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China and Taiwan in historic meeting

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THE ARTICLE

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A historic event involving China and Taiwan will take place today, Saturday, November 7th. Chinese president Xi Jinping and Taiwan president Ma Ying-Jeou will meet for discussions in Singapore. It is the first summit at presidential level to take place between China and Taiwan since the end of the Chinese civil war in 1949. Taiwan is just 180 km from China but their relations have remained cautious and, at times, frosty for decades. China considers Taiwan as part of its territory and therefore does not regard it as a separate nation. Only 22 foreign governments recognise Taiwan as an independent country. The status of Taiwan is one of the more difficult problems in international politics to find a solution to.

The meeting between the two leaders is a major stepping stone to repair decades-old divisions. It could pave the way for similar meetings in the future. Special etiquette is already in place for the milestone encounter. The two parties have decided not to use the term "president" to address each other. Instead, they will use the word "mister". Further, the two leaders will not sign any agreements. Neither will they issue any joint statements or hold a joint press conference. A Chinese official said the meeting is to, "exchange views on promoting the peaceful development of [our] relations". A spokesman for Mr Ma said the talks, "aim to solidify relations between the two sides and keep the status quo".

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WARM-UPS

1. CHINA AND TAIWAN: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about China and Taiwan. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

historic / president / discussions / summit / civil war / frosty / territory / status / stepping stone / decades / etiquette / milestone / agreements / press conference

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

3. INTERNATIONAL POLITICS: Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	The problems	The solutions
China/Taiwan		
North/South Korea		
Israel/Palestine		
Syrian Civil War		
Mexican drug war		
Myanmar		

4. CONFLICTS: Students A **strongly** believe all international conflicts will be settled one day; Students B **strongly** believe that's impossible. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. RELATIONS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best things to provide good relations between neighbouring countries at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Sport
- Trade
- Shared language
- Same religion
- Cultural exchanges
- No visa requirements
- Education exchanges
- Homestay programmes

6. MEETING: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "meeting". 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/1511/151107-china-taiwan.html>

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

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. China and Taiwan's leaders met in Hong Kong. | T / F |
| b. It is the first meeting between their presidents since 1949. | T / F |
| c. China and Taiwan are just 180 miles apart. | T / F |
| d. Taiwan is recognized as a nation by only 22 other governments. | T / F |
| e. The article suggested there could be more meetings to come. | T / F |
| f. The two leaders will not call each other "president". | T / F |
| g. The two leaders will hold a joint press conference. | T / F |
| h. A Taiwanese spokesman said he didn't want to keep the status quo. | T / F |

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

- | | |
|---------------|------------------|
| 1. involving | a. disagreements |
| 2. take place | b. answer |
| 3. frosty | c. land |
| 4. territory | d. protocol |
| 5. solution | e. including |
| 6. divisions | f. fix |
| 7. repair | g. put out |
| 8. etiquette | h. happen |
| 9. issue | i. dealings |
| 10. relations | j. unfriendly |

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

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. A historic | a. part of its territory |
| 2. the first summit at | b. conference |
| 3. the end of the Chinese civil | c. solution to |
| 4. China considers Taiwan as | d. stone |
| 5. find a | e. for similar meetings |
| 6. a major stepping | f. event |
| 7. pave the way | g. between the two sides |
| 8. Neither will they issue any joint | h. war |
| 9. hold a joint press | i. statements |
| 10. the talks aim to solidify relations | j. presidential level |

GAP FILL

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A historic event involving China and Taiwan will take (1) _____ today, Saturday, November 7th. Chinese president Xi Jinping and Taiwan president Ma Ying-Jeou will meet for discussions in Singapore. It is the first (2) _____ at presidential level to take place between China and Taiwan since the end of the Chinese (3) _____ war in 1949. Taiwan is just 180 km from China but their relations have remained cautious and, at (4) _____, frosty for decades. China considers Taiwan as part of its (5) _____ and therefore does not (6) _____ it as a separate nation. Only 22 foreign governments recognise Taiwan as an independent country. The (7) _____ of Taiwan is one of the more difficult problems in international politics to find a (8) _____ to.

times
place
regard
civil
status
summit
solution
territory

The meeting between the two leaders is a (9) _____ stepping stone to repair decades-old divisions. It could (10) _____ the way for similar meetings in the future. Special (11) _____ is already in place for the milestone (12) _____. The two parties have decided not to use the term "president" to (13) _____ each other. Instead, they will use the word "mister". Further, the two leaders will not sign any agreements. Neither will they (14) _____ any joint statements or hold a joint press conference. A Chinese official said the meeting is to, "exchange (15) _____ on promoting the peaceful development of [our] relations". A spokesman for Mr Ma said the talks, "aim to (16) _____ relations between the two sides and keep the status quo".

