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THE ARTICLE

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China's President Hu Jintao opened the Chinese Communist Party meeting on Wednesday in Beijing. The president and his team will choose the new leaders that will rule China for the next ten years. China selects its leaders, unlike many other countries, which elect them. The meeting will last for a week and will look at many issues that are important in China today. Perhaps the biggest topic at the meeting will be the economy. Ten years ago, China's economy was not so big. However, an economic miracle in the past decade means the country is now the second biggest economy in the world. Its leaders are a little worried though, because the economy is slowing down. It is still growing 6 times faster than the rest of the world.

One of the big messages that was talked about in the meeting was corruption. Mr Hu Jintao said the Party must work hard in the next decade to remove corruption from Chinese society. He warned that the Party could die if corruption continued. He said: "If we fail to handle this issue well, it could [be the end of] the party, and even cause the collapse of the party and the fall of the state." Mr Hu told Party members at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing that China had to change because of a changing world. He said: "We must aim higher and work harder and continue to [go after] development in a scientific way." He added the Party should "promote social harmony and improve the people's lives".

Sources: **Sky News** - <http://news.sky.com/story/1008515/hu-jintao-hails-chinas-golden-decade>
BBC - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-china-20233101>

WARM-UPS

1. CHINA: Walk around the class and talk to other students about China. Change partners often. Share your findings with your first partner.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

Communist Party / new leader / important issues / economic miracle / the past decade / corruption / the next decade / a changing world / aim higher / work harder / harmony

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

3. THE NEXT DECADE: How will China change the world? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners and share what you wrote. Change and share again.

	Now	In ten years
Economy		
Environment		
Culture		
Language		
Food		
Peace		

4. SUPERPOWER: Students A **strongly** believe China will be the biggest superpower in the next decade; Students B **strongly** believe not. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. CULTURE: What do you like best about Chinese culture? Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- food
- opera
- literature
- philosophy
- movies
- martial arts
- fashion
- lifestyle

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

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. China's deputy president opened the Communist Party meeting. | T / F |
| b. The meeting will continue for the next seven days. | T / F |
| c. The biggest topic to be discussed at the meeting is the economy. | T / F |
| d. China's economy is growing 6 times faster than that of most countries. | T / F |
| e. President Hu Jintao is trying to avoid talking about corruption. | T / F |
| f. Hu Jintao warned that the Communist Party could disappear. | T / F |
| g. The meeting is taking place in the Great Building of Beijing. | T / F |
| h. Hu Jintao said China should develop in a non-scientific way. | T / F |

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

- | | |
|---------------|-------------------|
| 1. choose | a. concerned |
| 2. rule | b. wonder |
| 3. unlike | c. balance |
| 4. miracle | d. be in power |
| 5. worried | e. get rid of |
| 6. corruption | f. manage |
| 7. remove | g. select |
| 8. handle | h. work toward |
| 9. aim | i. dishonesty |
| 10. harmony | j. different from |

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

- | | |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1. new leaders that will rule China | a. miracle |
| 2. The meeting will last | b. of the party |
| 3. an economic | c. of the world |
| 4. the economy is | d. people's lives |
| 5. growing 6 times faster than the rest | e. for a week |
| 6. remove corruption | f. work harder |
| 7. If we fail to handle | g. slowing down |
| 8. cause the collapse | h. for the next ten years |
| 9. We must aim higher and | i. this issue well... |
| 10. improve the | j. from Chinese society |

WHILE READING / LISTENING

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GAP FILL: Put the words into the gaps in the text.

