Saying hello every day

You think saying hello every day is the best act of neighbourliness. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their acts. Also, tell the others which is the least neighbourly of these (and why): inviting neighbours for coffee, helping neighbours with odd jobs or helping neighbours do their shopping.

Role B – Invitations for coffee

You think inviting neighbours for coffee is the best act of neighbourliness. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their acts. Also, tell the others which is the least neighbourly of these (and why): saying hello every day, helping neighbours with odd jobs or helping neighbours do their shopping.

Role C – Helping with DIY / the garden

You think helping neighbours with odd jobs is the best act of neighbourliness. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their acts. Also, tell the others which is the least neighbourly of these (and why): inviting neighbours for coffee, saying hello every day or helping neighbours do their shopping.

Role D – Going shopping for them

You think helping neighbours do their shopping is the best act of neighbourliness. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their acts. Also, tell the others which is the least neighbourly of these (and why): inviting neighbours for coffee, helping neighbours with odd jobs or saying hello every day.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1311/131124-london-slaves.html>

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

rescue	captivity
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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">• raided• will• conditions• access• 57• born	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• early• real• take• long• busy• normal
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SLAVES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Slaves 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.

CAPTIVITY 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 'captivity'?
- c) What do you think about what you read?
- d) Why do people keep others captive?
- e) What punishment should the captors receive?
- f) Many cases like this have come to light over the past few years. Is this the tip of the iceberg?
- g) How can society now help the three women?
- h) What would being held captive for 30 years do to a person?

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CAPTIVITY DISCUSSION

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

- a) What other news have you read or seen on this story?
- b) What things do you think the police will look into?
- c) Do you think the women will ever be able to lead a normal life?
- d) What advice would you give to the women?
- e) What three adjectives would you use to describe the captors?
- f) Could this kind of thing happen in your town?
- g) How well do you know your neighbours?
- h) What questions would you like to ask the police officers?

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. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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London police said: "This is the very (7) _____ stages of a complicated and sensitive investigation. These women are (8) _____ traumatised, having been held in servitude for at least 30 years with no real (9) _____ to the outside world." They added that: "Trying to find out exactly what has happened over three decades will (10) _____ take some time." A spokeswoman from Freedom Charity expressed amazement at how the women could have been kept for so long in the middle of London without anyone (11) _____. She said: "In a very busy capital city, we often don't know our neighbours. We're looking at people who were kept against their will in an ordinary (12) _____ street in central London."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. | (a) capture | (b) captive | (c) captivate | (d) captivity |
| 2. | (a) breached | (b) infiltrated | (c) smuggled | (d) raided |
| 3. | (a) desire | (b) will | (c) wants | (d) determination |
| 4. | (a) give | (b) garner | (c) gain | (d) grant |
| 5. | (a) forced | (b) farcical | (c) fierce | (d) fleeced |
| 6. | (a) enslaved | (b) slaving | (c) slaved | (d) enslavement |
| 7. | (a) young | (b) starting | (c) inaugural | (d) early |
| 8. | (a) highly | (b) height | (c) highs | (d) highest |
| 9. | (a) exposed | (b) exposure | (c) expose | (d) exposition |
| 10. | (a) understood | (b) understand | (c) understandably | (d) understanding |
| 11. | (a) knowledge | (b) knows | (c) knowing | (d) known |
| 12. | (a) residents | (b) residential | (c) residences | (d) residentships |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. being held in ypitacivt
2. reylotredp held the women
3. ofhrrcii conditions
4. specializes in freeing svicmit
5. ocedrf marriages
6. the house in which she was eseldavn

Paragraph 2

7. a complicated and nvesitsej investigation
8. highly saamrduttie
9. having been held in ureedvsit
10. no real upxorse to the outside world
11. expressed amztnmeae
12. an ordinary netlsiiedar street

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () outside world." They added that: "Trying to find out exactly what has happened over three decades will
- (**1**) Three women have been rescued from a house in south London after being held in
- () busy capital city, we often don't know our neighbours. We're looking at people who were
- () kept against their will in an ordinary residential street in central London."
- () captivity for 30 years. Police raided the home of a 67-year-old man and woman who reportedly held the women against
- () understandably take some time." A spokeswoman from Freedom Charity expressed amazement at how the women could have been
- () no experience of life outside the house in which she was enslaved.
- () in freeing victims of forced marriages. The police found a 69-year-old Malaysian woman, a 57-year-old Irish woman and
- () place after one of the women managed to gain access to a telephone and contacted Freedom Charity, which specializes
- () a 30-year-old Briton. The British woman is believed to have been born in captivity and have
- () kept for so long in the middle of London without anyone knowing. She said: "In a very
- () traumatised, having been held in servitude for at least 30 years with no real exposure to the
- () London police said: "This is the very early stages of a complicated and sensitive investigation. These women are highly
- () their will for three decades. Police told reporters the captives were kept in "horrific conditions". The rescue took

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. for women will decades the their three Held against.

