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Level 3

Disney bans selfie sticks at theme parks

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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1506/150630-selfie-sticks.html>

Disney will ban selfie sticks at all of its theme parks around the world from July the 1st. The entertainment giant has become the latest company to ban the sticks. Universal Studios was one of the first companies to put a ban in place. Many museums now also ban them. Kim Prunty, a Disney spokeswoman, said the ban was because of concerns that the sticks were dangerous for customers and Disney workers. She said: "We strive to provide a great experience for the entire family, and unfortunately, selfie sticks have become a growing safety concern for both our guests and cast." She added that staff have had to stop rides because people were using selfie sticks on them.

Selfie sticks have become very popular in recent years. They were designed so that people with mobile cameras could take photos of themselves. It seems as though everyone in the world is taking self-portraits to put on Facebook, Twitter and other social media sites. Even the president of the USA has been seen taking selfies. However, many people are getting angry with others who use selfie sticks, especially at tourist attractions. One passenger who used the stick on a rollercoaster at Disney California Adventure shut the ride down for nearly an hour. The PC World magazine offers a solution. It wrote: "Maybe you should...use the selfie sticks that we're all born with - your arms."

Sources: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/26/us-usa-florida-selfie-idUSKBN0P629720150626>
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WARM-UPS

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

ban / theme parks / entertainment / museums / concerns / dangerous / customers / popular / photos / self-portraits / social media / tourist attractions / rollercoaster

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

3. THEME PARKS: Design these new theme parks? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What you can do there	A slogan
Apple World		
Time World		
Chocolate World		
BBC World		
Health World		
Shopping World		

4. SELFIES: Students A **strongly** believe people who take selfies love themselves too much; Students B **strongly** believe everyone should take selfies. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. PHOTOS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- selfies
- photos of babies
- photos of food
- photos of kittens
- nature photos
- family photos
- wedding photos
- celebrity pics

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

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1506/150630-selfie-sticks.html>

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

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. Disney will ban selfie sticks at theme parks from next year. | T / F |
| b. Disney is the world's first theme park operator to ban selfie sticks. | T / F |
| c. A Disney spokeswoman said selfie sticks caused a danger to staff. | T / F |
| d. Disney has had to stop rides because someone used a selfie stick. | T / F |
| e. Selfie sticks were designed for old people without cameras. | T / F |
| f. Everyone on Facebook uses a selfie stick. | T / F |
| g. The U.S. President takes selfies. | T / F |
| h. A magazine suggested our arms are our natural selfie sticks. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. ban | a. particularly |
| 2. workers | b. whole |
| 3. provide | c. appears |
| 4. entire | d. becoming |
| 5. concern | e. prohibit |
| 6. designed | f. answer |
| 7. seems | g. staff |
| 8. getting | h. worry |
| 9. especially | i. created |
| 10. solution | j. give |

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

- | | |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1. Disney will ban selfie sticks at | a. had to stop rides |
| 2. the latest company to | b. a ban in place |
| 3. one of the first companies to put | c. attractions |
| 4. provide a great experience | d. portraits |
| 5. She added that staff have | e. for the entire family |
| 6. Selfie sticks have become very | f. all of its theme parks |
| 7. taking self- | g. getting angry |
| 8. many people are | h. ban the sticks |
| 9. tourist | i. with - your arms |
| 10. use the selfie sticks that we're all born | j. popular in recent years |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1506/150630-selfie-sticks.html>

Disney will ban selfie sticks at all of its theme parks (1) _____ the world from July the 1st. The entertainment (2) _____ has become the (3) _____ company to ban the sticks. Universal Studios was one of the first companies to put a ban in place. Many (4) _____ now also ban them. Kim Prunty, a Disney spokeswoman, said the ban was because of (5) _____ that the sticks were dangerous for customers and Disney workers. She said: "We (6) _____ to provide a great experience for the entire family, and unfortunately, selfie sticks have become a growing (7) _____ concern for both our guests and (8) _____." She added that staff have had to stop rides because people were using selfie sticks on them.

museums
concerns
around
latest
cast
strive
giant
safety

Selfie sticks have become very (9) _____ in recent years. They were designed so that people with mobile cameras could take photos of themselves. It (10) _____ as though everyone in the world is taking (11) _____ -portraits to put on Facebook, Twitter and other social media sites. Even the president of the USA has been seen taking selfies. However, many people are getting (12) _____ with others who use selfie sticks, especially at (13) _____ attractions. One passenger who used the stick on a rollercoaster at Disney California Adventure shut the ride (14) _____ for nearly an hour. The PC World magazine offers a (15) _____. It wrote: "Maybe you should...use the selfie sticks that we're all (16) _____ with - your arms."

