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Level 6

Indonesia attempts to count all its islands

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THE ARTICLE

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Indonesia has embarked on the task of counting its islands in order to better protect its territory and marine resources. It hopes to locate and name an additional 1,700 islands in time for the UN Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names in August. Indonesia wants to claim sovereignty and fishing rights in the waters surrounding the islands, many of which its neighbors also claim. The Indonesian government says illegal fishing in its waters is costing billions of dollars in lost revenue each year. A fisheries spokeswoman told the BBC: "Sixty per cent of islands in Indonesia don't have a name or officially have legal status, so they can easily be taken or claimed by another country."

Indonesia is the world's largest archipelago. At the last UN conference on geographical names in 2012, Indonesia registered 13,466 islands. A law in 1996 estimated that the number of islands was 17,508. The UN Convention on the Law of the Sea defines an island as, "a naturally formed area of land, surrounded by water, which is still exposed at high tide". A spokesman from Indonesia's Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries explained the scale of the task the counting team had. He said: "We have to visit every one of these islands, and then we note the coordinates, the name, the meaning of the name, the history of the land and describe the landscape and its geographical history...all that in great detail."

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WARM-UPS

1. INDONESIA: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Indonesia. 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?

task / islands / marine / resources / sovereignty / fishing / billions / legal status / archipelago / conference / geographical / surrounded / high tide / counting / detail

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

3. NEAREST: Students A **strongly** believe all islands should belong to the country nearest to them; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. MARINE RESOURCES: How can we look after these marine resources better? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What	How can we look after them?
Fish		
Shellfish		
Reefs		
Oil		
Minerals		
Sand		

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

6. ISLANDS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best things about islands at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- the sea
- sunsets
- fish
- beaches
- views
- peace and quiet
- romance
- safety

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1706/170609-indonesia.html>

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

- a. Indonesia wants to name 1,700 extra islands as their own. **T / F**
- b. Many of Indonesia's neighbors also claim islands Indonesia wants. **T / F**
- c. Indonesia says illegal fishing costs the country billions of dollars. **T / F**
- d. Sixty per cent of islands in Indonesia have an official name. **T / F**
- e. Indonesia registered over 13,000 islands at a 2012 conference. **T / F**
- f. A UN law says land must only be exposed at low tide to be an island. **T / F**
- g. A spokesman suggested the counting team had a fairly easy task. **T / F**
- h. The counting team has to give very rough details to the UN. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1. embarked | a. standing |
| 2. protect | b. encircling |
| 3. sovereignty | c. precision |
| 4. surrounding | d. control |
| 5. status | e. explains |
| 6. registered | f. started |
| 7. defines | g. write down |
| 8. scale | h. recorded |
| 9. note | i. safeguard |
| 10. detail | j. size |

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

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 1. counting its islands in order to better | a. of land |
| 2. marine | b. fishing |
| 3. locate and name an | c. status |
| 4. illegal | d. of the name |
| 5. legal | e. resources |
| 6. Indonesia is the world's largest | f. by water |
| 7. a naturally formed area | g. protect its territory |
| 8. surrounded | h. detail |
| 9. the meaning | i. archipelago |
| 10. in great | j. additional 1,700 islands |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1706/170609-indonesia.html>

Indonesia has embarked on the (1) _____ of counting its islands in order to better protect its (2) _____ and marine resources. It hopes to (3) _____ and name an additional 1,700 islands in time for the UN Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names in August. Indonesia wants to (4) _____ sovereignty and fishing rights in the waters (5) _____ the islands, many of which its neighbors also claim. The Indonesian government says illegal fishing in its waters is costing billions of dollars in lost (6) _____ each year. A fisheries spokeswoman told the BBC: "Sixty per cent of islands in Indonesia don't have a name or (7) _____ have legal (8) _____, so they can easily be taken or claimed by another country."

surrounding
locate
status
claim
task
revenue
territory
officially

Indonesia is the world's largest (9) _____. At the last UN conference on geographical names in 2012, Indonesia registered 13,466 islands. A law in 1996 (10) _____ that the number of islands was 17,508. The UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (11) _____ an island as, "a naturally formed area of land, surrounded by water, which is still exposed at high (12) _____". A spokesman from Indonesia's Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries explained the (13) _____ of the task the counting team had. He said: "We have to visit every one of these islands, and then we note the (14) _____, the name, the meaning of the name, the history of the land and describe the (15) _____ and its geographical history...all that in great (16) _____."

