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Asian nations form world's biggest free trade deal

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201117-free-trade-deal.html>

Fifteen Asian and Pacific countries have signed the world's biggest free trade deal. It is called the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP). The countries include 10 Southeast Asian economies along with China, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand. These countries account for around 30 per cent of the global economy. The idea for the RCEP started in 2012. The governments have been talking to each other since then. China was key in pushing the deal forward to help economies during the coronavirus pandemic. An economics expert said: "COVID-19 has reminded the region of why trade matters and governments are more eager than ever to have positive economic growth."

Leaders of the 15 governments believe the free trade deal will help their countries and the Asia-Pacific region. The Chinese Premier said: "The fact the RCEP has been signed after eight years of negotiations brings a ray of light and hope amid the clouds." He added: "It clearly shows that multilateralism is the right way, and represents the right direction of the global economy and humanity's progress." South Korea said: "We believe that the RCEP, being the world's largest free trade arrangement, represents an important step forward toward an ideal framework of global trade and investment." It said the deal included, "a diverse mix of developed, developing and least developed economies."

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<http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20201115000235&np=1&mp=1>
http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-11/15/c_139517711.htm

WARM-UPS

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

Asian / Pacific / trade / deal / economies / global / government / key / pandemic / leaders / negotiations / ray / light / direction / humanity / important step / diverse

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

3. WORLD FREE TRADE: Students A **strongly** believe a world free trade deal would be great; Students B **strongly** believe it wouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. ECONOMIES: What do you know about these economies? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	The Economies
China	
The USA	
Japan	
The UAE	
India	
Iran	

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

6. DEVELOPING: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important things for a developing economy at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Trade
- Education
- Roads
- Wi-fi
- Equality
- Peace
- Water
- No corruption

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------|---|
| 1. include | a. A person who has a comprehensive and authoritative knowledge of or skill in a particular area. |
| 2. account | b. Caused someone to remember someone or something. |
| 3. global | c. Was inside or part of something. |
| 4. pandemic | d. Supply, is or make up a set amount. |
| 5. expert | e. Of a disease that is all over a whole country or the world. |
| 6. eager | f. Wanting to do or have something very much. |
| 7. reminded | g. Relating to the whole world; worldwide. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. region | h. All of the people on Earth. |
| 9. negotiations | i. A course along which someone or something moves. |
| 10. hope | j. Shows what is happening. |
| 11. represents | k. An area or part of a country or the world. |
| 12. direction | l. A basic structure underlying a system. |
| 13. humanity | m. Talks and discussions aimed at reaching an agreement. |
| 14. framework | n. A feeling and wish for a something to happen in the future. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201117-free-trade-deal.html>

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

- a. Nearly a dozen countries signed a free trade deal. **T / F**
- b. Ten Southeast Asian countries signed the new free trade deal. **T / F**
- c. The countries in the deal make up nearly a third of the global economy. **T / F**
- d. China was reluctant to sign the deal. **T / F**
- e. Countries talked about the deal for eight years. **T / F**
- f. China's Premier said the deal brings a laser beam of light. **T / F**
- g. The Premier said the deal shows multilateralism is the wrong way. **T / F**
- h. South Korea said all countries' economies in the deal were developed. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| 1. comprehensive | a. correct |
| 2. along with | b. important |
| 3. global | c. aid |
| 4. key | d. mixed |
| 5. growth | e. as well as |
| 6. help | f. agreement |
| 7. right | g. development |
| 8. direction | h. full |
| 9. arrangement | i. way |
| 10. diverse | j. worldwide |

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

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. countries have signed the world's | a. than ever |
| 2. account | b. economies |
| 3. reminded the region of why trade | c. growth |
| 4. governments are more eager | d. direction |
| 5. have positive economic | e. mix |
| 6. a ray of light | f. biggest free trade deal |
| 7. the right | g. of global trade |
| 8. an ideal framework | h. and hope |
| 9. a diverse | i. matters |
| 10. developing and least developed | j. for around 30 per cent |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201117-free-trade-deal.html>

Fifteen Asian and Pacific countries have (1) _____ the world's biggest free trade deal. It is called the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP). The countries (2) _____ 10 Southeast Asian economies (3) _____ with China, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand. These countries (4) _____ for around 30 per cent of the global economy. The idea for the RCEP started in 2012. The governments have been (5) _____ to each other since then. China was key in (6) _____ the deal forward to help economies during the coronavirus pandemic. An economics (7) _____ said: "COVID-19 has reminded the region of why trade matters and governments are more (8) _____ than ever to have positive economic growth."

