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World's oldest land animal celebrates 190th birthday

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THE ARTICLE

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Everybody likes a birthday. Some people live long enough to have 120 of them. The world's oldest land animal has just celebrated his 190th birthday. The animal is a Seychelles giant turtle called Jonathan. Zoologists believe he was born in 1832, but there are no official records of his birth. Some scientists think Jonathan might actually be ten years older. He could be as old as 200. Jonathan was born in the Seychelles. He was taken to the British overseas territory of St Helena in the South Atlantic Ocean in 1882 as a gift for the St Helena governor. Jonathan was born before Britain's Queen Victoria became queen, and before the invention of the postage stamp, Morse code, refrigeration, and the gun*.

Jonathan's vets say he had a good birthday. There was a three-day party for him. Chefs made him a special tortoise birthday cake that was full of his favourite vegetables. St Helena also launched a set of special postage stamps to celebrate his birthday. Unfortunately, Jonathan did not get to see any of the celebrations because he is blind. He also has no sense of smell. However, he has an excellent sense of hearing, so he could hear "Happy Birthday" being sung. Jonathan's vet, Joe Hollins, said the giant tortoise still has plenty of energy. He also likes to relax in the sun. Mr Hollins said: "On mild days, he will sunbathe - his long neck and legs stretched fully out of his shell to absorb heat and transfer it to his core."

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WARM-UPS

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

everybody / birthday / animal / turtle / zoologists / scientists / overseas / invention / vets / party / vegetables / stamps / blind / hearing / energy / relax / sunbathe / heat

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

3. LONG LIFE: Students A **strongly** believe everyone should live to be over 100; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. BEST AGE: What are the good and bad things about being at these ages? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good Things	Bad Things
10		
20		
40		
70		
100		
190		

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

6. HISTORY: Rank these with your partner. Put the period of history you would to go back to at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- 1990s
- 1960s
- 1920s
- 1830s
- 1500s
- 900s
- 0
- 10,000 years ago

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 1. celebrated | a. The arrival of a baby from the body of its mother. |
| 2. giant | b. An expert in or student of the behaviour of animals. |
| 3. zoologist | c. Very, very, very big. |
| 4. records | d. Something that is totally new and never made before. |
| 5. birth | e. Did something fun because of a happy day, event or time. |
| 6. territory | f. Pieces of information about the past that make sure we know about the past. |
| 7. invention | g. An area of land under a ruler or state. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------|---|
| 8. chef | h. An animal doctor. |
| 9. launched | i. Sit or lie in the sun, especially make the skin darker. |
| 10. blind | j. Quite warm; less cold than expected. |
| 11. vet | k. Introduced a new product to the public for the first time. |
| 12. mild | l. Take in energy or a liquid by chemical or physical action. |
| 13. sunbathe | m. A professional cook. |
| 14. absorb | n. Unable to see. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221215-worlds-oldest-animal.html>

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

1. The article says many people live to be 120 years old. **T / F**
2. Official records say the tortoise was born in 1832. **T / F**
3. Jonathan was born in the Seychelles. **T / F**
4. The giant turtle was born before refrigeration was invented. **T / F**
5. Jonathan had a strawberry cake for his birthday. **T / F**
6. Jonathan is deaf, but he can see. **T / F**
7. Jonathan likes to sunbathe and relax in the sun. **T / F**
8. Jonathan likes to collect shells. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| 1. celebrate | a. most-liked |
| 2. official | b. cooling |
| 3. gift | c. a lot of |
| 4. invention | d. present |
| 5. refrigeration | e. superb |
| 6. favourite | f. honour |
| 7. launched | g. creation |
| 8. excellent | h. soak up |
| 9. plenty | i. recognized |
| 10. absorb | j. created |

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

- | | |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1. Some people live long | a. heat |
| 2. there are no official | b. the postage stamp |
| 3. Jonathan might actually | c. out of his shell |
| 4. taken to the British overseas | d. in the sun |
| 5. before the invention of | e. records of his birth |
| 6. There was a three- | f. of smell |
| 7. He also has no sense | g. enough to have 120 |
| 8. He also likes to relax | h. be ten years older |
| 9. his long neck and legs stretched fully | i. day party for him |
| 10. absorb | j. territory of St Helena |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221215-worlds-oldest-animal.html>

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Jonathan's (9) _____ say he had a good birthday. There was a three-day party for him. Chefs made him a special tortoise birthday cake that was (10) _____ of his favourite vegetables. St Helena also (11) _____ a set of special postage stamps to celebrate his birthday. Unfortunately, Jonathan did not get to see any of the celebrations because he is (12) _____. He also has no sense of smell. However, he has an excellent sense of (13) _____, so he could hear "Happy Birthday" being (14) _____. Jonathan's vet, Joe Hollins, said the giant tortoise still has plenty of energy. He also likes to relax in the sun. Mr Hollins said: "On (15) _____ days, he will sunbathe - his long neck and legs stretched fully out of his shell to absorb (16) _____ and transfer it to his core."

