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Mexico opposes renaming of the Gulf of Mexico

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THE ARTICLE

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The USA's Board on Geographic Names can change the name to Gulf of America on official U.S. maps. However, there is no international organization with the jurisdiction to mandate the global acceptance of place names. Mexico's President Claudia Sheinbaum has opposed the name change. She pointed out that the name "Gulf of Mexico" has existed for over four centuries. She also cited the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, which stipulates that a country's sovereign territory only extends 19 kilometres from its coastline. She retorted that if there were to be name changes, the United States should be called "Mexican America," as depicted on a map of the continent from 1607.

Sources: <https://theconversation.com/can-trump-just-order-new-names-for-denali-and-the-gulf-of-mexico-a-geographer-explains-who-decides-what-goes-on-the-map-248112>
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WARM-UPS

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

president / Gulf of Mexico / Gulf of America / inauguration / awe / proud / legacy / geographic names / acceptance / sovereign / coastline / the sea / maps / continent

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

3. NAME CHANGES: Students A **strongly** believe place-name changes should be governed by the United Nations; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. DISPUTED NAMES: What are the alternate names for these places? What do you know of the history of these names? What is the correct name, and why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Names	History	Correct Name (Why?)
Gulf of Mexico			
Persian Gulf			
Falkland Islands			
Sea of Japan			
Somalialand			
Palestine			

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

6. RESPECTED NATIONS: Rank these with your partner. Put the nations most worthy of respect at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- USA
- Mexico
- Egypt
- Switzerland
- UAE
- China
- New Zealand
- Brazil

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------|--|
| 1. surrounded | a. A special event to start something new, like when a president begins their job. |
| 2. inauguration | b. The act of putting a plan into action. |
| 3. awe | c. The whole thing, not just a part. |
| 4. entire | d. A feeling of great respect and surprise. |
| 5. implementation | e. When something is all around you (or something else). |
| 6. restoration | f. Something important that a person leaves behind after they are gone. |
| 7. legacy | g. Fixing something to make it like new again. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. jurisdiction | h. To reply quickly and often angrily. |
| 9. acceptance | i. The area where someone has power or control. |
| 10. cited | j. A person or country that has full power over itself. |
| 11. stipulates | k. To show something in a picture or describe it in words. |
| 12. sovereign | l. When someone mentions or refers to something. |
| 13. retorted | m. When a rule or law says something must be done. |
| 14. depicted | n. Saying "yes" to something or someone. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2502/250203-gulf-of-mexico.html>

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

1. The article lists three countries as surrounding the Gulf of Mexico. **T / F**
2. President Trump ordered the renaming during his inauguration. **T / F**
3. President Trump said the Gulf of America would be awe-inspiring. **T / F**
4. The US government said the name change would honor a US legacy. **T / F**
5. The name "Gulf of America" will be used on all the world's new maps. **T / F**
6. Mexico's president said the name "Gulf of Mexico" is 600 years old. **T / F**
7. The UN says a nation's territory only stretches 19 km from its coastline. **T / F**
8. Mexico's president joked that the USA should be renamed. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. ordered | a. authority |
| 2. surrounded | b. putting back |
| 3. inauguration | c. encircled |
| 4. awe | d. state |
| 5. restoration | e. wonder |
| 6. jurisdiction | f. referred to |
| 7. cited | g. instructed |
| 8. stipulate | h. stretches |
| 9. extends | i. represented |
| 10. depicted | j. swearing in |

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

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. body of | a. map of the continent |
| 2. Shortly after his | b. of American greatness |
| 3. America will reclaim its rightful | c. of place names |
| 4. inspiring the awe and admiration | d. United Nations Convention |
| 5. honor the legacy | e. of the entire world |
| 6. no international organization with | f. territory |
| 7. mandate the global acceptance | g. place as the greatest |
| 8. She also cited the | h. water |
| 9. a country's sovereign | i. inauguration |
| 10. as depicted on a | j. the jurisdiction |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2502/250203-gulf-of-mexico.html>

