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China outlines Silk Road plan for global trade

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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170516-silk-road.html>

China's President Xi Jinping has outlined an ambitious project to regenerate global growth. His government has pledged a massive \$124 billion to bolster global trade along the old Silk Road route. President Xi spoke about the initiative on Sunday at a summit attended by leaders from 29 countries, as well as the heads of the United Nations, International Monetary Fund and World Bank. The President stated that the new initiative aimed to expand trading links between Asia, Africa, Europe and beyond. He said the project would invest billions of dollars in infrastructure to help facilitate the free flow of goods. He told attendees at the summit that: "Trade is the important engine of economic development."

President Xi said increased global trade would make the world more peaceful. He said: "We should build an open platform of cooperation, and uphold and grow an open world economy....We will not re-tread the old path of games between foes. Instead we will create a new model of cooperation and mutual benefit." Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif was impressed with President Xi's "vision and ingenuity". He said: "Such a broad sweep and scale of interlocking economic partnerships and investments is unprecedented in history. We stand at the cusp of a geo-economic revolution." Britain's finance minister told the summit his country was a "natural partner" of the project.

Sources: <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-china-silkroad-africa-idUSKBN18A02I>
<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-39912671>
http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-05/14/c_136282137.htm

WARM-UPS

1. GLOBAL TRADE: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about global trade. 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?

ambitious / project / global growth / summit / leaders / initiative / infrastructure / global trade / peaceful / platform / world economy / cooperation / mutual benefit

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

3. CHINA: Students A **strongly** believe China is the best country to create a more peaceful world; Students B **strongly** believe another country is best. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. A MORE PEACEFUL WORLD: What can these countries do to ensure a more peaceful world? Would they do it? Why (not)? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What could they do?	Would they do it?	Why (not)?
China			
USA			
North Korea			
Afghanistan			
Saudi Arabia			
India			

5. GLOBAL: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "global". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. GROWTH: Rank these with your partner. Put the best things to increase growth at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- investment
- jobs
- low oil prices
- free trade
- low business taxes
- good infrastructure
- well-educated workers
- low interest rates

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170516-silk-road.html>

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

- a. China has pledged \$124 million to bolster global growth. **T / F**
- b. China's president spoke to the leaders of 29 countries. **T / F**
- c. Europe will not be included in the Silk Road plan. **T / F**
- d. China's president said China would develop new engines. **T / F**
- e. President Xi said increased global trade would help bring peace. **T / F**
- f. Pakistan's president didn't have good things to say about the plan. **T / F**
- g. Pakistan's president said there could be a geo-economic revolution. **T / F**
- h. Britain said it was a natural partner of the Silk Road plan. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. outlined | a. enable |
| 2. pledged | b. common |
| 3. initiative | c. develop |
| 4. expand | d. out of the ordinary |
| 5. facilitate | e. sketched out |
| 6. cooperation | f. enemies |
| 7. foes | g. plan |
| 8. mutual | h. radical change |
| 9. unprecedented | i. promised |
| 10. revolution | j. joint action |

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

- | | |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. President Xi Jinping has outlined an | a. peaceful |
| 2. His government has pledged a massive | b. economic development |
| 3. at a summit | c. attended by leaders |
| 4. facilitate the free flow | d. history |
| 5. Trade is the important engine of | e. \$124 billion |
| 6. make the world more | f. of a geo-economic revolution |
| 7. mutual | g. ambitious project |
| 8. vision and | h. benefit |
| 9. unprecedented in | i. of goods |
| 10. We stand at the cusp | j. ingenuity |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170516-silk-road.html>

China's President Xi Jinping has outlined an (1) _____ project to regenerate global growth. His government has pledged a massive \$124 billion to (2) _____ global trade along the old Silk Road route. President Xi spoke about the (3) _____ on Sunday at a summit attended by leaders from 29 countries, as well as the (4) _____ of the United Nations, International Monetary Fund and World Bank. The President stated that the new initiative aimed to expand trading (5) _____ between Asia, Africa, Europe and beyond. He said the project would (6) _____ billions of dollars in infrastructure to help facilitate the (7) _____ flow of goods. He told attendees at the summit that: "Trade is the important (8) _____ of economic development."

