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Tech stocks lead 300-point rise on Dow Jones Index

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THE ARTICLE

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Trading on Wall Street on Monday saw its best performance in three months. Confidence among investors continues to be strong, despite the economic ravages created by the coronavirus pandemic. Analysts say the strength of tech companies is largely responsible for the bullish markets. Most of these companies have proved largely immune to the economic downturn experienced this year. Sales and use of many of their products and services have skyrocketed as people stay at home and become more dependent on the Internet. Energy stocks were the only stragglers on Monday. Their prices dropped after an unexpected fall in U.S. crude oil prices.

Sources: <https://www.cnbc.com/2020/10/11/stock-market-futures-open-to-close-news.html>
<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/asian-shares-mostly-higher-us-065647023.html>
<https://www.investors.com/market-trend/stock-market-today/dow-jones-up-200-points-stock-market-rallies-stimulus-deal-hopes/>

WARM-UPS

1. TECHNOLOGY STOCKS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about technology stocks. 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?

stock prices / technology giants / Dow Jones / key performer / investors / Apple / trading / Wall Street / confidence / markets / economic downturn / energy / oil prices

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

3. STOCKS AND SHARES: Students A **strongly** believe we should all invest in stocks and shares; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. TECH GIANTS: What do you think of these tech giants? How important are they? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What You Think	Importance
Apple		
Google		
Facebook		
Amazon		
Microsoft		
Huawei		

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

6. STOCKS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best stocks to invest in at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- technology
- art
- car companies
- space travel
- alcohol companies
- chocolate companies
- jeans companies
- English schools

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 1. indicator | a. Separately or individually and in the order already mentioned. |
| 2. indices | b. A thing, especially a trend or fact that indicates the state or level of something. |
| 3. key | c. Guessing or being aware of what will happen and take action in order to be prepared. |
| 4. soared | d. The plural of index (a sign, or measure of something). |
| 5. anticipating | e. Increased rapidly above the usual level. |
| 6. unveil | f. Of great or essential importance. |
| 7. respectively | g. Show or announce publicly for the first time. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. confidence | h. The feeling or belief that one can rely on someone or something; firm trust. |
| 9. ravages | i. Unrefined petroleum. |
| 10. bullish | j. The severely damaging or destructive effects of something. |
| 11. immune | k. An untidy group of people or things that cannot keep up with the normal pace or speed of something. |
| 12. skyrocketed | l. Characterized by rising stock market and share prices. |
| 13. straggler | m. Not affected or influenced by something. |
| 14. crude oil | n. Of a price, rate, or amount increase very steeply or rapidly. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201014-tech-stocks.html>

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

- a. The Dow Jones Index rose by over 350 points on Monday. **T / F**
- b. The S&P 500 index rose by nearly 2% on Monday. **T / F**
- c. Apple stocks rose by 5% on Monday. **T / F**
- d. Microsoft stocks fared better than Amazon's stocks on Monday. **T / F**
- e. Wall Street hadn't performed so well in three months. **T / F**
- f. The article said tech companies were responsible for a bear market. **T / F**
- g. Tech companies are working on a vaccine to make workers immune. **T / F**
- h. Energy companies fared poorly because of a drop in crude oil prices. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. rose | a. damaging effects |
| 2. indicators | b. did |
| 3. key | c. faith |
| 4. anticipating | d. untreated |
| 5. fared | e. signs |
| 6. confidence | f. reliant |
| 7. ravages | g. shot up |
| 8. immune | h. expecting |
| 9. dependent | i. resistant |
| 10. crude | j. important |

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

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Stock prices rose | a. the economic downturn |
| 2. the most-followed | b. performer |
| 3. A key | c. 5G smartphone |
| 4. Analysts say this was on the | d. on Wall Street on Monday |
| 5. unveil its first | e. continues to be strong |
| 6. trading | f. sharply on Monday |
| 7. Confidence among investors | g. markets |
| 8. responsible for the bullish | h. an unexpected fall |
| 9. largely immune to | i. stock markets |
| 10. Their prices dropped after | j. back of investors |

GAP FILL

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Stock prices rose sharply on Monday led by shares in technology (1) _____. This caused the Dow Jones Industrial Average to rise by 353 points, or 1.2 per cent. Other financial (2) _____ also saw gains, with the Nasdaq Composite advancing 2.9 per cent and the S&P 500 rising 1.9 per cent. The three (3) _____ are the most-followed stock markets in the United States. A (4) _____ performer on Monday was Apple, which soared an (5) _____ six per cent. Analysts say this was on the back of investors anticipating the tech giant to (6) _____ its first 5G smartphone later this week. Other tech giants (7) _____ well. Facebook, Amazon and Microsoft jumped 5.3 per cent, 5.2 per cent and 3.5 per cent (8) _____.