self
popular
down
angry
born
seems
solution
tourist

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1506/150630-selfie-sticks.html>

- 1) Disney will ban selfie sticks at all of its theme parks _____
 - a. about the world
 - b. around the world
 - c. around the world
 - d. errand the world
- 2) Universal Studios was one of the first companies to put _____
 - a. a ban in place
 - b. a ban in place
 - c. a banning place
 - d. a band in place
- 3) We strive to provide a great experience for _____
 - a. the entry family
 - b. the entire family
 - c. the end tyre family
 - d. the entirely family
- 4) selfie sticks have become a growing safety concern for both _____
 - a. our guests and classed
 - b. our guests and caste
 - c. our guests and class
 - d. our guests and cast
- 5) staff have had to stop rides because people were using _____
 - a. selfie sticks in them
 - b. selfie sticks sun them
 - c. selfie sticks on them
 - d. selfie sticks son them
- 6) Selfie sticks have become very popular _____
 - a. in recently years
 - b. in recent years
 - c. in resent years
 - d. in resend years
- 7) It seems as though everyone in the world is taking _____
 - a. self-portraits
 - b. safe-portraits
 - c. shelf-portraits
 - d. serf-portraits
- 8) many people are getting angry with others who use selfie sticks, especially _____
 - a. at touristy attractions
 - b. at touristic attractions
 - c. at tourism attractions
 - d. at tourist attractions
- 9) The PC World magazine _____
 - a. proffers a solution
 - b. coffers a solution
 - c. doffers a solution
 - d. offers a solution
- 10) Maybe you should...use the selfie sticks that we're all born _____
 - a. within - your arms
 - b. with - our arms
 - c. with - your arms
 - d. with - your arm

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Selfie sticks have become very (7) _____ years. They were designed so that people with mobile cameras could take photos of themselves. (8) _____ everyone in the world is taking self-portraits to put on Facebook, Twitter (9) _____ media sites. Even the president of the USA has been seen taking selfies. However, many people are getting (10) _____ who use selfie sticks, especially at tourist attractions. (11) _____ used the stick on a rollercoaster at Disney California Adventure shut the ride down for nearly an hour. The PC World magazine offers a solution. It wrote: "Maybe you should...use the selfie sticks that (12) _____ - your arms."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1506/150630-selfie-sticks.html>

1. When will (did) Disney's ban on selfie sticks begin?

2. Which other theme park is mentioned in the article?

3. Who is Kim Prunty?

4. What does Disney strive to provide for families?

5. Who has had to stop rides?

6. When did selfie sticks become very popular?

7. What does the article say people are taking with selfie sticks?

8. Where are people getting angry with those who use selfie sticks?

9. For how long was a Disney ride shut down because of a selfie stick?

10. What did a magazine suggest using instead of selfie sticks?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1506/150630-selfie-sticks.html>

1. When will (did) Disney's ban on selfie sticks begin?
 - a) 2016
 - b) August 23rd
 - c) July 1st
 - d) the month after next
2. Which other theme park is mentioned in the article?
 - a) Universal Studios
 - b) Harry Potter World
 - c) Legoland
 - d) Hello Kitty World
3. Who is Kim Prunty?
 - a) the creator of the selfie stick
 - b) a Disney spokeswoman
 - c) an angry tourist
 - d) a selfie stick seller
4. What does Disney strive to provide for families?
 - a) software
 - b) Micky Mouse books
 - c) free selfie sticks
 - d) a great experience
5. Who has had to stop rides?
 - a) engineers
 - b) the police
 - c) Disney staff
 - d) guests
6. When did selfie sticks become very popular?
 - a) September 13, 2014
 - b) in recent years
 - c) last month
 - d) 2012
7. What does the article say people are taking with selfie sticks?
 - a) away the fun of photography
 - b) great photos
 - c) liberties
 - d) self-portraits
8. Where are people getting angry with those who use selfie sticks?
 - a) in private
 - b) tourist attractions
 - c) trains
 - d) Iceland
9. For how long was a Disney ride shut down because of a selfie stick?
 - a) two weeks
 - b) nearly an hour
 - c) not long
 - d) 62 minutes
10. What did a magazine suggest using instead of selfie sticks?
 - a) arms
 - b) a tripod
 - c) a tree
 - d) your imagination

ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1506/150630-selfie-sticks.html>

Role A – Selfies

You think selfies are the best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things photos so good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): wedding photos, photos of nature or photos of food.