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LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221215-worlds-oldest-animal.html>

- 1) Some people live long enough to have _____
 - a. 120 of them
 - b. 120 off them
 - c. 120 of then
 - d. 120 off then
- 2) he was born in 1832, but there are no official _____
 - a. records of his birth
 - b. records of his births
 - c. records of his birthed
 - d. records of his berth
- 3) He was taken to the _____
 - a. British overs ease territory
 - b. British over sees territory
 - c. British oversees territory
 - d. British overseas territory
- 4) Jonathan was born before Britain's Queen _____
 - a. Victoria became queens
 - b. Victoria became queen
 - c. Victoria became quince
 - d. Victoria became clean
- 5) the invention of the postage stamp, Morse code, refrigeration, _____
 - a. and the gum
 - b. end the gun
 - c. end a gun
 - d. and the gun
- 6) Jonathan's vets say he had a good birthday. There was a three-day _____
 - a. party from him
 - b. par tee for him
 - c. part tea for him
 - d. party for him
- 7) St Helena also launched a set of _____
 - a. specially postage stamps
 - b. special post age stamps
 - c. special postage stamp
 - d. special postage stamps
- 8) Unfortunately, Jonathan did not get to see any of the celebrations because _____
 - a. he is blinds
 - b. he is blind
 - c. he is blinder
 - d. he is blindly
- 9) Jonathan's vet, Joe Hollins, said the giant tortoise still has _____
 - a. plenty oft energy
 - b. plenty of energy
 - c. plenty off energy
 - d. plenty have energy
- 10) stretched fully out of his shell to absorb heat and transfer it _____
 - a. to his corps
 - b. to his cor!
 - c. to his core
 - d. to his caw

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221215-worlds-oldest-animal.html>

1. Who likes a birthday?
2. Where was Jonathan born?
3. What do we need so we are sure that Jonathan is 190?
4. Where was Jonathan taken to in 1882?
5. Who was born after Jonathan?
6. How long was Jonathan's birthday party?
7. What kind of birthday cake did Jonathan have?
8. Which of Jonathan's senses is in good working order?
9. Who is Joe Hollins?
10. What does Jonathan absorb with his legs?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221215-worlds-oldest-animal.html>

- 1) Who likes a birthday?
 - a) Jonathan
 - b) children
 - c) everyone
 - d) people who are over 100
- 2) Where was Jonathan born?
 - a) the Seychelles
 - b) on a beach
 - c) in a zoo
 - d) in the sea
- 3) What do we need so we are sure that Jonathan is 190?
 - a) someone who was there
 - b) official records
 - c) a DNA test
 - d) a blood test
- 4) Where was Jonathan taken to in 1882?
 - a) a beach
 - b) a jungle
 - c) a zoo
 - d) St Helena
- 5) Who was born after Jonathan?
 - a) Joe Hollins
 - b) everyone
 - c) Queen Victoria
 - d) Jonathan's mate
- 6) How long was Jonathan's birthday party?
 - a) three hours
 - b) three days
 - c) three weeks
 - d) three minutes
- 7) What kind of birthday cake did Jonathan have?
 - a) grass
 - b) coconut
 - c) strawberry
 - d) vegetable
- 8) Which of Jonathan's senses is in good working order?
 - a) sight
 - b) hearing
 - c) taste
 - d) smell
- 9) Who is Joe Hollins?
 - a) the Seychelles president
 - b) Jonathan's vet
 - c) the St Helena president
 - d) the head of the WWF
- 10) What does Jonathan absorb with his legs?
 - a) heat
 - b) ideas
 - c) DNA
 - d) CO2

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – The 1990s

You think the 1990s is the best time to go back to visit. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their times. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the 1960s, the 1500s or 10,000 years ago.

Role B – The 1960s

You think the 1960s is the best time to go back to visit. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their times. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the 1990s, the 1500s or 10,000 years ago.

Role C – The 1500s

You think the 1500s is the best time to go back to visit. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their times. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the 1960s, the 1990s or 10,000 years ago.

Role D – 10,000 Years Ago

You think 10,000 years ago is the best time to go back to visit. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their times. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the 1960s, the 1500s or the 1990s.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221215-worlds-oldest-animal.html>

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

land	animal

- 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">• everybody• giant• records• 200• born• gun	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• good• full• set• smell• still• fully
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TORTOISES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about tortoises 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.