coordinates
tide
estimated
detail
archipelago
landscape
defines
scale

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Indonesia has embarked on the task of counting its islands in order to better _____
 - a. protects its territory
 - b. protect it's territory
 - c. protect its territory
 - d. protect its territories
- 2) It hopes to locate and name an additional 1,700 islands _____ UN Conference
 - a. on time for the
 - b. in time for the
 - c. in times for the
 - d. in timely for the
- 3) Indonesia wants to claim sovereignty and fishing rights in the waters _____
 - a. surround in the islands
 - b. surrounds in the islands
 - c. surrounding in the islands
 - d. surrounding the islands
- 4) illegal fishing in its waters is costing billions of dollars _____
 - a. in lost revenue
 - b. in last revenue
 - c. in loss revenue
 - d. in least revenue
- 5) Sixty per cent of islands in Indonesia don't have a name or officially _____
 - a. have legally status
 - b. have legal status
 - c. had legal status
 - d. have legal state us
- 6) A law in 1996 estimated that the number _____ 17,508
 - a. off islands was
 - b. of islands was
 - c. of island was
 - d. off island was
- 7) a naturally formed area of land, surrounded by water, which is still exposed _____
 - a. at height tide
 - b. at hi tied
 - c. at high tide
 - d. at high tied
- 8) Indonesia's Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries explained the _____
 - a. scales of the task
 - b. scaled of the task
 - c. scale of the task
 - d. shale of the task
- 9) We have to visit every one of these islands, and then _____ coordinates
 - a. we not the
 - b. we note the
 - c. we nod the
 - d. we node the
- 10) describe the landscape and its geographical history...all that _____
 - a. on grate detail
 - b. in great details
 - c. on great detail
 - d. in great detail

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Indonesia has embarked (1) _____ counting its islands in order to better protect its territory and (2) _____. It hopes to locate and (3) _____ 1,700 islands in time for the UN Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names in August. Indonesia wants to claim sovereignty (4) _____ in the waters surrounding the islands, many of which its neighbors also claim. The Indonesian government says illegal fishing in its waters is costing billions of dollars (5) _____ each year. A fisheries spokeswoman told the BBC: "Sixty per cent of islands in Indonesia don't have a name or officially (6) _____, so they can easily be taken or claimed by another country."

Indonesia is the world's (7) _____. At the last UN conference on geographical names in 2012, Indonesia registered 13,466 islands. A law in 1996 estimated that (8) _____ islands was 17,508. The UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (9) _____, "a naturally formed area of land, surrounded by water, which is (10) _____ high tide". A spokesman from Indonesia's Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries explained the scale of the task the counting team had. He said: "We have to visit every one of these islands, and (11) _____ coordinates, the name, the meaning of the name, the history of the land and describe the landscape and its geographical history...(12) _____ detail."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1706/170609-indonesia.html>

1. What resources does Indonesia want to protect?
2. How many extra islands does Indonesia want to locate and name?
3. What kind of rights does Indonesia want to claim?
4. What is costing Indonesia billions of dollars in lost revenue?
5. What percentage of islands in Indonesia does not have legal status?
6. When did Indonesia register 13,466 islands?
7. How many islands did a 1996 law say Indonesia had?
8. When must an island be exposed for it to officially be an island?
9. How many of the islands does the counting team have to visit?
10. In what kind of detail does the counting team have to report?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1706/170609-indonesia.html>

- 1) What resources does Indonesia want to protect?
 - a) island resources
 - b) marine resources
 - c) time resources
 - d) oil resources
- 2) How many extra islands does Indonesia want to locate and name?
 - a) 11,000
 - b) 17,000
 - c) 7,100
 - d) 1,700
- 3) What kind of rights does Indonesia want to claim?
 - a) fishing rights
 - b) legal rights
 - c) water rights
 - d) lost rights
- 4) What is costing Indonesia billions of dollars in lost revenue?
 - a) claims
 - b) oil prices
 - c) illegal fishing
 - d) inflation
- 5) What percentage of islands in Indonesia does not have legal status?
 - a) 6%
 - b) 60%
 - c) 66%
 - d) 16%
- 6) When did Indonesia register 13,466 islands?
 - a) 2012
 - b) 1996
 - c) 1912
 - d) 2006
- 7) How many islands did a 1996 law say Indonesia had?
 - a) 18,508
 - b) 17,805
 - c) 17,508
 - d) 18, 805
- 8) When must an island be exposed for it to officially be an island?
 - a) at high tide
 - b) at low tide
 - c) at noon
 - d) at midnight
- 9) How many of the islands does the counting team have to visit?
 - a) all of them
 - b) three-quarters of them
 - c) at least half of them
 - d) a third of them or more
- 10) In what kind of detail does the counting team have to report?
 - a) intimate detail
 - b) brief detail
 - c) rough detail
 - d) great detail

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – The Sea

You think the sea is the best thing about islands. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least alluring of these (and why): fish, beaches or peace and quiet.