key
giants
respectively
impressive
indices
fared
indicators
unveil

Trading on Wall Street on Monday saw its best (9) _____ in three months. Confidence among investors continues to be strong, despite the economic (10) _____ created by the coronavirus pandemic. Analysts say the strength of tech companies is largely responsible for the (11) _____ markets. Most of these companies have proved largely (12) _____ to the economic downturn experienced this year. Sales and use of many of their products and services have (13) _____ as people stay at home and become more (14) _____ on the Internet. Energy stocks were the only (15) _____ on Monday. Their prices dropped after an unexpected fall in U.S. (16) _____ oil prices.

dependent
skyrocketed
ravages
immune
performance
crude
stragglers
bullish

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201014-tech-stocks.html>

- 1) Stock prices rose sharply on Monday led by shares _____
 - a. in technology giant
 - b. in technology gigantic
 - c. in technology giants
 - d. in technology gargantuan
- 2) Average to rise by 353 points, or 1.2 per cent. Other financial indicators _____
 - a. also saw gain
 - b. also saw gains
 - c. also saw again
 - d. also saw gains
- 3) markets in the United States. A key performer on Monday was _____
 - a. Apple, which soared
 - b. Apple, what soared
 - c. Apple, such soared
 - d. Apple, witch soared
- 4) on the back of investors anticipating the tech giant to _____ 5G smartphone
 - a. unwell its first
 - b. unveil its first
 - c. un vile its first
 - d. unveils its first
- 5) Amazon and Microsoft jumped 5.3 per cent, 5.2 per cent and 3.5 _____
 - a. per cent respective
 - b. per cent respect lively
 - c. per cent respectably
 - d. per cent respectively
- 6) Confidence among investors continues to be strong, despite _____
 - a. the economic ravages
 - b. the economic lava gist
 - c. the economic rampages
 - d. the economic lavished
- 7) Analysts say the strength of tech companies is largely responsible for _____
 - a. the ball list markets
 - b. the bull lush markets
 - c. the bullish markets
 - d. the bull dish markets
- 8) people stay at home and become more _____ Internet
 - a. dependent on the
 - b. depend dent on the
 - c. depend ant on the
 - d. deep end ant on the
- 9) Energy stocks were the only _____
 - a. straggler zone Monday
 - b. stragglers zone Monday
 - c. stragglers one Monday
 - d. stragglers on Monday
- 10) Their prices dropped after an unexpected fall in U.S. _____
 - a. crud oil prices
 - b. crudely oil prices
 - c. crude oil prices
 - d. crudest oil prices

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201014-tech-stocks.html>

1. By how many points did the Dow Jones Industrial Average rise?
2. What rose by 1.9 per cent?
3. What company did the article say was a key performer?
4. What might Apple unveil later?
5. Which company saw its shares jump by 3.5%?
6. What saw its best trading in three months?
7. What did the article say continues to be strong?
8. How did the article describe the markets as being?
9. What did the article say happened to sales of tech company products?
10. What commodity saw an unexpected fall in its prices?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201014-tech-stocks.html>

- 1) By how many points did the Dow Jones Industrial Average rise?
 - a) 355 points
 - b) 533 points
 - c) 353 points
 - d) 535 points
- 2) What rose by 1.9 per cent?
 - a) the S&P 500
 - b) the Nasdaq
 - c) the London Stock Exchange
 - d) Euronext Paris
- 3) What company did the article say was a key performer?
 - a) Microsoft
 - b) Facebook
 - c) Amazon
 - d) Apple
- 4) What might Apple unveil later?
 - a) a new computer
 - b) a 5G smartphone
 - c) its next-generation watch
 - d) a smart car
- 5) Which company saw its shares jump by 3.5%?
 - a) Apple
 - b) Facebook
 - c) Microsoft
 - d) Amazon
- 6) What saw its best trading in three months?
 - a) Apple
 - b) Wall Street
 - c) the Nasdaq
 - d) a market in Florida
- 7) What did the article say continues to be strong?
 - a) production
 - b) Apple
 - c) sales
 - d) consumer confidence
- 8) How did the article describe the markets as being?
 - a) piggish
 - b) bullish
 - c) hawkish
 - d) sheepish
- 9) What did the article say happened to sales of tech company products?
 - a) they skyrocketed
 - b) they nosedived
 - c) they plummeted
 - d) they peaked
- 10) What commodity saw an unexpected fall in its prices?
 - a) silicon chips
 - b) pork bellies
 - c) iron ore
 - d) crude oil

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Technology

You think technology is the best thing to invest in. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these to invest in (and why): art, chocolate companies or English schools.