TORTOISE BIRTHDAY 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 'animal'?
3. What do you think of birthdays?
4. What was your best birthday?
5. How long would you like to live?
6. What is the best present to buy a tortoise?
7. What would you like as a birthday present?
8. What would it be like to live to 190?
9. What important things were invented after you were born?
10. What advice do you have for Jonathan?

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TORTOISE BIRTHDAY 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 'tortoise'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Have you ever had a birthday party?
15. What do you think of vegetable birthday cakes?
16. What do you think of the song 'Happy Birthday'?
17. Do you always have plenty of energy?
18. Do you like to relax in the sun?
19. What do you know about tortoises?
20. What questions would you like to ask Jonathan?

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) likely | (b) like | (c) likes | (d) liking |
| 2. | (a) celebrated | (b) celebrates | (c) celebration | (d) celebrate |
| 3. | (a) of | (b) on | (c) at | (d) by |
| 4. | (a) born | (b) birth | (c) birthed | (d) births |
| 5. | (a) on | (b) of | (c) at | (d) in |
| 6. | (a) invent | (b) invents | (c) inventive | (d) invention |
| 7. | (a) bets | (b) lets | (c) vets | (d) pets |
| 8. | (a) latched | (b) lurched | (c) lunched | (d) launched |
| 9. | (a) blind | (b) blinds | (c) blindly | (d) blinder |
| 10. | (a) sing | (b) sung | (c) sang | (d) song |
| 11. | (a) mid | (b) mild | (c) mood | (d) mold |
| 12. | (a) case | (b) rind | (c) core | (d) peel |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. there are no fafciloj records of his birth
2. ntsestscii think Jonathan might
3. He was taken to the British overseas yirrhoett
4. a gift for the St Helena envororg
5. before the ietnivno of the postage stamp
6. Morse code, ieoiegrfrnatr, and the gun

Paragraph 2

7. vtes say he had a good birthday
8. leuhcand a set of special postage stamps
9. he has an xleenect sense of hearing
10. the giant tortoise still has entlyp of energy
11. On mild days, he will uanesthb
12. rsobba heat and transfer it to his core

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221215-worlds-oldest-animal.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () born in 1832, but there are no official records of his birth. Some scientists think Jonathan might
- () hearing, so he could hear "Happy Birthday" being sung. Jonathan's vet, Joe Hollins, said the giant tortoise still has plenty
- () because he is blind. He also has no sense of smell. However, he has an excellent sense of
- () to the British overseas territory of St Helena in the South Atlantic Ocean in 1882 as a
- () cake that was full of his favourite vegetables. St Helena also launched a set of special postage
- () just celebrated his 190th birthday. The animal is a Seychelles giant turtle called Jonathan. Zoologists believe he was
- () the invention of the postage stamp, Morse code, refrigeration, and the gun.
- () neck and legs stretched fully out of his shell to absorb heat and transfer it to his core."
- () stamps to celebrate his birthday. Unfortunately, Jonathan did not get to see any of the celebrations
- (**1**) Everybody likes a birthday. Some people live long enough to have 120 of them. The world's oldest land animal has
- () actually be ten years older. He could be as old as 200. Jonathan was born in the Seychelles. He was taken
- () Jonathan's vets say he had a good birthday. There was a three-day party for him. Chefs made him a special tortoise birthday
- () of energy. He also likes to relax in the sun. Mr Hollins said: "On mild days, he will sunbathe - his long
- () gift for the St Helena governor. Jonathan was born before Britain's Queen Victoria became queen, and before

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. enough long to have people live Some 120 .
2. are his There birth . official records no of
3. might Jonathan actually years be ten older .
4. taken British the overseas He was territory . to
5. of postage Before the the stamp . invention
6. good Jonathan's birthday . had say he vets a
7. birthday Chefs made cake . tortoise a special him
8. to get not Jonathan did see any celebrations .
9. has still giant tortoise of The plenty energy .
10. it to heat core . his Absorb and transfer

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221215-worlds-oldest-animal.html>

Everybody likes *a / the* birthday. Some people live long *enough / plenty* to have 120 of them. The world's oldest land animal has just *celebration / celebrated* his 190th birthday. The animal is a Seychelles giant turtle called Jonathan. *Zoologists / Zoology* believe he was *born / birth* in 1832, but there are no *officially / official* records of his birth. Some scientists think Jonathan might *actual / actually* be ten years older. He could be as old as 200. Jonathan was born in the Seychelles. He was taken *to / at* the British overseas territory of St Helena in the South Atlantic Ocean in 1882 as a gift for the St Helena governor. Jonathan was born before Britain's Queen Victoria *got / became* queen, and before the invention *at / of* the postage stamp, Morse code, refrigeration, and the gun.