along
pushing
signed
eager
talking
include
expert
account

Leaders of the 15 governments believe the free trade deal will (9) _____ their countries and the Asia-Pacific region. The Chinese Premier said: "The (10) _____ the RCEP has been signed after eight years of negotiations brings a (11) _____ of light and hope amid the clouds." He added: "It clearly shows that multilateralism is the right way, and represents the (12) _____ direction of the global economy and humanity's (13) _____." South Korea said: "We believe that the RCEP, (14) _____ the world's largest free trade arrangement, represents an (15) _____ step forward toward an ideal framework of global trade and investment." It said the deal included, "a (16) _____ mix of developed, developing and least developed economies."

fact
important
right
help
diverse
being
ray
progress

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201117-free-trade-deal.html>

- 1) Fifteen Asian and Pacific countries have signed the world's biggest _____
 - a. freed trade deal
 - b. freeze trade deal
 - c. freer trade deal
 - d. free trade deal
- 2) started in 2012. These countries account for around 30 per cent of the _____
 - a. globally economy
 - b. globalise economy
 - c. global economy
 - d. globe all economy
- 3) The governments have been talking to each _____
 - a. others since then
 - b. other since then
 - c. other sense then
 - d. other sins then
- 4) key in pushing the deal forward to help economies during the _____
 - a. coronavirus endemic
 - b. coronavirus panda mic
 - c. coronavirus pan dermis
 - d. coronavirus pandemic
- 5) reminded the region of why trade matters and governments are more _____
 - a. eager than never
 - b. eager than even
 - c. eager than ever
 - d. eager than every
- 6) governments believe the free trade deal will help their countries and the _____
 - a. Asia-Pacific legion
 - b. Asia-Pacific regional
 - c. Asia-Pacific region
 - d. Asia-Pacific rejoin
- 7) The fact the RCEP has been signed after eight years of negotiations brings a _____
 - a. ray of light
 - b. lay of light
 - c. way of light
 - d. bay of light
- 8) It clearly shows that multilateralism is the right way, and represents _____
 - a. the left direction
 - b. the right direction
 - c. the wrong direction
 - d. the light direction
- 9) represents an important step forward toward _____
 - a. an ideal framed work
 - b. an ideal frame works
 - c. an ideal frame worker
 - d. an ideal framework
- 10) a diverse mix of developed, developing and least _____
 - a. develops economies
 - b. developed economies
 - c. develop economies
 - d. developer economies

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201117-free-trade-deal.html>

1. How many countries signed the free trade deal?
2. How many Southeast Asian nations signed the deal?
3. How much of the global economy do the countries represent?
4. When did talks about the deal first start?
5. What positive thing did an economics expert say the region wants?
6. What did China's premier say the negotiations brought?
7. What did China's premier say multilateralism was?
8. What is going in the right direction, besides the global economy?
9. What is the deal an ideal framework of, besides global trade?
10. What kind of mix of economies did South Korea say the deal was?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201117-free-trade-deal.html>

- 1) How many countries signed the free trade deal?
 - a) eight
 - b) twelve
 - c) fifteen
 - d) ten
- 2) How many Southeast Asian nations signed the deal?
 - a) 10
 - b) 12
 - c) 15
 - d) 8
- 3) How much of the global economy do the countries represent?
 - a) exactly 30%
 - b) just over 30%
 - c) just under 30%
 - d) around 30%
- 4) When did talks about the deal first start?
 - a) 2011
 - b) 2012
 - c) 2013
 - d) 2014
- 5) What positive thing did an economics expert say the region wants?
 - a) leadership
 - b) development
 - c) economic growth
 - d) profit
- 6) What did China's premier say the negotiations brought?
 - a) profit
 - b) a ray of light
 - c) clean water
 - d) peace
- 7) What did China's premier say multilateralism was?
 - a) a good idea
 - b) difficult
 - c) perfect
 - d) the right way
- 8) What is going in the right direction, besides the global economy?
 - a) talks
 - b) humanity's progress
 - c) profit figures
 - d) the world
- 9) What is the deal an ideal framework of, besides global trade?
 - a) investment
 - b) peace
 - c) negotiations
 - d) collaboration
- 10) What kind of mix of economies did South Korea say the deal was?
 - a) a strange mix
 - b) an interesting mix
 - c) a perfect mix
 - d) a diverse mix

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Trade

You think trade is the most important for a developing country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): education, equality or no corruption.