2. horrific were conditions kept ". in The " captives

3. women the of One telephone a to access gain to managed.

4. forced of victims freeing in Specializes marriages.

5. in born been have to believed is woman British The captivity.

6. London . " stages early very the is This " said: police

7. been servitude least Having in at years held for 30.

8. to has find happened out exactly Trying what.

9. women could have been kept for so long How the.

10. street In in an central ordinary London residential.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1311/131124-london-slaves.html>

Three women have been *rescuing* / *rescued* from a house in south London after being held in captivity for 30 years. Police *raided* / *breeched* the home of a 67-year-old man and woman who *reported* / *reportedly* held the women against their will for three decades. Police told reporters the captives were kept in "*horrific* / *horrifically* conditions". The rescue took place after one of the women managed to *grant* / *gain* access to a telephone and contacted Freedom Charity, which specializes *in* / *on* freeing victims of *farcical* / *forced* marriages. The police found a 69-year-old Malaysian woman, a 57-year-old Irish woman and a 30-year-old *British* / *Briton*. The British woman is *believed* / *believing* to have been born in captivity and have no experience of life outside the house in which she was *slaving* / *enslaved*.

London police said: "This is the very *earlyish* / *early* stages of a complicated and *sensitive* / *sensitivity* investigation. These women are *heightened* / *highly* traumatised, having been held in *servitude* / *service* for at least 30 years with no real *exposure* / *exposing* to the outside world." They added that: "Trying to find out exactly what has happened *over* / *past* three decades will understandably take some time." A spokeswoman from Freedom Charity *expressed* / *expressive* amazement at how the women could have been kept for so long in the middle of London without anyone *knowing* / *knowledge*. She said: "In a very busy capital city, we often don't know our neighbours. We're *looking* / *looked* at people who were kept against their will in an ordinary *resident* / *residential* street in central London."

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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Thr__ w_m_n h_v_ b__n r_sc__d fr_m _ h__s_ _n
s__th L_nd_n _ft_r b__ng h_ld _n c_pt_v_ty f_r 30
y__rs. P_l_c_ r__d_d th_ h_m_ _f_ 67-y__r-ld m_n
_nd w_m_n wh_ r_p_rt_dly h_ld th_ w_m_n _g__nst
th__r w_ll f_r thr__ d_c_d_s. P_l_c_ t_ld r_p_rt_rs th_
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g__n _cc_ss t_ _ t_l_ph_n_ _nd c_nt_ct_d Fr__d_m
Ch_r_ty, wh_ch sp_c__l_z_s _n fr__ng v_ct_ms _f
f_rc_d m_rr_g_s. Th_ p_l_c_ f__nd _ 69-y__r-ld
M_l_ys__n w_m_n, _ 57-y__r-ld _r_sh w_m_n _nd _
30-y__r-ld Br_t_n. Th_ Br_t_sh w_m_n _s b_l__v_d t_
h_v_ b__n b_rn _n c_pt_v_ty _nd h_v_ n_ xp_r__nc_
_fl_f_ __ts_d_ th_ h__s_ _n wh_ch sh_ w_s _nsl_v_d.

L_nd_n p_l_c_ s__d: "Th_s _s th_ v_ry __rly st_g_s _f
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_m_z_m_nt_t h_w th_ w_m_n c__ld h_v_ b__n k_pt f_r
s__l_ng _n th_ m_ddl_ _f L_nd_n w_th__t _ny_n_
kn_w_ng. Sh_ s__d: "_n _v_ry b_sy c_p_t_l_c_ty, w_
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1311/131124-london-slaves.html>

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london police said "this is the very early stages of a complicated and sensitive investigation these women are highly traumatised having been held in servitude for at least 30 years with no real exposure to the outside world" they added that "trying to find out exactly what has happened over three decades will understandably take some time" a spokeswoman from freedom charity expressed amazement at how the women could have been kept for so long in the middle of london without anyone knowing she said "in a very busy capital city we often don't know our neighbours we're looking at people who were kept against their will in an ordinary residential street in central london"

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 the London slaves. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

4. SLAVES: Write a magazine article about the London slaves. Include imaginary interviews with the police and neighbours.

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 policing expert. Ask him/her three questions about the London slaves. 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)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. rescued | a. saved |
| 2. captivity | b. confinement |
| 3. raided | c. stormed |
| 4. freeing | d. releasing |
| 5. experience | e. contact with |
| 6. complicated | f. intricate |
| 7. traumatised | g. distressed |
| 8. servitude | h. slavery |
| 9. will | i. wishes |
| 10. normal | j. unremarkable |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. South London
2. 67
3. The Freedom Charity
4. Malaysian, Irish and British
5. The British woman
6. (Highly) traumatised
7. The outside world
8. Find out exactly what happened
9. Our neighbours
10. As being ordinary

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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