invest
bolster
ambitious
engine
heads
free
initiative
links

President Xi said increased global trade would make the world more (9) _____. He said: "We should build an open (10) _____ of cooperation, and uphold and grow an open world economy....We will not re-tread the old (11) _____ of games between foes. Instead we will create a new model of cooperation and (12) _____ benefit." Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif was impressed with President Xi's "vision and ingenuity". He said: "Such a (13) _____ sweep and (14) _____ of interlocking economic partnerships and investments is unprecedented in history. We stand at the cusp of a geo-economic (15) _____." Britain's finance minister told the summit his country was a "(16) _____ partner" of the project.

mutual
platform
revolution
peaceful
broad
natural
path
scale

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170516-silk-road.html>

- 1) Xi Jinping has outlined an ambitious project to _____ growth
 - a. degenerate global
 - b. renegade global
 - c. regent aid global
 - d. regenerate global
- 2) His government has pledged a massive \$124 billion to _____ trade
 - a. holster global
 - b. bolster global
 - c. gold star global
 - d. all star global
- 3) President Xi spoke about the initiative on Sunday _____
 - a. at the summit
 - b. at a summit
 - c. alt a summit
 - d. attack a summit
- 4) aimed to expand trading links between Asia, Africa, Europe _____
 - a. and behind
 - b. and beyond
 - c. and yonder
 - d. and Beyonce
- 5) invest billions of dollars in infrastructure to help facilitate the free _____
 - a. flow off goods
 - b. flow of good
 - c. flow off good
 - d. flow of goods
- 6) President Xi said increased global trade would make the world _____
 - a. more peacefully
 - b. more peas fully
 - c. more peace full
 - d. more peaceful
- 7) build an open platform of cooperation, and uphold and grow an _____
 - a. open worldly economy
 - b. one world economy
 - c. open world economy
 - d. open world economize
- 8) We will not re-tread the old path of games _____
 - a. between hoes
 - b. between toes
 - c. between does
 - d. between foes
- 9) scale of interlocking economic partnerships and investments is _____ history
 - a. in press it dented in
 - b. umpire scented in
 - c. unprecedented in
 - d. sun-press indented in
- 10) Britain's finance minister told the summit his country was _____
 - a. a "neutral partner"
 - b. a "natural partner"
 - c. a "nocturnal partner"
 - d. a "nationally partner"

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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China's President Xi Jinping (1) _____ ambitious project to regenerate global growth. His government has pledged a massive \$124 (2) _____ global trade along the old Silk Road route. President Xi spoke about the initiative on Sunday (3) _____ by leaders from 29 countries, (4) _____ heads of the United Nations, International Monetary Fund and World Bank. The President stated that the new initiative (5) _____ trading links between Asia, Africa, Europe and beyond. He said the project would invest billions of dollars in infrastructure to help facilitate the (6) _____. He told attendees at the summit that: "Trade is the important engine of economic development."

President Xi (7) _____ trade would make the world more peaceful. He said: "We should (8) _____ platform of cooperation, and uphold and grow an open world economy...We will not re-tread the old (9) _____ between foes. Instead we will create a new model of cooperation and mutual benefit." Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif (10) _____ President Xi's "vision and ingenuity". He said: "Such (11) _____ and scale of interlocking economic partnerships and investments is unprecedented in history. We stand at the cusp of a geo-economic revolution." Britain's (12) _____ told the summit his country was a "natural partner" of the project.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170516-silk-road.html>