Role B – Fish

You think fish is the best thing about islands. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least alluring of these (and why): the sea, beaches or peace and quiet.

Role C – Beaches

You think beaches is the best thing about islands. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least alluring of these (and why): fish, the sea or peace and quiet.

Role D – Peace and Quiet

You think peace and quiet is the best thing about islands. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least alluring of these (and why): fish, beaches or the sea.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1706/170609-indonesia.html>

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

island	marine
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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">• task• 1,700• rights• illegal• 60• easily	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• largest• 13,466• naturally• high• note• great
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INDONESIA SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Indonesia 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.

INDONESIA 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 'island'?
3. Why doesn't Indonesia know how many islands it has?
4. How will registering islands help Indonesia protect its territory?
5. How can countries resolve territorial disputes?
6. Should islands belong to the country they are nearest to?
7. Should Indonesia get back the billions of dollars in lost fishing revenue?
8. How will Indonesia name the islands it claims?
9. What do you know about Indonesia?
10. What are the benefits of a country having many islands?

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INDONESIA 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 'marine'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What other archipelagos do you know of?
15. What is your favourite island?
16. What are the disadvantages for a country of having many islands?
17. What do people like islands so much?
18. What would it be like to work on the counting team?
19. What would it be like to live on a small island?
20. What questions would you like to ask the head of the counting team?

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) embarked | (b) earmarked | (c) embraced | (d) embankment |
| 2. | (a) marinated | (b) margin | (c) marine | (d) margarine |
| 3. | (a) clam | (b) clamber | (c) claim | (d) calm |
| 4. | (a) surrounded | (b) surround | (c) surrounds | (d) surrounding |
| 5. | (a) loss | (b) losses | (c) lost | (d) losing |
| 6. | (a) statues | (b) status | (c) astute | (d) assets |
| 7. | (a) archive | (b) archipelago | (c) architrave | (d) acappella |
| 8. | (a) register | (b) registered | (c) registration | (d) registering |
| 9. | (a) definitions | (b) definite | (c) defines | (d) deafens |
| 10. | (a) heighten | (b) height | (c) heightening | (d) high |
| 11. | (a) stave | (b) score | (c) memo | (d) note |
| 12. | (a) every | (b) entire | (c) whole | (d) all |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. amdkebre on the task of counting its islands
2. protect its rtoyritre
3. marine csurosree
4. claim vsngoeierty and fishing rights
5. in the waters ngorsurniud the islands
6. alicffiyol have legal status

Paragraph 2

7. the world's largest gcapearoihl
8. Indonesia eirtsgedre 13,466 islands
9. iatmedets that the number of islands...
10. which is still oepxsde at high tide
11. then we note the iedcornsato
12. iedsercb the landscape

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () registered 13,466 islands. A law in 1996 estimated that the number of islands
- () spokeswoman told the BBC: "Sixty per cent of islands in Indonesia don't have a name or officially have legal
- () illegal fishing in its waters is costing billions of dollars in lost revenue each year. A fisheries
- () status, so they can easily be taken or claimed by another country."
- () of land, surrounded by water, which is still exposed at high tide". A spokesman from Indonesia's Ministry
- () was 17,508. The UN Convention on the Law of the Sea defines an island as, "a naturally formed area
- (**1**) Indonesia has embarked on the task of counting its islands in order to better protect its territory and marine
- () Indonesia is the world's largest archipelago. At the last UN conference on geographical names in 2012, Indonesia
- () on the Standardization of Geographical Names in August. Indonesia wants to claim sovereignty and fishing
- () resources. It hopes to locate and name an additional 1,700 islands in time for the UN Conference
- () of the land and describe the landscape and its geographical history...all that in great detail."
- () every one of these islands, and then we note the coordinates, the name, the meaning of the name, the history
- () rights in the waters surrounding the islands, many of which its neighbors also claim. The Indonesian government says
- () of Marine Affairs and Fisheries explained the scale of the task the counting team had. He said: "We have to visit

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. of task the on embarked has Indonesia islands its counting .
2. additional an name and locate to hopes It islands 1,700 .
3. the and in surrounding Sovereignty rights waters islands fishing the .
4. is of fishing waters billions Illegal its costing dollars in .
5. They be claimed country easily or another can taken by .
6. conference names At UN geographical 2012 last on in the .
7. , water formed land by naturally of surrounded A area .
8. task team the the counting Explained of the had scale .
9. islands" visit these to said: of have He one "We . every
10. the and geographical Describe landscape its history .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Indonesia has *embarked* / *earmarked* on the task of counting its islands *in* / *on* order to better protect its territory and *marinated* / *marine* resources. It hopes to locate and name an *additional* / *addition* 1,700 islands in *time* / *timely* for the UN Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names in August. Indonesia wants to claim *sovereignty* / *sovereign* and fishing rights *on* / *in* the waters surrounding the islands, many of which its neighbors also *clam* / *claim*. The Indonesian government says illegal fishing in its waters is *costed* / *costing* billions of dollars in lost revenue each year. A fisheries spokeswoman told the BBC: "Sixty per cent of islands in Indonesia don't have a name or officially *have* / *be* legal status, so they can easily be taken or claimed by another country."