Jonathan's *vest / vets* say he had a good birthday. There was a three-day party for *his / him*. Chefs made him a special tortoise birthday cake that was full *of / at* his favourite vegetables. St Helena also *launched / lunched* a set of special postage stamps to celebrate his birthday. Unfortunately, Jonathan did not *get / look* to see any of the celebrations because he is blind. He also has no *cents / sense* of smell. However, he has an excellent sense of *hearing / hear*, so he could hear "Happy Birthday" being sung. Jonathan's vet, Joe Hollins, said the giant tortoise still has plenty *on / of* energy. He also likes to relax in the sun. Mr Hollins said: "On *mild / mid* days, he will sunbathe - his long neck and legs stretched fully out of his shell to absorb *heat / cold* and transfer it to his core."

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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_v_ryb_dy l_k_s _ b_rthd_y. S_m_ p__pl_ l_v_ l_ng
_n__gh t_ h_v_ 120 _f th_m. Th_ w_rld's _ld_st l_nd
_n_m_l h_s j_st c_l_br_t_d h_s 190th b_rthd_y. Th_
_n_m_l _s _ S_ych_ll_s g__nt t_rtl_ c_ll_d J_n_th_n.
Z__l_g_sts b_l__v_ h_ w_s b_rn _n 1832, b_t th_r_
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w_s b_rn b_f_r_ Br_t__n's Q__n V_ct_r__ b_c_m_
q__n, _nd b_f_r_ th_ _nv_nt__n _f th_ p_st_g_
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221215-worlds-oldest-animal.html>

everybody likes a birthday some people live long enough to have 120 of them the worlds oldest land animal has just celebrated his 190th birthday the animal is a seychelles giant turtle called jonathan zoologists believe he was born in 1832 but there are no official records of his birth some scientists think jonathan might actually be ten years older he could be as old as 200 jonathan was born in the seychelles he was taken to the british overseas territory of st helena in the south atlantic ocean in 1882 as a gift for the st helena governor jonathan was born before britains queen victoria became queen and before the invention of the postage stamp morse code refrigeration and the gun

jonathans vets say he had a good birthday there was a threeday party for him chefs made him a special tortoise birthday cake that was full of his favourite vegetables st helena also launched a set of special postage stamps to celebrate his birthday unfortunately jonathan did not get to see any of the celebrations because he is blind he also has no sense of smell however he has an excellent sense of hearing so he could hear happy birthday being sung jonathans vet joe hollins said the giant tortoise still has plenty of energy he also likes to relax in the sun mr hollins said on mild days he will sunbathe his long neck and legs stretched fully out of his shell to absorb heat and transfer it to his core

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Everybody likes a birthday. Some people live long enough to have 120 of them. The world's oldest land animal has just celebrated his 190th birthday. The animal is a Seychelles giant tortoise called Jonathan. Zoologists believe he was born in 1832, but there are no official records of his birth. Some scientists think Jonathan might actually be ten years older. He could be as old as 200. Jonathan was born in the Seychelles. He was taken to the British overseas territory of St Helena in the South Atlantic Ocean in 1882 as a gift for the St Helena governor. Jonathan was born before Britain's Queen Victoria became queen, and before the invention of the postage stamp, Morse code, refrigeration, and the gun. Jonathan's vet says he had a good birthday. There was a three-day party for him. Chefs made him a special tortoise birthday cake that was full of his favourite vegetables. St Helena also launched a set of special postage stamps to celebrate his birthday. Unfortunately, Jonathan did not get to see any of the celebrations because he is blind. He also has no sense of smell. However, he has an excellent sense of hearing, so he could hear "Happy Birthday" being sung. Jonathan's vet, Joe Hollins, said the giant tortoise still has plenty of energy. He also likes to relax in the sun. Mr Hollins said: "On mild days, he will sunbathe - his long neck and legs stretched fully out of his shell to absorb heat and transfer it to his core."

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

4. LONG LIFE: Write a magazine article about science making us all live to be over 100. 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 tortoises. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on what it would be like to be 190. 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. c 3. b 4. f 5. a 6. g 7. d
8. m 9. k 10. n 11. h 12. j 13. i 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Everyone
- The Seychelles
- Official records
- St Helena
- Queen Victoria
- Three days
- A vegetable cake
- Hearing
- Jonathan's vet
- Heat

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Some people live long enough to have 120.
- There are no official records of his birth.
- Jonathan might actually be ten years older.
- He was taken to the British overseas territory.
- Before the invention of the postage stamp.
- Jonathan's vets say he had a good birthday.
- Chefs made him a special tortoise birthday cake.
- Jonathan did not get to see any celebrations.
- The giant tortoise still has plenty of energy.
- Absorb heat and transfer it to his core.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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 ;-)