Role B – Wedding photos

You think wedding photos are the best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things photos so good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): selfies, photos of nature or photos of food.

Role C – Photos of nature

You think photos of nature are the best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things photos so good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): wedding photos, selfies or photos of food.

Role D – Photos of food

You think photos of food are the best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things photos so good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): wedding photos, photos of nature or selfies.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1506/150630-selfie-sticks.html>

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

theme	park

- 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">• around• giant• also• great• growing• stop	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• recent• self• other• seen• especially• born
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SELFIES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about selfies 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.

SELFIES 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 'selfie'?
- 3) What do you think of selfies?
- 4) What do you think of Disney's ban on selfie sticks?
- 5) Why do people take so many selfies?
- 6) What do you think of Disney?
- 7) How dangerous are selfie sticks?
- 8) Do you like photos of yourself?
- 9) What do you like to take photos of?
- 10) Should Disney also ban cameras in its theme parks?

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SELFIES DISCUSSION

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

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) Why are selfie sticks so popular?
- 13) Do people take too many photos of themselves?
- 14) What would the world be like without social media sites?
- 15) What do you think of rollercoasters?
- 16) What would you say to a person with a selfie stick on a rollercoaster?
- 17) What do you think of taking self-portraits using camera drones?
- 18) Would you buy a selfie stick?
- 19) Is PC World's solution a good one?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask the boss of Disney?

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) whole | (b) entire | (c) all | (d) every |
| 2. | (a) latest | (b) least | (c) lasted | (d) lost |
| 3. | (a) place | (b) placed | (c) placing | (d) plaice |
| 4. | (a) concerns | (b) concerned | (c) concerning | (d) concern |
| 5. | (a) all | (b) entire | (c) whole | (d) most |
| 6. | (a) grown | (b) grew | (c) growth | (d) growing |
| 7. | (a) populate | (b) polar | (c) popular | (d) poplar |
| 8. | (a) was | (b) is | (c) has | (d) as |
| 9. | (a) self | (b) lone | (c) lonely | (d) alone |
| 10. | (a) by | (b) with | (c) as | (d) of |
| 11. | (a) over | (b) down | (c) through | (d) up |
| 12. | (a) of | (b) in | (c) with | (d) for |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. eethm parks
2. The entertainment ignat
3. the esaltt company to ban the sticks
4. mesusum now also ban them
5. the sticks were esaondrgu
6. a growing safety concern for both our egsuts

Paragraph 2

7. very arppoul
8. They were esgdedin
9. social idmae sites
10. tiosutr attractions
11. One esgasenpr who used the stick
12. The PC World magazine offers a oilnstuo

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () Selfie sticks have become very popular in recent years. They were designed so that people with
- () portraits to put on Facebook, Twitter and other social media sites. Even the president of the USA has been
- () to provide a great experience for the entire family, and unfortunately, selfie sticks have become a growing
- () at tourist attractions. One passenger who used the stick on a rollercoaster at Disney California Adventure shut the ride
- (**1**) Disney will ban selfie sticks at all of its theme parks around the world from July the 1st. The entertainment
- () place. Many museums now also ban them. Kim Prunty, a Disney spokeswoman, said the ban was because
- () had to stop rides because people were using selfie sticks on them.
- () down for nearly an hour. The PC World magazine offers a solution. It wrote: "Maybe you should...
- () use the selfie sticks that we're all born with - your arms."
- () seen taking selfies. However, many people are getting angry with others who use selfie sticks, especially
- () of concerns that the sticks were dangerous for customers and Disney workers. She said: "We strive
- () giant has become the latest company to ban the sticks. Universal Studios was one of the first companies to put a ban in
- () mobile cameras could take photos of themselves. It seems as though everyone in the world is taking self-
- () safety concern for both our guests and cast." She added that staff have

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. will Disney parks theme its of all at sticks selfie ban .

2. of One place in ban a put to companies first the .

3. customers sticks were Concerns dangerous that for the .

4. family entire the for experience great a provide to strive We .

5. selfie because sticks people were Stop using rides .

6. in have popular years sticks very recent Selfie become .

7. designed people cameras were that mobile They so with .

8. self the taking portraits in is - Everyone world .

