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## Michelle Obama's book best-selling of 2018

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# THE ARTICLE

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Michelle Obama summed up the idea behind her book. She said: "Becoming is never giving up on the idea that there's more growing to be done." An Amazon reviewer wrote: "Michelle Obama invites readers into her world, chronicling the experiences that have shaped her - from her childhood on the South Side of Chicago to her years as an executive balancing the demands of motherhood and work, to her time spent at the world's most famous address." The autobiography and Ms Obama's accompanying nationwide tour to promote it have ignited talk of the former First Lady running for President in 2020. One of her aides quickly dismissed any speculation, saying: "Let me be very clear, it will never happen."

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2018/11/20/media/michelle-obama-book-sales/index.html>  
<https://www.latimes.com/books/la-et-jc-obama-bestseller-20181119-story.html>  
<https://www.amazon.com/Becoming-Michelle-Obama/dp/1524763136>

# WARM-UPS

**1. MICHELLE OBAMA:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Michelle Obama. 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?

autobiography / former / First Lady / bestseller / White House / memoir / personal / idea / never giving up / experiences / childhood / motherhood / nationwide / tour

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

**3. GIVING UP:** Students A **strongly** believe we should never give up; Students B **strongly** believe giving up is OK. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. FIRST LADIES:** Who is the First Lady of these things? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Who?	Why?
Niceness		
Business		
Acting		
Politics		
Education		
Power		

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

**6. MEMOIRS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best memoirs to read at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Michelle Obama
- Melania Trump
- Beyonce
- Melinda Gates
- Oprah Winfrey
- Queen Elizabeth II
- Aung San Suu Kyi
- Queen Noor of Jordan

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| 1. autobiography | a. Written or composed.   |
| 2. penned        | b. A historical account or biography written from personal knowledge or special sources.                  |
| 3. stormed       | c. A reaction to something.   |
| 4. memoir        | d. Moved very quickly to a position in a game, contest or other thing.                                    |
| 5. intimate      | e. Filling someone with the urge or ability to do or feel something, especially to do something creative. |
| 6. inspiring     | f. An account / story of a person's life written by that person.  |
| 7. response      | g. Private and personal.  |

## Paragraph 2

- |                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| 8. summed up     | h. A person who writes critical reports of books, plays, movies, etc., for publication. |
| 9. reviewer      | i. Recording a related series of events in a factual and detailed way.                  |
| 10. chronicling  | j. The forming of a theory or opinion without strong evidence.                          |
| 11. demands      | k. Be present or occur at the same time as something else.                              |
| 12. accompanying | l. Jobs and tasks people are requiring you to do (quickly).                             |
| 13. ignited      | m. Gave a brief account of the main points of something.                                |
| 14. speculation  | n. Started or further stimulated an emotion or situation.                               |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181123-michelle-obama.html>

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

- a. The article says Ms Obama wrote her book with a fountain pen. **T / F**
- b. The article says Ms Obama's was very stormy. **T / F**
- c. The book is slightly under 450 pages long. **T / F**
- d. The publisher said the book was thrilled. **T / F**
- e. Ms Obama said 'Becoming' means giving up when you need to. **T / F**
- f. An Amazon reviewer says Ms Obama talks about growing up. **T / F**
- g. A book tour has sparked rumors Ms Obama will run for President. **T / F**
- h. A close associate says Ms Obama won't run for President. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- |                         |               |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| <b>1. autobiography</b> | a. private    |
| <b>2. in-depth</b>      | b. recording  |
| <b>3. intimate</b>      | c. motivate   |
| <b>4. thrilled</b>      | d. thorough   |
| <b>5. inspire</b>       | e. conjecture |
| <b>6. summed up</b>     | f. life story |
| <b>7. chronicling</b>   | g. needs      |
| <b>8. demands</b>       | h. started    |
| <b>9. ignited</b>       | i. excited    |
| <b>10. speculation</b>  | j. outlined   |

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

- |  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 1. The new autobiography penned        | a. Amazon's bestseller list |
| 2. The in-depth memoir of              | b. have shaped her          |
| 3. holds the top spot on               | c. millions of readers      |
| 4. Ms Obama's beautifully rendered and | d. any speculation          |
| 5. 'Becoming' will inspire             | e. for President            |
| 6. Michelle Obama summed up the        | f. deeply personal memoir   |
| 7. chronicling the experiences that    | g. motherhood and work      |
| 8. balancing the demands of            | h. by the former First Lady |
| 9. running                             | i. idea behind her book     |
| 10. her aides quickly dismissed        | j. her life and times       |