Indonesia is the world's largest *archive* / *archipelago*. At the last UN conference on geographical names in 2012, Indonesia *registration* / *registered* 13,466 islands. A law in 1996 *estimation* / *estimated* that the number of islands *was* / *were* 17,508. The UN Convention on the Law of the Sea defines an island as, "a naturally *formed* / *farmed* area of land, surrounded by water, which is still exposed at *height* / *high* tide". A spokesman from Indonesia's Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries explained the scale of the *tusk* / *task* the counting team had. He said: "We have to visit every one of *them* / *these* islands, and then we note the coordinates, the name, the meaning of the name, the history of the land and describe the *landscape* / *portrait* and its geographical history...all that in *great* / *grate* detail."

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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_nd_n_s__ h_s _mb_rk_d _n th_ t_sk _f c__nt_ng _ts
_sl_nds _n _rd_r t_ b_tt_r pr_t_ct _ts t_rr_t_ry _nd
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_st_m_t_d th_t th_ n_mb_r _f _sl_nds w_s 17,508. Th_
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t_d_". _ sp_k_sm_n fr_m _nd_n_s__'s M_n_stry _f
M_r_n_ _ff__rs _nd F_sh_r__s _xpl__n_d th_ sc_l_ _f
th_ t_sk th_ c__nt_ng t__m h_d. H_s__d: "W_ h_v_ t_
v_s_t _v_ry _n_ _f th_s_ _sl_nds, _nd th_n w_n_t_
th_ c__rd_n_t_s, th_ n_m_, th_ m__n_ng _f th_ n_m_,
th_ h_st_ry _f th_ l_nd _nd d_scr_b_ th_ l_ndsc_p_ _nd
_ts g__gr_ph_c_l h_st_ry... ll th_t _n gr__t_d_t__l."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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indonesia is the world's largest archipelago at the last un conference on geographical names in 2012 indonesia registered 13466 islands a law in 1996 estimated that the number of islands was 17508 the un convention on the law of the sea defines an island as "a naturally formed area of land surrounded by water which is still exposed at high tide" a spokesman from indonesia's ministry of marine affairs and fisheries explained the scale of the task the counting team had he said "we have to visit every one of these islands and then we note the coordinates the name the meaning of the name the history of the land and describe the landscape and its geographical history...all that in great detail"

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Indonesia has embarked on the task of counting its islands in order to better protect its territory and marine resources. It hopes to locate and name an additional 1,700 islands in time for the UN Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names in August. Indonesia wants to claim sovereignty and fishing rights in the waters surrounding the islands, many of which its neighbors also claim. The Indonesian government says illegal fishing in its waters is costing billions of dollars in lost revenue each year. A fisheries spokeswoman told the BBC: "Sixty percent of islands in Indonesia don't have a name or officially have legal status, so they can easily be taken or claimed by another country." Indonesia is the world's largest archipelago. At the last UN conference on geographical names in 2012, Indonesia registered 13,466 islands. A law in 1996 estimated that the number of islands was 17,508. The UN Convention on the Law of the Sea defines an island as, "a naturally formed area of land, surrounded by water, which is still exposed at high tide". A spokesman from Indonesia's Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries explained the scale of the task the counting team had. He said: "We have to visit every one of these islands, and then we note the coordinates, the name, the meaning of the name, the history of the land and describe the landscape and its geographical history... in thating great detail."

FREE WRITING

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Write about **Indonesia and its islands** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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. INDONESIA: Make a poster about Indonesia and its islands. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. NEAREST COUNTRY: Write a magazine article about all islands belonging to the nearest country. 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 islands. Ask him/her three questions about Indonesia claiming an extra 1,700 islands. Give him/her three of your opinions on this. 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 T c T d F e T f F g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- | | |
|----------------|---------------|
| 1. embarked | a. started |
| 2. protect | b. safeguard |
| 3. sovereignty | c. control |
| 4. surrounding | d. encircling |
| 5. status | e. standing |
| 6. registered | f. recorded |
| 7. defines | g. explains |
| 8. scale | h. size |
| 9. note | i. write down |
| 10. detail | j. precision |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Marine resources
2. 1,700
3. Fishing rights
4. Illegal fishing
5. 60%
6. In 2012
7. 17,508
8. At high tide
9. All of them
10. In great detail

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 ;-)