Role B – Art

You think art is the best thing to invest in. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these to invest in (and why): technology, chocolate companies or English schools.

Role C – Chocolate Companies

You think chocolate companies are the best things to invest in. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these to invest in (and why): art, technology or English schools.

Role D – English Schools

You think English schools are the best things to invest in. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these to invest in (and why): art, chocolate companies or technology.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201014-tech-stocks.html>

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

tech	stock

- 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">• led• caused• followed• key• unveil• fared	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• performance• ravages• strength• sales• energy• oil
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TECHNOLOGY STOCKS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about technology stocks 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.

TECHNOLOGY STOCKS DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'tech'?
3. What do you think of stocks and shares?
4. How risky is it to invest in tech stocks?
5. What do you think of investing in stocks and shares
6. What do you know about Wall Street?
7. What financial indicators are you interested in?
8. What do you think of tech giants?
9. Would you prefer to invest in Apple or Amazon?
10. What is the difference between a 4G and 5G smartphone?

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TECHNOLOGY STOCKS 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 'stock'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about stock markets?
15. How interested are you in corporate finances?
16. How has coronavirus affected your country's economy?
17. Why are shares in tech giants strengthening during coronavirus?
18. Why are energy companies faring badly?
19. What affects the value of oil company stocks?
20. What questions would you like to ask tech giant bosses?

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) bluntly | (b) sharply | (c) edgily | (d) bevelled |
| 2. | (a) grants | (b) indicators | (c) strategies | (d) conclusions |
| 3. | (a) equations | (b) matrixes | (c) converses | (d) indices |
| 4. | (a) seared | (b) soared | (c) skied | (d) spied |
| 5. | (a) valid | (b) unveil | (c) repast | (d) repose |
| 6. | (a) brayed | (b) shod | (c) fared | (d) shored |
| 7. | (a) as | (b) to | (c) in | (d) at |
| 8. | (a) continuance | (b) continuing | (c) continues | (d) continue |
| 9. | (a) piggish | (b) dovish | (c) sheepish | (d) bullish |
| 10. | (a) skyrocketed | (b) orbited | (c) time-warped | (d) launched |
| 11. | (a) stragglers | (b) polluters | (c) stockers | (d) sharers |
| 12. | (a) vulgar | (b) rude | (c) crude | (d) dark |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Other financial ctsioanird
2. which daoers an impressive six per cent
3. on the back of nietsvors
4. leiuvn its first 5G smartphone
5. Other tech giants daref well
6. 5.2 per cent and 3.5 per cent yevptsicelr

Paragraph 2

7. despite the economic aravseg
8. largely responsible for the lublshi markets
9. these companies have proved largely umnemi
10. become more pedenentd on the Internet
11. Energy stocks were the only arrlesstgg
12. U.S. rdecu oil prices

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () stocks were the only stragglers on Monday. Their prices dropped after an unexpected fall in U.S. crude oil prices.
- () experienced this year. Sales and use of many of their products and services have
- () skyrocketed as people stay at home and become more dependent on the Internet. Energy
- () Amazon and Microsoft jumped 5.3 per cent, 5.2 per cent and 3.5 per cent respectively.
- () unveil its first 5G smartphone later this week. Other tech giants fared well. Facebook,
- () an impressive six per cent. Analysts say this was on the back of investors anticipating the tech giant to
- () among investors continues to be strong, despite the economic ravages created by the coronavirus
- (**1**) Stock prices rose sharply on Monday led by shares in technology giants. This caused the Dow Jones
- () Trading on Wall Street on Monday saw its best performance in three months. Confidence
- () pandemic. Analysts say the strength of tech companies is largely responsible for the bullish
- () markets. Most of these companies have proved largely immune to the economic downturn
- () indices are the most-followed stock markets in the United States. A key performer on Monday was Apple, which soared
- () Industrial Average to rise by 353 points, or 1.2 per cent. Other financial indicators also saw
- () gains, with the Nasdaq Composite advancing 2.9 per cent and the S&P 500 rising 1.9 per cent. The three