1. What does China's President Xi Jinping want to regenerate?
2. How much money has China promised in its initiative?
3. How many world leaders attended a summit?
4. What did President Xi say infrastructure would help the free flow of?
5. What did President Xi say was an engine of economic development?
6. What did President Xi say increased global trade would result in?
7. What kind of world economy did President Xi talk about?
8. Who was impressed with President Xi's "vision and ingenuity"?
9. What did Pakistan's prime minister say the world was on the cusp of?
10. Which country said it was a "natural partner" of the project?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170516-silk-road.html>

- 1) What does China's President Xi Jinping want to regenerate?
 - a) power plants
 - b) talks
 - c) global growth
 - d) population
- 2) How much money has China promised in its initiative?
 - a) \$124 billion
 - b) \$125 billion
 - c) \$126 billion
 - d) \$127 billion
- 3) How many world leaders attended a summit?
 - a) 28
 - b) 29
 - c) 30
 - d) 31
- 4) What did President Xi say infrastructure would help the free flow of?
 - a) skills
 - b) oil
 - c) water
 - d) goods
- 5) What did President Xi say was an engine of economic development?
 - a) trains
 - b) Toyota
 - c) trade
 - d) a turbo
- 6) What did President Xi say increased trade would result in?
 - a) chaos
 - b) a more peaceful world
 - c) overpopulation
 - d) inflation
- 7) What kind of world economy did President Xi talk about?
 - a) an agricultural economy
 - b) a richer economy
 - c) a planned economy
 - d) an open economy
- 8) Who was impressed with President Xi's "vision and ingenuity"?
 - a) the UN Secretary-General
 - b) Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif
 - c) the IMF
 - d) the USA
- 9) What did Pakistan's prime minister say the world was on the cusp of?
 - a) a geographical collapse
 - b) a geo-economic revolution
 - c) a geological fault
 - d) a geo-thermal meltdown
- 10) Which country said it was a "natural partner" of the project?
 - a) Britain
 - b) India
 - c) Pakistan
 - d) the USA

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Investment

You think investment is the best way to promote global growth. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): free trade, good infrastructure or low interest rates.

Role B – Free Trade

You think free trade is the best way to promote global growth. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): investment, good infrastructure or low interest rates.

Role C – Good Infrastructure

You think good infrastructure is the best way to promote global growth. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): free trade, investment or low interest rates.

Role D – Low Interest Rates

You think low interest rates is the best way to promote global growth. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): free trade, good infrastructure or investment.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170516-silk-road.html>

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

silk	road
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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">• ambitious• bolster• leaders• expand• beyond• engine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• build• grow• games• mutual• sweep• natural
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GLOBAL TRADE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about global trade 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.

GLOBAL TRADE 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 'silk'?
3. What do you know about China's President Xi Jinping?
4. What do you think of this project?
5. What can countries do to increase global growth?
6. What do you know about the Silk Road?
7. How is economic growth in your country?
8. Who are your country's most important trading partners?
9. What infrastructure does your country need?
10. What do you think of free trade?

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GLOBAL TRADE 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 think of when you hear the word 'road'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Why would increased global trade make the world more peaceful?
15. What difficulties are there when countries try to cooperate with trade?
16. What are your countries traditional foes?
17. What is a geo-economic revolution?
18. What could go wrong with this project?
19. How successful do you think this project will be?
20. What questions would you like to ask China's President Xi Jinping?