9. angry with others Many . people are getting

10. all we're that sticks selfie the use should You with born .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1506/150630-selfie-sticks.html>

Disney will ban selfie sticks at all of its *theme / themes* parks around the world from July the 1st. The entertainment *gigantic / giant* has become the *latest / least* company to ban the sticks. Universal Studios was one of the first companies to put a ban *on / in* place. Many museums now also ban them. Kim Prunty, a Disney spokeswoman, said the ban was because of *concerns / concern* that the sticks were dangerous for customers and Disney workers. She said: "We *shift / strive* to provide a great experience for the *entirely / entire* family, and unfortunately, selfie sticks have become a *growth / growing* safety concern for both our guests and *cast / cart*." She added that staff have had to stop rides because people were using selfie sticks *on there / them*.

Selfie sticks have become very popular in *recently / recent* years. They were designed so *that / where* people with mobile cameras could take photos *from / of* themselves. It seems as *though / thought* everyone in the world is taking self-portraits to put on Facebook, Twitter and *another / other* social media sites. *Even / Ever* the president of the USA has been *seen / seek* taking selfies. However, many people are getting *angry / angrily* with others who use selfie sticks, especially at tourist attractions. One passenger who used the stick on a rollercoaster at Disney California Adventure *shuts / shut* the ride down for nearly an hour. The PC World magazine offers a solution. It wrote: "Maybe you should...use the selfie sticks *what / that* we're all born with – your arms."

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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D_s_n_y w_ll b_n s_lf__ st_cks _t__ll _f__ts th_m_ p_rks
_r__nd th_ w_rld fr_m J_ly th_ 1st. Th_ _nt_r_t__nm_nt
g__nt h_s b_c_m_ th_ l_t_st c_mp_ny t_ b_n th_
st_cks. _n_v_rs_l St_d__s w_s _n_ _f th_ f_rst
c_mp_n__s t_p_t__ b_n_n pl_c_. M_ny m_s__ms n_w
ls b_n th_m. K_m Pr_nty, _ D_s_n_y sp_k_sw_m_n,
s__d th_ b_n w_s b_c__s_ _f c_nc_rns th_t th_ st_cks
w_r_ d_ng_r__s f_r c_st_m_rs _nd D_s_n_y w_rk_rs.
Sh_ s__d: "W__str_v__t_p_r_v_d__ _gr__t_xp_r__nc_
f_r th_ _nt_r_f_m_ly, _nd _nf_r_t_n_t_ly, s_lf__ st_cks
h_v_ b_c_m_ _gr_w_ng s_f_ty c_nc_rn f_r b_th__r
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r_d_s b_c__s_ p__pl_ w_r_ _s_ng s_lf__ st_cks _n
th_m.

S_lf__ st_cks h_v_ b_c_m_ v_ry p_p_l_r _n r_c_nt
y__rs. Th_y w_r_ d_s_gn_d_s_ th_t p__pl_ w_th m_b_l_
c_m_r_s c__ld t_k_ph_t_s_f th_ms_lv_s. _t_s__ms_s
th__gh_v_ry_n_ _n th_ w_rld _s_t_k_ng s_lf-p_rtr__ts
t_p_t__n F_c_b__k, Tw_tt_r _nd _th_r s_c__l m_d__
s_t_s. _v_n th_ pr_s_d_nt _f th_ _S_ h_s b__n s__n
t_k_ng s_lf__s. H_w_v_r, m_ny p__pl_ _r_g_tt_ng
_ngry w_th _th_rs wh_ _s_s_lf__ st_cks, _sp_c__lly _t
t__r_st_ttr_ct__ns. _n_p_ss_ng_r wh_ _s_d th_ st_ck
_n _r_ll_rc__st_r _t D_s_n_y C_l_f_rn__ _dv_nt_r_
sh_t th_ r_d_d_wn f_r n__rly _n h__r. Th_ PC W_rld
m_g_z_n_ _ff_rs _s_l_t_n. _t wr_t: "M_yb_ y__
sh__ld...s_ th_ s_lf__ st_cks th_t w_'r_ _ll b_rn w_th_
y__r_rms."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

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

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

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

4. SELFIE STICKS: Write a magazine article about selfie sticks. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against them.

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 selfies. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how best to use selfie sticks. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. ban | a. prohibit |
| 2. workers | b. staff |
| 3. provide | c. give |
| 4. entire | d. whole |
| 5. concern | e. worry |
| 6. designed | f. created |
| 7. seems | g. appears |
| 8. getting | h. becoming |
| 9. especially | i. particularly |
| 10. solution | j. answer |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. July 1st
2. Universal Studios
3. A Disney spokeswoman
4. A great experience
5. Disney staff
6. In recent years
7. Self-portraits
8. At tourist attractions
9. Nearly an hour
10. Arms

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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