U.S. President Donald Trump has ordered the renaming of the Gulf of Mexico. He wants the (1) _____ of water, which is (2) _____ by the USA, Mexico, and Cuba, to be renamed the Gulf of America. Shortly after his (3) _____ on the 20th of January, President Trump said: "America will reclaim its (4) _____ place as the greatest, most powerful, most respected nation on Earth, inspiring the (5) _____ and admiration of the (6) _____ world." He added: "We are going to be changing the name of the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America." The U.S. Department of the Interior declared that it "is proud to (7) _____ the implementation of name restorations that honor the (8) _____ of American greatness".

entire
inauguration
surrounded
rightful
announce
legacy
body
awe

The USA's Board on Geographic Names can change the name to Gulf of America on official U.S. (9) _____. However, there is no international organization with the jurisdiction to (10) _____ the global acceptance of place names. Mexico's President Claudia Sheinbaum has (11) _____ the name change. She pointed out that the name "Gulf of Mexico" has (12) _____ for over four centuries. She also cited the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, which (13) _____ that a country's sovereign (14) _____ only extends 19 kilometres from its coastline. She retorted that if there were to be name changes, the United States should be called "Mexican America," as (15) _____ on a map of the (16) _____ from 1607.

stipulates
depicted
mandate
maps
continent
existed
territory
opposed

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) He wants the body of water, _____
 - a. which is surround it
 - b. which is surround did
 - c. which is surrounds
 - d. which is surrounded
- 2) President Trump said America will reclaim its rightful place _____
 - a. as the greatest
 - b. was the greatest
 - c. has the greatest
 - d. is the greatest
- 3) inspiring the awe and admiration of _____
 - a. the entry world
 - b. the entire world
 - c. the entirely world
 - d. the entirety world
- 4) The U.S. Department of the _____
 - a. Interior declares that
 - b. Interior declare that
 - c. Interior declared that
 - d. Interior declared what
- 5) proud to announce the implementation of name restorations that _____
 - a. honor the lethargy
 - b. honor the legality
 - c. honor the literacy
 - d. honor the legacy
- 6) change the name to Gulf of America on _____
 - a. officially U.S. maps
 - b. officials U.S. maps
 - c. official U.S. maps
 - d. officialdom U.S. maps
- 7) there is no international organization with the jurisdiction to mandate _____
 - a. the globally acceptance
 - b. the global accept stance
 - c. the global accept tents
 - d. the global acceptance
- 8) She pointed out that the name "Gulf of Mexico" has existed for _____
 - a. over for centuries
 - b. our four centuries
 - c. over four centuries
 - d. over four centurions
- 9) the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, _____
 - a. which stipulates what
 - b. what stipulates that
 - c. which stipulate that
 - d. which stipulates that
- 10) called "Mexican America," as depicted on a map of the _____
 - a. incontinent from 1607
 - b. continent from 1607
 - c. continents from 1607
 - d. incontinence from 1607

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The USA's Board on Geographic Names can change the name to Gulf of America on (7) _____. However, there is no international organization with the jurisdiction to (8) _____ acceptance of place names. Mexico's President Claudia Sheinbaum has opposed the name change. She (9) _____ the name "Gulf of Mexico" has existed for over four centuries. She also cited the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, (10) _____ a country's sovereign territory only extends 19 kilometres from its coastline. She (11) _____ there were to be name changes, the United States should be called "Mexican America," (12) _____ a map of the continent from 1607.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2502/250203-gulf-of-mexico.html>

1. What is the synonym the article used for the Gulf of Mexico?
2. When did President Trump say the USA would regain its rightful place?
3. Who did President Trump say would be awe-inspired by America?
4. Which department expressed its pride in the renaming?
5. What legacy did the department say the renaming would honor?
6. Where will we see the name "Gulf of America"?
7. Which group has the jurisdiction to mandate global place-name changes?
8. For how long has the name "Gulf of Mexico" existed?
9. How far out from its coastline does a nation's sovereign territory stretch?
10. What did Mexico's president joke that the USA should be renamed?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2502/250203-gulf-of-mexico.html>