Role B – Education

You think education is the most important for a developing country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): trade, equality or no corruption.

Role C – Equality

You think equality is the most important for a developing country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): education, trade or no corruption.

Role D – No Corruption

You think no corruption is the most important for a developing country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): education, equality or trade.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201117-free-trade-deal.html>

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

trade	deal

- 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">• signed• started• around• 10• talking• reminded	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• believe• eight• clearly• progress• largest• least
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TRADE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about 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.

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 images are in your mind when you hear the word 'trade'?
3. What do you know about trade deals?
4. Who are your country's trading partners?
5. What does your country trade in?
6. How important is this new trade bloc?
7. How will the free trade deal help the countries?
8. How has COVID-19 affected your country?
9. Why does trade matter?
10. Should there be a world free trade deal?

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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 'deal'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do countries talk about in trade negotiations?
15. What do you think of the global economy?
16. What do you think about humanity's progress?
17. Would you be good at trading?
18. Should other countries join the RCEP free trade deal?
19. How can a developing country become a developed country?
20. What questions would you like to ask the economists?

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) singed | (b) sang | (c) signed | (d) signature |
| 2. | (a) include | (b) inclusion | (c) inclusive | (d) incisive |
| 3. | (a) along | (b) within | (c) operate | (d) country |
| 4. | (a) account | (b) abound | (c) arouse | (d) amount |
| 5. | (a) on | (b) of | (c) as | (d) in |
| 6. | (a) ogre | (b) auger | (c) ager | (d) eager |
| 7. | (a) believe | (b) belief | (c) believer | (d) believes |
| 8. | (a) way | (b) lay | (c) bay | (d) ray |
| 9. | (a) direction | (b) command | (c) conduct | (d) attitude |
| 10. | (a) been | (b) being | (c) is | (d) was |
| 11. | (a) stair | (b) step | (c) ladder | (d) case |
| 12. | (a) mix | (b) nix | (c) pix | (d) fix |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Asian and Pacific countries have igedsn
2. These countries otcaunc for around 30 per cent
3. An economics xeterp
4. reminded the onerig of why trade matters
5. governments are more rgaee than ever
6. positive ocoimcen growth

Paragraph 2

7. eight years of ioceansntig
8. represents the right crdniteioi
9. humanity's prsgsero
10. an ideal krwfraemo
11. global trade and ttmnneeisv
12. a edivers mix

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201117-free-trade-deal.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP). The countries include 10 Southeast Asian
- () signed after eight years of negotiations brings a ray of light and hope amid the clouds." He added: "It clearly shows that multilateralism is the right
- () for around 30 per cent of the global economy. The idea for the RCEP started in 2012. The governments have been talking
- () way, and represents the right direction of the global economy and humanity's progress." South Korea
- () matters and governments are more eager than ever to have positive economic growth."
- () important step forward toward an ideal framework of global trade and investment." It said the deal
- () included, "a diverse mix of developed, developing and least developed economies."
- () Leaders of the 15 governments believe the free trade deal will help their
- () countries and the Asia-Pacific region. The Chinese Premier said: "The fact the RCEP has been
- () pandemic. An economics expert said: "COVID-19 has reminded the region of why trade
- () said: "We believe that the RCEP, being the world's largest free trade arrangement, represents an
- (**1**) Fifteen Asian and Pacific countries have signed the world's biggest free trade deal. It is called the Regional
- () economies along with China, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand. These countries account
- () to each other since then. China was key in pushing the deal forward to help economies during the coronavirus

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201117-free-trade-deal.html>

1. Countries the biggest trade deal . world's signed have
2. in idea RCEP The 2012 . for started the
3. in forward . pushing key was the China deal
4. matters . reminded why trade COVID-19 region of the
5. to growth . positive ever than have economic Eager
6. trade free deal help The countries . their will
7. Years negotiations of light . bring ray a of
8. that multilateralism shows It the way . right is
9. important framework . forward An toward ideal step an
10. included said a diverse the deal mix . It

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201117-free-trade-deal.html>

Fifteen Asian and Pacific countries have *singed* / *signed* the world's biggest free trade deal. It is *called* / *calling* the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP). The countries *inclusion* / *include* 10 Southeast Asian economies *longing* / *along* with China, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand. These countries account for around 30 per cent of the *globally* / *global* economy. The idea *from* / *for* the RCEP started in 2012. The governments have been talking to *each* / *one* other since then. China was key in *pushing* / *heaving* the deal forward to help economies during the coronavirus pandemic. An economics *expert* / *expertly* said: "COVID-19 has reminded the region of why trade matters and governments are more *ogre* / *eager* than ever to have positive economic growth."