# GAP FILL

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*publisher*  
*stormed*  
*holds*  
*confident*  
*penned*  
*response*  
*memoir*  
*intimate*

Michelle Obama (9) \_\_\_\_\_ up the idea behind her book. She said: "Becoming is never (10) \_\_\_\_\_ up on the idea that there's more growing to be done." An Amazon reviewer wrote: "Michelle Obama invites readers into her world, (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the experiences that have shaped her - from her childhood on the South Side of Chicago to her years as an (12) \_\_\_\_\_ balancing the demands of motherhood and work, to her time spent at the world's most famous (13) \_\_\_\_\_." The autobiography and Ms Obama's accompanying nationwide (14) \_\_\_\_\_ to promote it have ignited talk of the (15) \_\_\_\_\_ First Lady running for President in 2020. One of her aides quickly dismissed any speculation, saying: "Let me be very (16) \_\_\_\_\_, it will never happen."

*executive*  
*giving*  
*tour*  
*summed*  
*clear*  
*former*  
*chronicling*  
*address*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) penned by the former First Lady of the USA Michelle Obama has \_\_\_\_\_ top
  - a. stormed at the
  - b. stormed into the
  - c. stormed to the
  - d. stormed unto the
- 2) the fastest-selling book of 2018 and holds the top spot on Amazon's \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. bestseller wrist
  - b. bestseller list
  - c. bestseller Liszt
  - d. bestseller writs
- 3) The book's publisher, Penguin Random House, said: " \_\_\_\_\_."
  - a. We are thriller
  - b. We are frilled
  - c. We are frilly
  - d. We are thrilled
- 4) extraordinary response to Ms Obama's beautifully rendered and deeply \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. personal memory
  - b. personal memoir
  - c. personal meme were
  - d. personal meme war
- 5) and we are confident that 'Becoming' will \_\_\_\_\_ readers
  - a. inspired millions of
  - b. inspires millions of
  - c. respire millions of
  - d. conspire millions of
- 6) Becoming is never giving up on the idea that there's more growing \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to be done
  - b. to be doing
  - c. to be gone
  - d. to bygone
- 7) Obama invites readers into her world, chronicling the experiences that \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. have sharpened her
  - b. have shaved her
  - c. have chafed her
  - d. have shaped her
- 8) from her childhood on the South Side of Chicago to her years \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. as an executive
  - b. is an executive
  - c. as and executive
  - d. is and executive
- 9) autobiography and Ms Obama's accompanying nationwide tour to promote \_\_\_\_\_ talk
  - a. it have ignite it
  - b. it have ignite
  - c. it have ignited
  - d. it have ignites
- 10) One of her aides quickly dismissed \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. many speculation
  - b. many speck undulation
  - c. any speck undulation
  - d. any speculation

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181123-michelle-obama.html>

1. What list is the book top of?
2. What three adjectives did an Amazon reviewer use to describe the book?
3. What is the name of the book's publisher?
4. What was the publisher's reaction to the book?
5. Who did the publisher say the book would inspire?
6. What did Michelle Obama saw there was more of to be done?
7. Where did Michelle Obama grow up?
8. What did Amazon suggest the White House was?
9. What has started rumors of Ms Obama's possible run for President?
10. Who said Ms Obama will not run for President?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181123-michelle-obama.html>

- 1) What list is the book top of?
  - a) Donald Trump's reading list
  - b) a Christmas tree
  - c) Amazon's bestseller list
  - d) the bestselling First Lady books
- 2) What three adjectives did an Amazon reviewer use to describe the book?
  - a) intimate, powerful and inspiring
  - b) fun, jolly and interesting
  - c) intense, heavy and serious
  - d) mind-blowing, extraordinary and amazing
- 3) What is the name of the book's publisher?
  - a) Penguin Random House
  - b) Random Penguin House
  - c) Penguin House Random
  - d) Random House Penguin
- 4) What was the publisher's reaction to the book?
  - a) it was disappointed
  - b) it was thrilled
  - c) it was stunned
  - d) it was heartened
- 5) Who did the publisher say the book would inspire?
  - a) all Americans
  - b) Donald Trump
  - c) former First Ladies
  - d) millions of readers
- 6) What did Michelle Obama saw there was more of to be done?
  - a) writing
  - b) growing
  - c) reading
  - d) fighting
- 7) Where did Michelle Obama grow up?
  - a) the South Side of Chicago
  - b) Detroit
  - c) New York
  - d) Houston
- 8) What did Amazon suggest the White House was?
  - a) a hive of activity
  - b) big
  - c) the world's most famous address
  - d) a great place to write
- 9) What has started rumors of Ms Obama's possible run for President?
  - a) her aide
  - b) newspapers
  - c) gossip
  - d) a nationwide book tour
- 10) Who said Ms Obama will not run for President?
  - a) her aide
  - b) Barack Obama
  - c) Donald Trump
  - d) her best friend