China's President Hu Jintao (1) _____ the Chinese Communist Party meeting on Wednesday in Beijing. The president and his team will (2) _____ the new leaders that will rule China for the next ten years. China selects its leaders, (3) _____ many other countries, which elect them. The meeting will last for a week and will look at many (4) _____ that are important in China today. Perhaps the biggest (5) _____ at the meeting will be the economy. Ten years ago, China's economy was not so big. However, an economic (6) _____ in the past decade means the country is now the second biggest economy in the world. Its leaders are a little (7) _____ though, because the economy is slowing down. It is still (8) _____ 6 times faster than the rest of the world.

topic
worried
choose
issues
growing
opened
miracle
unlike

One of the big (9) _____ that was talked about in the meeting was corruption. Mr Hu Jintao said the Party must work hard in the next (10) _____ to remove corruption from Chinese society. He warned that the Party could die if corruption continued. He said: "If we fail to handle this issue well, it could [be the (11) _____ of] the party, and even cause the collapse of the party and the fall of the (12) _____." Mr Hu told Party members at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing that China had to change because of a (13) _____ world. He said: "We must (14) _____ higher and work harder and continue to [go after] development in a scientific way." He added the Party should "promote social (15) _____ and improve the people's (16) _____".

harmony
end
changing
messages
lives
decade
aim
state

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LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

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- 1) Hu Jintao opened the Chinese Communist Party ...
 - a. meeting on Thursday.
 - b. meeting on Wednesday.
 - c. conference on Wednesday.
 - d. conference on Thursday.
- 2) ... new leaders that will rule China ...
 - a. for the next ten years.
 - b. for the coming ten years.
 - c. for the following ten years.
 - d. for the full ten years.
- 3) The meeting _____ a week
 - a. may continue for
 - b. will last for
 - c. is first for
 - d. is the second in
- 4) Its leaders are _____, because the economy is slowing
 - a. a little worried though
 - b. though a little worried
 - c. worried though a little
 - d. little a though worried
- 5) It is still growing _____ than the rest of the world
 - a. 16.6 times fastest
 - b. 60 times faster
 - c. 16 times faster
 - d. 6 times faster
- 6) One of the big messages that was talked about in the meeting ...
 - a. was completion
 - b. was competition
 - c. was corruption
 - d. was confectionary
- 7) He warned that the Party _____ corruption continued.
 - a. ought to die as
 - b. should die when
 - c. would die of
 - d. could die if
- 8) If we fail to handle this issue, it could [_____] the party.
 - a. be the beginning of the end for
 - b. be the last legs of
 - c. be the end of
 - d. become the finish for
- 9) China had to change because of _____.
 - a. the world economy.
 - b. increasing competition.
 - c. a changing world.
 - d. people's dreams for a better life.
- 10) He added the Party should promote social harmony...
 - a. promote social harmony...
 - b. prompt social harmony...
 - c. promote social harmonies...
 - d. promote socially harmony...

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LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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China's President Hu Jintao opened the Chinese Communist Party meeting on Wednesday in Beijing. The president (1) _____ choose the new leaders that will rule China for the next ten years. China selects its leaders, (2) _____ countries, which elect them. The meeting will last for a week and will (3) _____ that are important in China today. Perhaps the biggest topic at the meeting will be the economy. Ten years ago, China's economy was not so big. However, an (4) _____ past decade means the country is now the second biggest economy in the world. Its (5) _____ worried though, because the economy is slowing down. It is still growing 6 times faster than (6) _____.

One (7) _____ that was talked about in the meeting was corruption. Mr Hu Jintao said the Party must work (8) _____ to remove corruption from Chinese society. He warned that the Party (9) _____ continued. He said: "If we fail to handle this issue well, it could [be the end of] the party, and even cause the collapse of the party and (10) _____." Mr Hu told Party members at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing that China had to change because of a changing world. He said: "(11) _____ and work harder and continue to [go after] development in a scientific way." He added the Party should "(12) _____ and improve the people's lives".