Leaders of the 15 governments *believe* / *belief* the free trade deal will help their countries and the Asia-Pacific region. The Chinese Premier said: "The *fact* / *opinion* the RCEP has been signed *before* / *after* eight years of negotiations brings a *way* / *ray* of light and hope amid the clouds." He added: "It clearly shows that multilateralism is the *right* / *light* way, and represents the right direction *to* / *of* the global economy and humanity's progress." South Korea said: "We believe *that* / *what* the RCEP, being the world's largest free trade arrangement, represents an *importance* / *important* step forward toward an ideal framework of global trade and investment." It said the deal included, "a *reverse* / *diverse* mix of developed, developing and *least* / *lost* developed economies."

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)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201117-free-trade-deal.html>

F_ft__n __s__n __nd P_c_f_c c__ntr__s h_v_ s_gn_d th_
w_rld's b_gg_st fr__ tr_d_ d__l. __t __s c_ll_d th_
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gl_b_l __c_n_my __nd h_m_n_ty's pr_gr_ss." S__th K_r__
s__d: "W_ b_l__v_ th_t th_ RC_P, b__ng th_ w_rld's
l_rg_st fr__ tr_d_ __rrng_m_nt, r_pr_s_nts __n
__mp_rt_nt st_p f_rw_rd t_w_rd __n __d__l fr_m_w_rk __f
gl_b_l tr_d_ __nd __nv_stm_nt." __t s__d th_ d__l
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201117-free-trade-deal.html>

fifteen asian and pacific countries have signed the worlds biggest free trade deal it is called the regional comprehensive economic partnership rcep the countries include 10 southeast asian economies along with china japan south korea australia and new zealand these countries account for around 30 per cent of the global economy the idea for the rcep started in 2012 the governments have been talking to each other since then china was key in pushing the deal forward to help economies during the coronavirus pandemic an economics expert said covid19 has reminded the region of why trade matters and governments are more eager than ever to have positive economic growth

leaders of the 15 governments believe the free trade deal will help their countries and the asiapacific region the chinese premier said the fact the rcep has been signed after eight years of negotiations brings a ray of light and hope amid the clouds he added it clearly shows that multilateralism is the right way and represents the right direction of the global economy and humanitys progress south korea said we believe that the rcep being the worlds largest free trade arrangement represents an important step forward toward an ideal framework of global trade and investment it said the deal included a diverse mix of developed developing and least developed economies

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Fifteen Asian and Pacific countries have signed the world's biggest free trade deal. It is called the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP). The countries include 10 Southeast Asian economies along with China, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand. These countries account for around 30 percent of the global economy. The idea for the RCEP started in 2012. The governments have been talking to each other since then. China was key in pushing the deal forward to help economies during the coronavirus pandemic. An economic expert said: "COVID-19 has reminded the region of why trade matters and governments are more eager than ever to have positive economic growth." Leaders of the 15 governments believe the free trade deal will help their countries and the Asia-Pacific region. The Chinese Premier said: "The fact the RCEP has been signed after eighty years of negotiations brings a ray of light and hope amid the clouds." He added: "It clearly shows that multilateralism is the right way, and represents the right direction of the global economy and humanity's progress." South Korea said: "We believe that the RCEP, being the world's largest free trade arrangement, represents an important step forward toward an ideal framework of global trade and investment." It said the deal included, "a diverse mix of developed, developing and least developed economies."

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

4. FREE TRADE WORLD: Write a magazine article about the whole world signing a free trade deal. 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 trade. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on free trade. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Fifteen
2. Ten
3. Around 30 per cent
4. 2012
5. Economic growth
6. A ray of light
7. The right way
8. Humanity's progress
9. Investment
10. A diverse mix

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Countries have signed the world's biggest trade deal.
2. The idea for the RCEP started in 2012.
3. China was key in pushing the deal forward.
4. COVID-19 reminded the region of why trade matters.
5. Eager than ever to have positive economic growth.
6. The free trade deal will help their countries.
7. Years of negotiations bring a ray of light.
8. It shows that multilateralism is the right way.
9. An important step forward toward an ideal framework.
10. It said the deal included a diverse mix.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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