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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President Xi said increased global trade would make the world (7) _____ peaceful. He said: "We should build an open platform of cooperation, and (8) _____ and grow an open world economy....We will not re-tread the old path of games between (9) _____. Instead we will create a new model of cooperation and mutual benefit." Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif was impressed (10) _____ President Xi's "vision and ingenuity". He said: "Such a broad sweep and scale of interlocking economic partnerships and investments is unprecedented (11) _____ history. We stand at the cusp of a geo-economic revolution." Britain's finance minister told the summit his country was a "(12) _____ partner" of the project.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) aligned | (b) lined | (c) outlined | (d) underlined |
| 2. | (a) massive | (b) massed | (c) mass | (d) massacre |
| 3. | (a) initiative | (b) invitation | (c) instigate | (d) initials |
| 4. | (a) to | (b) for | (c) at | (d) by |
| 5. | (a) to | (b) of | (c) at | (d) in |
| 6. | (a) imported | (b) importantly | (c) importance | (d) important |
| 7. | (a) more | (b) many | (c) much | (d) amore |
| 8. | (a) holder | (b) holding | (c) held | (d) uphold |
| 9. | (a) foes | (b) does | (c) hoes | (d) roes |
| 10. | (a) of | (b) with | (c) at | (d) on |
| 11. | (a) by | (b) in | (c) as | (d) of |
| 12. | (a) natural | (b) naturally | (c) nature | (d) nurture |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. His government has pledged a sasievm \$124 billion
2. bserolt global trade
3. a timums attended by leaders
4. the new vietnatiii aimed to expand trading
5. help etiaafciti the free flow of goods
6. engine of economic novempedlte

Paragraph 2

7. an open platform of oaoopnitcer
8. lutmua benefit
9. Nawaz Sharif was esdsrmeip
10. vision and giunenty
11. ednuedecpetrn in history
12. at the cusp of a geo-economic oovltirnue

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170516-silk-road.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () of the United Nations, International Monetary Fund and World Bank. The President stated that the new initiative aimed
- () pledged a massive \$124 billion to bolster global trade along the old Silk Road route. President Xi spoke about the
- () benefit." Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif was impressed with President Xi's "vision and
- () open platform of cooperation, and uphold and grow an open world economy....We will not re-tread the old
- () initiative on Sunday at a summit attended by leaders from 29 countries, as well as the heads
- () path of games between foes. Instead we will create a new model of cooperation and mutual
- () President Xi said increased global trade would make the world more peaceful. He said: "We should build an
- () billions of dollars in infrastructure to help facilitate the free flow of goods. He told attendees at the
- () summit that: "Trade is the important engine of economic development."
- () minister told the summit his country was a "natural partner" of the project.
- () to expand trading links between Asia, Africa, Europe and beyond. He said the project would invest
- () ingenuity". He said: "Such a broad sweep and scale of interlocking economic partnerships and investments
- () is unprecedented in history. We stand at the cusp of a geo-economic revolution." Britain's finance
- (**1**) China's President Xi Jinping has outlined an ambitious project to regenerate global growth. His government has

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170516-silk-road.html>

1. to project ambitious an Outlined growth global regenerate .
2. by At leaders a from summit 29 attended countries .
3. initiative new The links trading expand to aimed .
4. of project dollars would in invest infrastructure billions The .
5. engine important the is Trade development economic of .
6. world trade more would peaceful make Increased the global .
7. open an build should We cooperation of platform .
8. will between path re-tread not foes of the We games old .
9. create cooperation a Instead new we model will of .
10. economic revolution We stand at the cusp of a geo - .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170516-silk-road.html>

China's President Xi Jinping has outlined *the / an* ambitious project to regenerate *global / globally* growth. His government has pledged a *massed / massive* \$124 billion to *bolster / blister* global trade along the old Silk Road route. President Xi spoke about the initiative on Sunday at a *remit / summit* attended by leaders from 29 countries, as well as the *heads / faces* of the United Nations, International Monetary Fund and World Bank. The President stated that the *new / newly* initiative aimed to expand trading links between Asia, Africa, Europe and *beyond / behind*. He said the project would invest billions of dollars in infrastructure to help facilitate the free *flowed / flow* of goods. He told attendees at the summit that: "Trade is the important *engineer / engine* of economic development."

President Xi said increased global trade would make the world more *peaceful / peace*. He said: "We should build an *openly / open* platform of cooperation, and uphold and *growth / grow* an open world economy....We will not re-tread the old path of games between *foes / does*. Instead we will create a new model of cooperation and mutual *beneficial / benefit*." Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif was impressed with President Xi's "vision and *ingenuity / ingenious*". He said: "Such a broad *swept / sweep* and scale of interlocking economic partnerships and investments is unprecedented in history. We stand at the *crisp / cusp* of a geo-economic revolution." Britain's finance minister told the summit *his / this* country was a "*natural / neutral* partner" of the project.