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1211/121109-china_leadership.html

1. What did Hu Jintao open on Wednesday?

2. Who will choose the new leaders with the president?

3. What's the biggest topic that the leaders will talk about?

4. What kind of miracle happened in China in the past decade?

5. How fast is China's economy growing?

6. Who or what must work hard to remove corruption?

7. What might happen to the Party if corruption continued?

8. Why did Mr Hu say China had to change?

9. What two things must do besides going after development?

10. What does the Party want to promote?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1211/121109-china_leadership.html

1. What did China's President Hu Jintao open?
 - a) The Chinese Let's Have A Party meeting
 - b) The Chinese Capitalist Party meeting
 - c) The Chinese Communist Party meeting
 - d) The Chinese Regional Leadership meeting
2. What will the president and his team will choose?
 - a) China's new rulers
 - b) What to eat for dinner
 - c) China's new national anthem
 - d) Where to hold an anniversary celebration
3. How long will the meeting last?
 - a) No one knows
 - b) 10 days
 - c) Three days
 - d) A week
4. What happened to China in the past decade?
 - a) An economic mess
 - b) An economic miracle
 - c) A miraculous mess
 - d) A miraculous miracle
5. How worried are China's leaders about the economy?
 - a) Not at all
 - b) Worried to death
 - c) A little
 - d) A lot
6. What does Hu Jintao want removed?
 - a) Tax
 - b) Corruption
 - c) The Olympic Stadium in Beijing
 - d) One star from the Chinese flag
7. What might fail?
 - a) the stars
 - b) the statistics
 - c) the statues
 - d) the state
8. Why does China have to change?
 - a) America wants China to change
 - b) The world is changing.
 - c) China is falling behind
 - d) To become the biggest superpower
9. How must Chinese people now aim?
 - a) higher
 - b) straighter
 - c) more steadily
 - d) more accurately
10. What does Hu Jintao want to improve?
 - a) People's liveliness
 - b) Living people
 - c) Live people
 - d) People's lives

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – China’s old leader

You are very happy with what you did over the past decade. China is a much better country. Think of three reasons why. You believe the country should continue the same. You don’t like the new leader. His/Her ideas are dangerous and will end China. You think poor people must wait for a better life.

Role B – China’s new leader

You want China to be stronger. You think there are too many poor people who are unhappy. This is dangerous for China. Think of three reasons why. The country should make many big changes to help poor people. Rich people have to pay more to help poor people. You don’t like rich people.

Role C – A poor person

You have a poor, unhappy life. You have no money. You are angry. You have seen people in the tall apartment blocks get lots of money, cars, nice clothes, etc. over the past decade. You want change. Think of three reasons why. You want the new leader to help you. You don’t like rich people.

Role D – A rich person

You were a poor farmer once. You became rich because you worked hard. If someone is poor in China, it is because they didn’t work hard. You want the old leader to stay. You like him/her. If you have to pay money to poor people, you will leave China. All rich people will leave and China will be poor.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

Chinese	leader
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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">• Wednesday• rule• unlike• biggest• ten• slowing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• messages• remove• die• changing• aim• lives
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CHINA SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about China 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.

CHINA DISCUSSION

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

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the country 'China'?
- c) What do you know about China changing its leaders?
- d) Do you think the Chinese system of choosing leaders is better than the American system?
- e) What kind of person do you think the new leader will be?
- f) What do you know about President Hu Jintao?
- g) What are the big issues in China today?
- h) What do you think of China's economic miracle?
- i) How did China's miracle happen?
- j) China's economy is growing 6 times faster than the rest of the world. Is this all good for China?

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CHINA DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) What is corruption like in your country? How bad is it?
- c) How can a country remove corruption from society?
- d) What would happen to China if the Communist Party died?
- e) What would happen to the world if China collapsed?
- f) How does China get people to aim higher and work harder?
- g) What can the rest of the world learn from China?
- h) When do you think China will become the number one world superpower?
- i) Chinese could become the world's number one language one day. What do you think about this?
- j) What questions would you like to ask President Hu Jintao?

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. _____

MULTIPLE CHOICE - LANGUAGE

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China's President Hu Jintao (1) _____ the Chinese Communist Party meeting on Wednesday in Beijing. The president and his team will choose the new leaders that will rule China for the next ten years. China selects its leaders, (2) _____ many other countries, which elect them. The meeting will (3) _____ for a week and will look at many issues that are important in China today. Perhaps the biggest topic at the meeting will be the economy. Ten years ago, China's economy was not so big. However, an economic (4) _____ in the past decade means the country is now the second biggest economy in the world. Its leaders are a (5) _____ worried though, because the economy is slowing down. It is still growing 6 times faster than the (6) _____ of the world.