etiquette
issue
encounter
major
solidify
address
pave
views

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) It is the first summit at presidential _____ place
 - a. levels to take
 - b. revel to take
 - c. level to take
 - d. rival to take
- 2) since the end of the Chinese _____ 1949
 - a. civilian war in
 - b. civilised war in
 - c. civil war in
 - d. civility war in
- 3) Taiwan is just 180 km from China but their relations have remained cautious and, _____
 - a. at times, frosted
 - b. at times, frosty
 - c. at times, frost tea
 - d. at times, floss tea
- 4) China considers Taiwan as part of its territory and therefore does not regard it _____ nation
 - a. as a separate
 - b. as a separated
 - c. as a separates
 - d. as a separately
- 5) Taiwan is one of the more difficult problems in international politics to _____
 - a. find a solution to
 - b. find a solution too
 - c. find a solution two
 - d. find a solution through
- 6) The meeting between the two leaders is a major stepping stone to repair _____
 - a. decade-old divisions
 - b. decades-old divisions
 - c. decades-sold divisions
 - d. decade-sold divisions
- 7) It could pave the way for similar meetings _____
 - a. in a future
 - b. on the future
 - c. on a future
 - d. in the future
- 8) The two parties have decided not to use the term "president" to _____
 - a. addresses each other
 - b. addressed each other
 - c. a dress each other
 - d. address each other
- 9) Neither will they issue any joint statements or hold a joint _____
 - a. press conference
 - b. pressed conference
 - c. presses conference
 - d. presser conference
- 10) the talks aim to solidify relations between the two sides and _____
 - a. keep the statues quo
 - b. keep the status quo
 - c. keep the state us quo
 - d. keep the state as quo

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The meeting between the two (7) _____ stepping stone to repair decades-old divisions. It could (8) _____ for similar meetings in the future. Special etiquette is (9) _____ for the milestone encounter. The two parties have decided not to use the term "president" (10) _____ other. Instead, they will use the word "mister". Further, the two leaders will not sign any agreements. Neither will they issue any (11) _____ or hold a joint press conference. A Chinese official said the meeting is to, "exchange views on promoting the peaceful development of [our] relations". A spokesman for Mr Ma said the talks, "aim (12) _____ between the two sides and keep the status quo".

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1511/151107-china-taiwan.html>

1. On what day of the week did the meeting take place?

2. Where did the meeting take place?

3. How far apart are China and Taiwan?

4. How many governments recognise Taiwan as an independent nation?

5. What is one of the more difficult international problems to solve?

6. What kind of stone did the article call the meeting?

7. What could take place in the future?

8. What word will the leaders use to address each other?

9. What kind of conference will they not give together?

10. What did a Taiwan spokesman say the talks would solidify?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1511/151107-china-taiwan.html>

1. On what day of the week did the meeting take place?
 - a) a Tuesday
 - b) a Saturday
 - c) a Sunday
 - d) a Friday
2. Where did the meeting take place?
 - a) Macau
 - b) Vietnam
 - c) Hong Kong
 - d) Singapore
3. How far apart are China and Taiwan?
 - a) 180km
 - b) 190km
 - c) 200km
 - d) 210km
4. How many governments recognise Taiwan as an independent nation?
 - a) 20
 - b) 21
 - c) 22
 - d) 23
5. What is one of the more difficult international problems to solve?
 - a) cybercrime
 - b) the status of Taiwan
 - c) global warming
 - d) human trafficking
6. What kind of stone did the article call the meeting?
 - a) a stepping stone
 - b) a diamond
 - c) a grindstone
 - d) a small stone
7. What could take place in the future?
 - a) a festival
 - b) a banquet
 - c) more meetings
 - d) trade talks
8. What word will the leaders use to address each other?
 - a) mister
 - b) sir
 - c) your excellency
 - d) friend
9. What kind of conference will they not give together?
 - a) a press conference
 - b) one on international relations
 - c) a workshop
 - d) a colloquium
10. What did a Taiwan spokesman say the talks would solidify?
 - a) understanding
 - b) jelly
 - c) cement
 - d) relations

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Sport

You think sport is the best thing for good relations between countries. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): trade, the same religion or no visa requirements.

Role B – Trade

You think trade is the best thing for good relations between countries. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): sport, the same religion or no visa requirements.

Role C – Same religion

You think the same religion is the best thing for good relations between countries. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): trade, sport or no visa requirements.