- 1) What is the synonym the article used for the Gulf of Mexico?
 - a) head of steam
 - b) body of water
 - c) cube of ice
 - d) water basin
- 2) When did President Trump say the USA would regain its rightful place?
 - a) soon
 - b) in 2040
 - c) shortly after his inauguration
 - d) immediately
- 3) Who did President Trump say would be awe-inspired by America?
 - a) America's foes
 - b) all North Americas
 - c) Mexicans
 - d) the entire world
- 4) Which department expressed its pride in the renaming?
 - a) Homeland Security
 - b) the U.S. Department of the Interior
 - c) the Department of Government Efficiency
 - d) The I.R.S.
- 5) What legacy did the department say the renaming would honor?
 - a) the legacy of American greatness
 - b) the legacy of American seas and oceans
 - c) the legacy of President Trump
 - d) the legacy of the Americas
- 6) Where will we see the name "Gulf of America"?
 - a) on official U.S. maps
 - b) in atlases
 - c) Google Maps worldwide
 - d) in Mexico
- 7) Which group has the jurisdiction to mandate global place-name changes?
 - a) UNESCO
 - b) Google Maps
 - c) National Geographic
 - d) There's no such group.
- 8) For how long has the name "Gulf of Mexico" existed?
 - a) over 600 years
 - b) over 500 years
 - c) over 400 years
 - d) over 800 years
- 9) How far out from its coastline does a nation's sovereign territory stretch?
 - a) 16 km
 - b) 17 km
 - c) 18 km
 - d) 19 km
- 10) What did Mexico's president joke that the USA should be renamed?
 - a) Tex Mex
 - b) Mexican America
 - c) American Mexicana
 - d) Mex Tex

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – The USA

You think the USA is the nation most worthy of respect. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their countries. Also, tell the others which of these is the country that needs to do better most (and why): the UAE, Switzerland or China.

Role B – UAE

You think the UAE is the nation most worthy of respect. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their countries. Also, tell the others which of these is the country that needs to do better most (and why): the USA, Switzerland or China.

Role C – Switzerland

You think Switzerland is the nation most worthy of respect. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their countries. Also, tell the others which of these is the country that needs to do better most (and why): the UAE, the USA or China.

Role D – China

You think China is the nation most worthy of respect. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their countries. Also, tell the others which of these is the country that needs to do better most (and why): the UAE, Switzerland or the USA.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2502/250203-gulf-of-mexico.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'gulf' and 'Mexico'.

gulf	Mexico
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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">• body• shortly• place• awe• going• honor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• official• global• opposed• four• 19• depicted
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MEXICO SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Mexico 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.

MEXICO 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 'gulf'?
3. What do you know about the Gulf of Mexico?
4. What do you think about the name change to Gulf of America?
5. What is awe-inspiring about the USA?
6. What nations on Earth do you respect most?
7. How great is your nation?
8. What is the 'legacy of American greatness'?
9. What is the legacy of your country?
10. How has President Trump been doing since his inauguration?

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MEXICO 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 'Mexico'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Who should oversee the changing of place names?
15. Have there been place-name changes you have disagreed with?
16. What do you think of the name of your country?
17. What do you think of looking at maps?
18. What places on Earth would you like to rename?
19. What advice do you have for Mexico's President Claudia Sheinbaum?
20. What questions would you like to ask President Trump?