One of the big messages that was talked about in the meeting was (7) _____. Mr Hu Jintao said the Party must work hard in the next decade to (8) _____ corruption from Chinese society. He warned that the Party could die if corruption continued. He said: "If we fail to handle this issue (9) _____, it could [be the end of] the party, and even cause the collapse of the party and the (10) _____ of the state." Mr Hu told Party members at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing that China had to change because of a (11) _____ world. He said: "We must aim higher and work harder and continue to [go after] development in a scientific way." He added the Party should "(12) _____ social harmony and improve the people's lives".

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) opened | (b) opening | (c) opens | (d) open |
| 2. | (a) likely | (b) disliked | (c) unlike | (d) likelihood |
| 3. | (a) end | (b) finish | (c) last | (d) first |
| 4. | (a) miraculous | (b) miracles | (c) mirage | (d) miracle |
| 5. | (a) little | (b) small | (c) few | (d) minute |
| 6. | (a) all | (b) rest | (c) everything | (d) other |
| 7. | (a) corrupts | (b) corrupted | (c) corrupt | (d) corruption |
| 8. | (a) die | (b) remove | (c) transfer | (d) relocate |
| 9. | (a) good | (b) nice | (c) well | (d) timed |
| 10. | (a) drop | (b) fall | (c) down | (d) decrease |
| 11. | (a) changer | (b) change | (c) changes | (d) changing |
| 12. | (a) promo | (b) promote | (c) promotion | (d) promoting |

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SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. China eesltcs its leaders
2. leuink many other countries
3. look at many eisuss
4. an economic arelmci
5. the second biggest enmocyo in the world
6. It is still gigwonr 6 times faster

Paragraph 2

7. One of the big mesgsesa that was talked about
8. Chinese seytioc
9. If we fail to hldena this
10. cause the loeaslcp of the party
11. promote social oahymnr
12. ivproem the people's lives

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () the economy. Ten years ago, China's economy was not so big. However, an economic miracle in the past
- () People in Beijing that China had to change because of a changing world. He said: "We must aim
- () continued. He said: "If we fail to handle this issue well, it could [be the end of] the party, and even cause the
- () in Beijing. The president and his team will choose the new leaders that will rule China for
- () One of the big messages that was talked about in the meeting was corruption. Mr Hu Jintao said the Party must work
- () higher and work harder and continue to [go after] development in a scientific
- () the next ten years. China selects its leaders, unlike many other countries, which elect them. The meeting will last
- () for a week and will look at many issues that are important in China today. Perhaps the biggest topic at the meeting will be
- () worried though, because the economy is slowing down. It is still growing 6 times faster than the rest of the world.
- () collapse of the party and the fall of the state." Mr Hu told Party members at the Great Hall of the
- () decade means the country is now the second biggest economy in the world. Its leaders are a little
- () way." He added the Party should "promote social harmony and improve the people's lives".
- () hard in the next decade to remove corruption from Chinese society. He warned that the Party could die if corruption
- (**1**) China's President Hu Jintao opened the Chinese Communist Party meeting on Wednesday

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1211/121109-china_leadership.html

1. president and his team will choose the new leaders The.

2. for last will meeting The week a.

3. the be The at will economy topic meeting the biggest.

4. little a are leaders Its though worried.

5. faster than the rest of the world Growing 6 times.

6. the that about of messages talked One big was.

7. work must Party The decade next the in hard.

8. die corruption The could if continued Party.

9. because China of had a to changing change world.