Role D – No visa requirements

You think no visa requirements is the best thing for good relations between countries. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): trade, the same religion or sport.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1511/151107-china-taiwan.html>

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

historic	meeting
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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">• event• first• 180• frosty• 22• solution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• major• future• term• issue• views• keep
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CHINA AND TAIWAN SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about China and Taiwan 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.

CHINA AND TAIWAN DISCUSSION

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

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'historic'?
- 3) What do you know about Taiwan?
- 4) How historic do you think this meeting is?
- 5) Why do you think the meeting is taking place in Singapore?
- 6) What is your country's relations with its neighbours like?
- 7) Have you ever had frosty relations with someone?
- 8) Why do only 22 governments think Taiwan is a country?
- 9) What will happen between China and Taiwan in the future?
- 10) What is the most difficult international problem to solve?

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CHINA AND TAIWAN DISCUSSION

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

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) What do you know about China-Taiwan relations?
- 13) What divisions does your country have with its neighbours?
- 14) Why will the leaders address each other as 'mister'?
- 15) Why will the two leaders not hold a joint press conference?
- 16) What takes place in the background to set up meetings like this?
- 17) How else could the leaders 'solidify relations'?
- 18) How important is the status quo?
- 19) What advice would you give to the two leaders?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask the two leaders?

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) history | (b) historian | (c) historic | (d) histories |
| 2. | (a) summit | (b) apex | (c) top | (d) peak |
| 3. | (a) civil | (b) civilian | (c) civility | (d) civilise |
| 4. | (a) relations | (b) relationship | (c) relative | (d) relation |
| 5. | (a) rearguard | (b) regard | (c) renegade | (d) re-grade |
| 6. | (a) states | (b) stats | (c) statues | (d) status |
| 7. | (a) hopping | (b) jumping | (c) stepping | (d) running |
| 8. | (a) hear | (b) solution | (c) initial | (d) pave |
| 9. | (a) address | (b) term | (c) form | (d) sign |
| 10. | (a) near | (b) joint | (c) together | (d) both |
| 11. | (a) at | (b) on | (c) to | (d) as |
| 12. | (a) solids | (b) solidly | (c) solidify | (d) solder |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. It is the first umtmis at presidential level
2. relations have remained cuustiao
3. be part of its yrrtroeit
4. regard it as a eaastrpe nation
5. Only 22 georinf governments
6. The stutas of Taiwan

Paragraph 2

7. repair decades-old doiissivn
8. Special iteetuteq is already in place
9. the milestone erucnoetn
10. issue any joint matteetnss
11. hold a joint press foeecnrc
12. aim to yiflisod relations

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

()	official said the meeting is to, "exchange views on promoting the peaceful development of [our] relations". A
()	from China but their relations have remained cautious and, at times, frosty for decades. China considers Taiwan as
()	agreements. Neither will they issue any joint statements or hold a joint press conference. A Chinese
()	part of its territory and therefore does not regard it as a separate nation. Only 22 foreign
()	divisions. It could pave the way for similar meetings in the future. Special etiquette is already in place for the
()	other. Instead, they will use the word "mister". Further, the two leaders will not sign any
()	The meeting between the two leaders is a major stepping stone to repair decades-old
()	governments recognise Taiwan as an independent country. The status of Taiwan is one of the more
()	level to take place between China and Taiwan since the end of the Chinese civil war in 1949. Taiwan is just 180 km
()	milestone encounter. The two parties have decided not to use the term "president" to address each
()	difficult problems in international politics to find a solution to.
(1)	A historic event involving China and Taiwan will take place today, Saturday, November 7th. Chinese president Xi Jinping
()	and Taiwan president Ma Ying-Jeou will meet for discussions in Singapore. It is the first summit at presidential
()	spokesman for Mr Ma said the talks, "aim to solidify relations between the two sides and keep the status quo".

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. place take to level presidential at summit first the is It .

2. war in 1949 Since the end of the Chinese civil .

3. of Taiwan part territory considers its China as .

4. recognise 22 governments Taiwan Only foreign .

5. of difficult international One more in the problems politics .

6. decades - old divisions A major stepping stone to repair .

7. similar for way the pave could It future the in meetings .

8. is place milestone Etiquette in the already for encounter .

9. joint issue will statements any they Neither .