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) order | (b) ordered | (c) orders | (d) ordering |
| 2. | (a) of | (b) by | (c) at | (d) on |
| 3. | (a) Thinly | (b) Petitley | (c) Lesser | (d) Shortly |
| 4. | (a) wrongful | (b) rightful | (c) dutiful | (d) bountiful |
| 5. | (a) all | (b) entire | (c) entrail | (d) contrail |
| 6. | (a) lethargy | (b) legality | (c) legacy | (d) largesse |
| 7. | (a) freeze | (b) confide | (c) mandate | (d) disturb |
| 8. | (a) imposed | (b) posed | (c) opposed | (d) composed |
| 9. | (a) slighted | (b) sated | (c) sighted | (d) cited |
| 10. | (a) sovereign | (b) royal | (c) kingly | (d) empire |
| 11. | (a) retorted | (b) contorted | (c) sported | (d) imported |
| 12. | (a) pasted | (b) stitched | (c) depicted | (d) treated |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. udenuosdr by the USA
2. Shortly after his gtunuaraoiin
3. inspiring the aw and admiration
4. the eeirnt world
5. the implementation of name raortiosetsn
6. honor the ygclae of American greatness

Paragraph 2

7. on lafifoci U.S. maps
8. no international organization with the niucjrtsdiio
9. mndtaae the global acceptance
10. which ptaestulis that
11. a country's soiegrven territory
12. as dcetpide on a map of the continent

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2502/250203-gulf-of-mexico.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () proud to announce the implementation of name restorations that honor the legacy of American greatness".
- () territory only extends 12 miles from its coastline. She retorted that if there were to be name changes,
- () maps. However, there is no international organization with the jurisdiction to order
- () place as the greatest, most powerful, most respected nation on Earth, inspiring the awe and
- () the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, which stipulates that a country's sovereign
- () to the Gulf of America." The U.S. Department of the Interior declared that it "is
- () the global acceptance of place names. Mexico's President Claudia Sheinbaum has opposed the name change. She pointed
- () The USA's Board on Geographic Names can change the name to Gulf of America on official U.S.
- () after his inauguration on the 20th of January, President Trump said: "America will reclaim its rightful
- () admiration of the entire world." He added: "We are going to be changing the name of the Gulf of Mexico
- () out that the name "Gulf of Mexico" has existed for over four centuries. She also cited
- () of water, which is surrounded by the USA, Mexico, and Cuba, to be renamed the Gulf of America. Shortly
- (**1**) U.S. President Donald Trump has ordered the renaming of the Gulf of Mexico. He wants the body
- () the United States should be called "Mexican America," as depicted on a map of the continent from 1607.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. the Mexico . Ordered renaming Gulf of of the
2. reclaim greatest . its America the as will place
3. the Inspiring the awe world . entire of
4. the to going changing are name . be We
5. honor legacy American greatness . of the Restorations that
6. of Jurisdiction to the names . mandate place acceptance
7. the has opposed president name Mexico's change .
8. has name centuries . four over for The existed
9. 19 kilometres . extends country's only sovereign A territory
10. As map a depicted continent . on the of

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2502/250203-gulf-of-mexico.html>

U.S. President Donald Trump has ordered the *renamed* / *renaming* of the Gulf of Mexico. He wants the *trunk* / *body* of water, which is surrounded *of* / *by* the USA, Mexico, and Cuba, to be renamed the Gulf of America. *Shortly* / *Lowly* after his inauguration on the 20th of January, President Trump said: "America will reclaim its *rightfully* / *rightful* place as the greatest, most powerful, most respected nation on Earth, inspiring the *awesome* / *awe* and admiration of the *entire* / *entirety* world." He added: "We are going to be changing the name of the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America." The U.S. Department of *an* / *the* Interior declared that it "is *proud* / *pride* to announce the implementation of name restorations that honor the *legality* / *legacy* of American greatness".