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Michelle Obama**

You think Michelle Obama's memoirs would be most interesting. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with the other memoirs. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Beyonce, Queen Elizabeth II or Melania Trump.

## **Role B – Beyonce**

You think Beyonce's memoirs would be most interesting. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with the other memoirs. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Michelle Obama, Queen Elizabeth II or Melania Trump.

## **Role C – Queen Elizabeth II**

You think Queen Elizabeth II's memoirs would be most interesting. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with the other memoirs. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Beyonce, Michelle Obama or Melania Trump.

## **Role D – Melania Trump**

You think Melania Trump's memoirs would be most interesting. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with the other memoirs. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Beyonce, Queen Elizabeth II or Michelle Obama.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181123-michelle-obama.html>

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

<b>book</b>	<b>biography</b>
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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"><li>• penned</li><li>• times</li><li>• list</li><li>• powerful</li><li>• response</li><li>• millions</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• summed</li><li>• growing</li><li>• south</li><li>• address</li><li>• tour</li><li>• clear</li></ul>
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# MICHELLE OBAMA SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Michelle Obama 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.

# MICHELLE OBAMA 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 'book'?
3. What do you know about Michelle Obama?
4. Would you like to read Michelle Obama's book?
5. How interesting would your memoirs be?
6. What's the best book you've read this year?
7. What is the best biography you've ever read?
8. Why do you think the book might be "powerful and inspiring"?
9. What do you think of the book's title, "Becoming"?
10. What advice do you have for Michelle Obama?

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# MICHELLE OBAMA 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 'biography'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think about Michelle Obama?
15. What do you think will be in Michelle Obama's book?
16. What's the most inspiring book you've ever read?
17. What do you think life was like as First Lady?
18. What can we learn from Michelle Obama?
19. Should Michelle Obama run for President in 2020?
20. What questions would you like to ask Michelle Obama?

## **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) stenciled | (b) penciled  | (c) inked     | (d) penned     |
| 2.  | (a) hailed    | (b) snowed    | (c) rained    | (d) stormed    |
| 3.  | (a) grasps    | (b) holds     | (c) clasps    | (d) clenches   |
| 4.  | (a) imitation | (b) integrity | (c) intimate  | (d) intimidate |
| 5.  | (a) in        | (b) by        | (c) to        | (d) as         |
| 6.  | (a) deeply    | (b) deepen    | (c) depth     | (d) deeps      |
| 7.  | (a) rammed    | (b) summed    | (c) hemmed    | (d) brimmed    |
| 8.  | (a) on        | (b) at        | (c) under     | (d) through    |
| 9.  | (a) demanded  | (b) shaped    | (c) published | (d) written    |
| 10. | (a) supplies  | (b) surges    | (c) demands   | (d) provides   |
| 11. | (a) exploded  | (b) charred   | (c) ignited   | (d) incendiary |
| 12. | (a) clarity   | (b) clearly   | (c) clearness | (d) clear      |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. The in-depth eommir of her life
2. Amazon's setsellber list
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4. We are hitllred
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## Paragraph 2

7. Obama usmmed up the idea
8. An Amazon vreiewer
9. her years as an eucxtevie
10. balancing the demands of trheohomod
11. gnitied talk
12. quickly dismissed any peustalicon