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201014-tech-stocks.html>

1. by shares technology sharply Rose giants . in led
2. three most-followed indices markets . the stock are The
3. key on Apple . performer A was Monday
4. say investors . back the this Analysts was of on
5. its 5G this Unveil smartphone later first week .
6. among investors be to continues Confidence strong .
7. of Most companies have these proved largely immune .
8. home become dependent . People more stay and at
9. were stocks Energy the stragglers on Monday . only
10. crude fall in An oil prices . unexpected U.S.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Stock prices rose *shapely* / *sharply* on Monday led by shares in technology giants. This caused the Dow Jones Industrial Average to rise by 353 points, or 1.2 per cent. Other financial *indications* / *indicators* also saw gains, with the Nasdaq Composite *advancement* / *advancing* 2.9 per cent and the S&P 500 rising 1.9 per cent. The *three* / *thrice* indices are the most-followed stock markets in the United States. A *quay* / *key* performer on Monday was Apple, which *soared* / *spiralled* an impressive six per cent. Analysts say this was on the back *of* / *off* investors anticipating the tech giant to unveil its first 5G smartphone *latter* / *later* this week. Other tech giants *flared* / *fared* well. Facebook, Amazon and Microsoft jumped 5.3 per cent, 5.2 per cent and 3.5 per cent *respectively* / *retrospectively*.

Trading on Wall Street on Monday saw its *baste* / *best* performance in three months. *Confidence* / *Confident* among investors continues to be *strength* / *strong*, despite the economic *ravages* / *ravines* created by the coronavirus pandemic. Analysts say the strength of tech companies is largely responsible for the *bullet* / *bullish* markets. Most of these companies have proved largely *immune* / *immunity* to the economic downturn experienced this year. Sales and use of many of their *produce* / *products* and services have skyrocketed as people stay at home and become more *dependent* / *repellant* on the Internet. Energy stocks were the only *stragglers* / *hagglers* on Monday. Their prices dropped after an unexpected fall in U.S. *vulgar* / *crude* oil prices.

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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S_t_c_k p_r_c_s r_s_ s_h_r_p_l_y _n M_n_d_y l_d b_y
s_h_r_s _n t_c_h_n_l_g_y g__n_t_s. T_h_s c__s_d t
h_ D_w J_n_s I_n_d_s_t_r__l A_v_r_g_ t_r_s_ b_y 3
5_3 p__n_t_s, _r 1.2 p_r c_n_t. O_t_h_r f_n_n
c__l _n_d_c_t_r_s _l_s_ s_w g__n_s, w_t_h t_h_ N_s
d_q C_m_p_s_t_ _d_v_n_c_n_g 2.9 p_r c_n_t _n_d t
h_ S & P 500 r_s_n_g 1.9 p_r c_n_t. T_h_ t_h
r__ _n_d_c_s _r_ t_h_ m_s_t-f_l_l_w_d s_t_c_k m_r_k_t
s _n t_h_ U_n_t_d S_t_t_s. A k_y p_r_f_r_m_r _n
M_n_d_y w_s A_p_p_l_, w_h_c_h s__r_d _n _m_p_r_s
s_v_ s_x p_r c_n_t. A_n_l_y_s_t_s s_y t_h_s w_s _n
t_h_ b_c_k _f _n_v_s_t_r_s _n_t_c_p_t_n_g t_h_ t_c_h
g__n_t t_ _n_v__l _t_s f_r_s_t 5_G s_m_r_t_p_h_n_
l_t_r t_h_s w__k. O_t_h_r t_c_h g__n_t_s f_r_d
w_l_l. F_c_b__k, A_m_z_n _n_d M_c_r_s_f_t j_m_p_d
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201014-tech-stocks.html>

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. TECHNOLOGY STOCKS: Make a poster about technology stocks. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. INVEST: Write a magazine article about everybody having to invest in stocks and shares. 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 technology stocks. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on investing. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. d 3. f 4. e 5. c 6. g 7. a
8. h 9. j 10. l 11. m 12. n 13. k 14. i

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. e	3. j	4. h	5. b
6. c	7. a	8. i	9. f	10. d

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- 353 points
- The S&P 500
- Apple
- A 5G smartphone
- Microsoft
- Wall Street
- Consumer confidence
- Bullish
- They skyrocketed
- Crude oil

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

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- Most of these companies have proved largely immune.
- People stay at home and become more dependent.
- Energy stocks were the only stragglers on Monday.
- An unexpected fall in U.S. crude oil prices.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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