10. the relations The two to talks between solidify aim .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1511/151107-china-taiwan.html>

A *historic / history* event involving China and Taiwan will take *placing / place* today, Saturday, November 7th. Chinese president Xi Jinping and Taiwan president Ma Ying-Jeou will meet *to / for* discussions in Singapore. It is the first summit *at / to* presidential level to take place between China and Taiwan *since / for* the end of the Chinese civil war in 1949. Taiwan is just 180 km from China but their *relation / relations* have remained cautious and, at times, frosty *for / four* decades. China considers Taiwan as part of its territory and therefore does not *regard / regarding* it as a separate nation. Only 22 foreign governments recognise Taiwan as *the / an* independent country. The status of Taiwan is one of the more difficult problems in international politics to find a *soluble / solution* to.

The meeting between the two leaders is a *major / majority* stepping rock / stone to repair decades-old *divisions / multiplies*. It could pave the way for similar meetings in the future. Special etiquette is *readily / already* in place for the milestone *encounter / counter*. The two parties have decided not to use the term "president" to *label / address* each other. Instead, they will use the word "mister". *Further / Addition*, the two leaders will not sign any agreements. Neither will they issue any *joining / joint* statements or hold a joint press conference. A Chinese official said the meeting is to, "exchange views on *promoting / promotion* the peaceful development of [our] relations". A spokesman for Mr Ma said the talks, "aim to *solid / solidify* relations between the two sides and keep the status quo".

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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__ h__ s__ t__ r__ c__ _v__ nt__ _nv__ lv__ ng__ Ch__ n__ _nd__ T__ w__ n__ w__ ll__
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pr__ s__ d__ nt__ X__ J__ np__ ng__ _nd__ T__ w__ n__ pr__ s__ d__ nt__ M__ Y__ ng__
J__ _ _w__ ll__ m__ _t__ f__ r__ d__ sc__ ss__ _ns__ _n__ S__ ng__ p__ r__ . _t__ s__
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th__ m__ r__ d__ ff__ c__ lt__ pr__ bl__ ms__ _n__ nt__ rn__ t__ _n__ l__ p__ l__ t__ cs__
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st__ pp__ ng__ st__ n__ t__ r__ p__ _r__ d__ c__ d__ s__ _ld__ d__ v__ s__ _ns__. _t__
c__ ld__ p__ v__ th__ w__ y__ f__ r__ s__ m__ l__ r__ m__ _t__ ngs__ _n__ th__
f__ t__ r__ . Sp__ c__ _l__ _t__ q__ _tt__ _s__ _lr__ _dy__ _n__ pl__ c__ _f__ r__ th__
m__ l__ st__ n__ _nc__ _nt__ r__. Th__ tw__ p__ rt__ s__ h__ v__ d__ c__ d__ d__
n__ t__ t__ _s__ th__ t__ rm__ "pr__ s__ d__ nt__" t__ _ddr__ ss__ _ch__ th__ r__ .
_nst__ d__, th__ y__ w__ ll__ _s__ th__ w__ rd__ "m__ st__ r__". F__ rth__ r__, th__
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1511/151107-china-taiwan.html>

a historic event involving china and taiwan will take place today saturday november 7th chinese president xi jinping and taiwan president ma ying-jeou will meet for discussions in singapore it is the first summit at presidential level to take place between china and taiwan since the end of the chinese civil war in 1949 taiwan is just 180 km from china but their relations have remained cautious and at times frosty for decades china considers taiwan as part of its territory and therefore does not regard it as a separate nation only 22 foreign governments recognise taiwan as an independent country the status of taiwan is one of the more difficult problems in international politics to find a solution to

the meeting between the two leaders is a major stepping stone to repair decades-old divisions it could pave the way for similar meetings in the future special etiquette is already in place for the milestone encounter the two parties have decided not to use the term "president" to address each other instead they will use the word "mister" further the two leaders will not sign any agreements neither will they issue any joint statements or hold a joint press conference a chinese official said the meeting is to "exchange views on promoting the peaceful development of [our] relations" a spokesman for mr ma said the talks "aim to solidify relations between the two sides and keep the status quo"

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 China and Taiwan. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. CHINA AND TAIWAN: Make a poster about China and Taiwan. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. INDEPENDENCE: Write a magazine article about giving independence to any group of people who wants it. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 an expert on international politics. Ask him/her three questions about a major world problem. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to solve it. 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 F d T e T f T g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. involving | a. including |
| 2. take place | b. happen |
| 3. frosty | c. unfriendly |
| 4. territory | d. land |
| 5. solution | e. answer |
| 6. divisions | f. disagreements |
| 7. repair | g. fix |
| 8. etiquette | h. protocol |
| 9. issue | i. put out |
| 10. relations | j. dealings |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. A Saturday
2. Singapore
3. 180km
4. 22
5. The status of Taiwan
6. A stepping stone
7. Similar meetings
8. Mister
9. A press conference
10. Relations between the two sides

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 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 ;-)