10. harmony social promote should Party The.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1211/121109-china_leadership.html

China's President Hu Jintao *opened / opening* the Chinese Communist Party meeting on Wednesday in Beijing. The president and his team will *choice / choose* the new leaders that will rule China for the next ten years. China selects its leaders, *unlike / likely* many other countries, which *elect / select* them. The meeting will *first / last* for a week and will look at many issues that are important in China *today / yesterday*. Perhaps the biggest topic at the meeting will be the economy. Ten years ago, China's economy was not *so / such* big. However, an economic *miracle / miraculous* in the past decade means the country is now the second biggest economy in the world. Its leaders are a *small / little* worried though, because the economy is slowing down. It is still growing 6 times faster than the *rest / relax* of the world.

One of the big messages that was *talked / talking* about in the meeting was corruption. Mr Hu Jintao said the Party must work hard in the *past / next* decade to *remove / removal* corruption from Chinese society. He warned that the Party could *death / die* if corruption continued. He said: "If we fail to *knob / handle* this issue well, it could [be the end of] the party, and *ever / even* cause the collapse of the party and the fall of the *condition / state*." Mr Hu told Party members at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing that China had to change because of a *changing / charging* world. He said: "We must aim higher and work harder and continue to [go *after / before*] development in a scientific way." He added the Party should "promote social harmony and *improve / prove* the people's lives".

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics.

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

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Ch_n_'s Pr_s_d_nt H_ J_nt__ _p_n_d th_ Ch_n_s_ C_mm_n_st P_rty m__t_ng _n W_dn_sd_y _n B__j_ng. Th_ pr_s_d_nt _nd h_s t__m w_ll ch__s_ th_ n_w l__d_rs th_t w_ll r_l_ Ch_n_ f_r th_ n_xt t_n y__rs. Ch_n_ s_l_cts __ts l__d_rs, _nl_k_ m_ny __th_r c__ntr__s, wh_ch_l_ct th_m. Th_ m__t_ng w_ll l_st f_r __w__k __nd w_ll l__k __t m_ny __ss__s th_t __r__mp_rtn_t __n Ch_n_ t_d_y. P_rh_ps th_ b_gg_st t_p_c __t th_ m__t_ng w_ll b__th_ __c_n_my. T_n y__rs __g__, Ch_n_'s __c_n_my w_s n_t s__b_g. H_w_v_r, __n __c_n_m_c m_r_cl_ __n th_ p_st d_c_d_ m__ns th_ c__ntry __s n_w th_ s_c_nd b_gg_st __c_n_my __n th_ w_rld. __ts l__d_rs __r__ __lttl_ w_rr_d th__gh, b_c__s_ th_ __c_n_my __s sl_w_ng d_wn. __t __s st_ll gr_w_ng 6 t_m_s f_st_r th_n th_ r_st __f th_ w_rld.

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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one of the big messages that was talked about in the meeting was corruption mr hu jintao said the party must work hard in the next decade to remove corruption from chinese society he warned that the party could die if corruption continued he said "if we fail to handle this issue well it could [be the end of] the party and even cause the collapse of the party and the fall of the state" mr hu told party members at the great hall of the people in beijing that china had to change because of a changing world he said "we must aim higher and work harder and continue to [go after] development in a scientific way" he added the party should "promote social harmony and improve the people's lives"

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 the meeting of Chinese leaders in Beijing, China. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

4. THE NEXT LEADER: Write a magazine article about the next Chinese leader. Include imaginary interviews with him.

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 the next Chinese leader. Ask him three questions about China and its future. Give him three pieces of advice. 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 T c T d T e F f T g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- | | |
|---------------|-------------------|
| 1. choose | a. select |
| 2. rule | b. be in power |
| 3. unlike | c. different from |
| 4. miracle | d. wonder |
| 5. worried | e. concerned |
| 6. corruption | f. dishonesty |
| 7. remove | g. get rid of |
| 8. handle | h. manage |
| 9. aim | i. work toward |
| 10. harmony | j. balance |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. the Chinese Communist Party meeting
2. the president's team
3. the economy
4. an economic one
5. 6 times faster than the rest of the world
6. the Party
7. It might die
8. Because the world is changing
9. aim higher and work harder
10. social harmony

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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