The USA's *Board* / *Plank* on Geographic Names can change the name to Gulf of America *on* / *of* official U.S. maps. However, there is no international organization with the *jurisdiction* / *justification* to mandate the global acceptance of place names. Mexico's President Claudia Sheinbaum has *composed* / *opposed* the name change. She *pointed* / *jabbed* out that the name "Gulf of Mexico" has existed for over four centuries. She also *sighted* / *cited* the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, which *stipulating* / *stipulates* that a country's sovereign territory only extends 19 kilometres from its *contour* / *coastline*. She retorted that if there *were* / *have* to be name changes, the United States should be called "Mexican America," as *depicted* / *impacted* on a map of the continent from 1607.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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U.S. Pr_s_d_nt D_n_ld Tr_mp h_s _rd_r_d th_ r_n_m_ng
f th G_lf _f M_x_c_. H_ w_nts th_ b_dy _f w_t_r,
wh_ch _s s_rr__nd_d by th_ _S_, M_x_c_, _nd C_b_,
t_ b_ r_n_m_d th_ G_lf _f _m_r_c_. Sh_r_tly _ft_r h_s
_n__g_r_t__n _n th_ 20th _f J_n__ry, Pr_s_d_nt Tr_mp
s__d: "_m_r_c_ w_ll r_cl__m _ts r_ghtf_l pl_c_ _s th_
gr__t_st, m_st p_w_rf_l, m_st r_sp_ct_d n_t__n _n
__rth, _nsp_r_ng th_ _w_ _nd _dm_r_t__n _f th_
_nt_r_ w_rld." H_ _dd_d: "W_ _r_ g__ng t_ b_
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2502/250203-gulf-of-mexico.html>

us president donald trump has ordered the renaming of the gulf of mexico he wants the body of water which is surrounded by the usa mexico and cuba to be renamed the gulf of america shortly after his inauguration on the 20th of january president trump said america will reclaim its rightful place as the greatest most powerful most respected nation on earth inspiring the awe and admiration of the entire world he added we are going to be changing the name of the gulf of mexico to the gulf of america the us department of the interior declared that it is proud to announce the implementation of name restorations that honor the legacy of american greatness

the usas board on geographic names can change the name to gulf of america on official us maps however there is no international organization with the jurisdiction to mandate the global acceptance of place names mexicos president claudia sheinbaum has opposed the name change she pointed out that the name gulf of mexico has existed for over four centuries she also cited the united nations convention on the law of the sea which stipulates that a countrys sovereign territory only extends 19 kilometres from its coastline she retorted that if there were to be name changes the united states should be called mexican america as depicted on a map of the continent from 1607

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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U.S. President Donald Trump has ordered the renaming of the Gulf of Mexico. He wants the body of water, which is surrounded by the USA, Mexico, and Cuba, to be renamed the Gulf of America. Shortly after his inauguration on the 20th of January, President Trump said: "America will reclaim its rightful place as the greatest, most powerful, most respected nation on Earth, inspiring the awe and admiration of the entire world." He added: "We are going to be changing the name of the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America." The U.S. Department of the Interior declared that it "is proud to announce the implementation of name restoration that honors the legacy of American greatness". The USA's Board on Geographic Names can change the name to Gulf of America on official U.S. maps. However, there is no international organization with the jurisdiction to mandate the global acceptance of place names. Mexico's President Claudia Sheinbaum has opposed the name change. She pointed out that the name "Gulf of Mexico" has existed for over four centuries. She also cited the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, which stipulates that a country's sovereign territory only extends 19 kilometres from its coastline. She retorted that if there were to be name changes, the United States should be called "Mexican America," as depicted on a map of the continent from 1607.

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

4. NAME CHANGES: Write a magazine article about the U.N. being responsible for all changes to place names that affect two or more countries. 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 the Gulf of Mexico. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on the convention of place-name changing. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 T 2 F 3 F 4 T 5 F 6 F 7 T 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Body of water
2. Shortly after his inauguration
3. The entire world
4. The U.S. Department of the Interior
5. The legacy of American greatness
6. On official U.S. maps
7. There's no such group
8. Over four centuries
9. Nineteen kilometres
10. Mexican America

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Ordered the renaming of the Gulf of Mexico.
2. America will reclaim its place as the greatest.
3. Inspiring the awe of the entire world.
4. We are going to be changing the name.
5. Restorations that honor the legacy of American greatness.
6. Jurisdiction to mandate the acceptance of place names.
7. Mexico's president has opposed the name change.
8. The name has existed for over four centuries.
9. A country's sovereign territory only extends 19 kilometres.
10. As depicted on a map of the continent.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. c 3. d 4. b 5. a 6. a 7. d 8. c 9. d 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)