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) lists. The in-depth memoir of her life and times at the White House is now the fastest-selling book of 2018 and holds the top
- ( ) work, to her time spent at the world's most famous address." The autobiography and Ms Obama's accompanying nationwide
- ( ) on the South Side of Chicago to her years as an executive balancing the demands of motherhood and
- ( ) it: "An intimate, powerful, and inspiring memoir by the former First Lady of the United States." The book's
- ( ) up on the idea that there's more growing to be done." An Amazon reviewer wrote: "Michelle Obama invites
- ( ) publisher, Penguin Random House, said: "We are thrilled by the extraordinary response
- ( ) Michelle Obama summed up the idea behind her book. She said: "Becoming is never giving
- ( ) in 2020. One of her aides quickly dismissed any speculation, saying: "Let me be very clear, it will never happen."
- ( **1** ) The new autobiography penned by the former First Lady of the USA Michelle Obama has stormed to the top of the bestseller
- ( ) memoir, and we are confident that 'Becoming' will inspire millions of readers."
- ( ) tour to promote it have ignited talk of the former First Lady running for President
- ( ) readers into her world, chronicling the experiences that have shaped her - from her childhood
- ( ) to Ms Obama's beautifully rendered and deeply personal
- ( ) spot on Amazon's bestseller list. The 448-page book is called 'Becoming'. Amazon calls

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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2. memoir in-depth life and times . of her The
3. intimate First memoir the by Lady . An former
4. are response . We extraordinary by thrilled the
5. that millions . 'Becoming' confident are We will inspire
6. summed idea her book . behind Obama the up
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8. balancing An demands executive motherhood . of the
9. speculation . dismissed her One of any aides quickly
10. me happen . it will never clear, Let be

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Michelle Obama *summed* / *shunned* up the idea behind her book. She said: "Becoming is never giving up *in* / *on* the idea that there's more growing to be *doing* / *done*." An Amazon reviewer wrote: "Michelle Obama invites readers *onto* / *into* her world, chronicling the experiences that have shaped her - from her childhood on the South Side of Chicago to her *year* / *years* as an executive balancing the *demands* / *supplies* of motherhood and work, to her time *spend* / *spent* at the world's most famous address." The autobiography and Ms Obama's accompanying nationwide *tourism* / *tour* to promote it have ignited talk of the former First Lady *ruining* / *running* for President in 2020. One of her aides quickly dismissed any speculation, saying: "Let me be very *clear* / *clarity*, it will never happen."

**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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Th\_ n\_w \_\_ t\_b\_\_ g r\_p h y p\_n n\_d b y th\_ f\_r m\_r  
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th\_ f\_r m\_r F\_r s\_t L\_d y \_f th\_ U n\_t\_d S t\_t\_s . "  
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n\_s \_f r\_\_ d\_r s . "

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s\_y\_n g : " L\_t m\_ b\_ v\_r y c\_l\_\_ r , \_t w\_l\_l n\_v\_r  
h\_p p\_n . "

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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michelle obama summed up the idea behind her book she said becoming is never giving up on the idea that theres more growing to be done an amazon reviewer wrote michelle obama invites readers into her world chronicling the experiences that have shaped her from her childhood on the south side of chicago to her years as an executive balancing the demands of motherhood and work to her time spent at the worlds most famous address the autobiography and ms obamas accompanying nationwide tour to promote it have ignited talk of the former first lady running for president in 2020 one of her aides quickly dismissed any speculation saying let me be very clear it will never happen"

# 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. MICHELLE OBAMA:** Make a poster about Michelle Obama. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. AUTOBIOGRAPHIES:** Write a magazine article about everyone having to write an autobiography. 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 Michelle Obama. Ask him/her three questions about her. Give him/her three of your opinions on Ms Obama. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

- |                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| 1. autobiography | a. life story |
| 2. in-depth      | b. thorough   |
| 3. intimate      | c. private    |
| 4. thrilled      | d. excited    |
| 5. inspire       | e. motivate   |
| 6. summed up     | f. outlined   |
| 7. chronicling   | g. recording  |
| 8. demands       | h. needs      |
| 9. ignited       | i. started    |
| 10. speculation  | j. conjecture |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Amazon's bestseller list
2. Intimate, powerful and inspiring
3. Penguin Random House
4. It was thrilled
5. Millions of readers
6. Growing
7. The South Side of Chicago
8. The world's most famous address
9. A nationwide book tour
10. An aide

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Penned by the former First Lady of America.
2. The in-depth memoir of her life and times.
3. An intimate memoir by the former First Lady.
4. We are thrilled by the extraordinary response.
5. We are confident that 'Becoming' will inspire millions.
6. Obama summed up the idea behind her book.
7. Chronicling the experiences that have shaped her.
8. An executive balancing the demands of motherhood.
9. One of her aides quickly dismissed any speculation.
10. Let me be clear, it will never happen.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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