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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Ch_n_'s Pr_s_d_nt X_ J_np_ng h_s __tl_n_d _n
_mb_t__s pr_j_ct t_r_g_n_r_t gl_b_l gr_wth. H_s
g_v_rnm_nt h_s pl_dg_d _m_ss_v_ \$124 b_ll_n t_
b_lst_r gl_b_l tr_d_ _l_ng th_ _ld S_lk R__d r__t_.
Pr_s_d_nt X_ sp_k_ _b__t th_ _n_t__t_v_ _n S_nd_y
t s_mm_t__tt_nd_d by l__d_rs fr_m 29 c__ntr__s, _s
w_ll _s th_ h__ds _f th_ _n_t_d N_t__ns,
_nt_rn_t__n_l M_n_t_ry F_nd _nd W_rld B_nk. Th_
Pr_s_d_nt st_t_d th_t th_ n_w _n_t__t_v_ __m_d t_
_xp_nd tr_d_ng l_nks b_tw__n _s__, _fr_c_, __r_p_
_nd b_y_nd. H_s__d th_ pr_j_ct w__ld _nv_st b_ll__ns
_f d_ll_rs _n _nfr_str_ct_r_t h_lp f_c_l_t_t th_ fr__
fl_w _f g__ds. H_t_ld __tt_nd__s_t th_ s_mm_t th_t:
"Tr_d__s th_ __mp_rtn_t __ng_n__ _f __c_n_m_c
d_v_l_pm_nt."

Pr_s_d_nt X_ s__d _ncr__s_d gl_b_l tr_d_ w__ld m_k_
th_ w_rld m_r_p__c_f_l. H_s__d: "W_sh__ld b__ld _n
_p_n pl_tf_rm _f c__p_r_t__n, _nd _ph_ld _nd gr_w _n
_p_n w_rld _c_n_my....W_ w_ll n_t r_-tr__d th_ _ld
p_th _f g_m_s b_tw__n f__s. _nst__d w_ w_ll cr__t__
n_w m_d_l _f c__p_r_t__n _nd m_t__l b_n_f_t."
P_k_st_n's Pr_m_ M_n_st_r N_w_z Sh_r_f w_s
_mpr_ss_d w_th Pr_s_d_nt X_'s "v_s__n _nd
_ng_n__ty". H_s__d: "S_ch _br__d sw__p _nd sc_l_
_f __nt_rl_ck_ng __c_n_m_c p_rtn_rsh_ps _nd
_nv_stm_nts _s _npr_c_d_nt_d _n h_st_ry. W__st_nd__t
th_ c_sp _f _g__-c_n_m_c r_v_l_t__n." Br_t__n's
f_n_nc_m_n_st_r t_ld th_ s_mm_t h_s c__ntry w_s _
"n_t_r_l_p_rtn_r" _f th_ pr_j_ct.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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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 this news. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. GLOBAL TRADE: Make a poster about global trade. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. SILK ROAD: Write a magazine article about the Silk Road project helping to bring about world peace. Include imaginary interviews with people who believe this and with people who do not believe it.

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 global trade. Ask him/her three questions about global trade. Give him/her three of your ideas. 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 F e T f F g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. outlined | a. sketched out |
| 2. pledged | b. promised |
| 3. initiative | c. plan |
| 4. expand | d. develop |
| 5. facilitate | e. enable |
| 6. cooperation | f. joint action |
| 7. foes | g. enemies |
| 8. mutual | h. common |
| 9. unprecedented | i. out of the ordinary |
| 10. revolution | j. radical change |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Global growth
2. \$124 billion
3. 29
4. Goods
5. Trade
6. A more peaceful world
7. An open economy
8. Pakistan President Nawaz Sharif
9. A geo-economic revolution
10. Britain

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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