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India's national anthem world record bid

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THE ARTICLE

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India and Pakistan are rivals in many things. Perhaps their biggest rivalry is over the game of cricket. Over 300 million Indians and Pakistanis can watch an important game between the two countries on television. They now have a new source of competition – to break the world record for the most people to sing a national anthem together. India was the world record holder earlier in 2012, when 15,243 people gathered in Maharashtra state to sing India's anthem, 'Jan Gan Man'. Pakistan took the record in October after 44,200 people sang the Pakistani anthem, Qaumī Tarana in Lahore. India tried to reclaim the record on Sunday with up to 125,000 singers at Kanpur's Green Park stadium.

The new world record is still not official. The team from the Guinness World Records needs to study the event before it awards India the title of world record holder. One of the organisers, Sumit Makhija, said so many people came to sing that he was worried about safety. He told the BBC News agency: "We'd set a target of 100,000 people to break Pakistan's world record. However, when over 125,000 people gathered, we were forced to end the programme early...to avoid a stampede." Rajesh Chandra, one of the singers at the event, also spoke to the BBC to explain his pride at being a record breaker. He said: "It was a proud moment for me to participate, beat Pakistan, and set a world record".

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-india-20662009>
<http://www.newstrackindia.com/>

WARM-UPS

1. WORLD RECORDS: Walk around the class and talk to other students about world records. Change partners often and share your findings.

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

rivals / India / Pakistan / cricket / competition / world record / national anthem / singers / official / record holder / event / safety / stampede / pride / participate

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

3. RIVALS: What are the biggest? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners and share what you wrote. Change and share again.

Between...	Who are the rivals?	What kind of rivalry do they have?
sports teams		
countries		
social media sites		
politicians		
singers		
companies		

4. RIVALRY: Students A **strongly** believe rivalry is very healthy; Students B **strongly** believe it is very unhealthy. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

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

- national anthem
- national dress
- national day
- language
- food
- history
- customs
- weather

6. RIVAL: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'rival'. 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/1212/121211-national_anthem.html

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

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. The biggest rivalry between India and Pakistan is over cricket. | T / F |
| b. The two countries now share a rivalry over a national anthem record. | T / F |
| c. India has never set the record for the most people to sing an anthem. | T / F |
| d. India's current bid to set the record included over 100,000 singers. | T / F |
| e. Guinness World Records has not yet told India it has the record. | T / F |
| f. The singing ended early because locals complained about the noise. | T / F |
| g. There was a stampede as the singers left the stadium. | T / F |
| h. One of the singers told the BBC it wasn't important to beat Pakistan. | T / F |

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

- | | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| 1. rivals | a. get back |
| 2. important | b. goal |
| 3. competition | c. finish |
| 4. gathered | d. opponents |
| 5. reclaim | e. approved |
| 6. official | f. join |
| 7. awards | g. met |
| 8. target | h. gives |
| 9. end | i. rivalry |
| 10. participate | j. major |

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

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. India and Pakistan are rivals | a. source of competition |
| 2. their biggest rivalry is | b. being a record breaker |
| 3. They now have a new | c. reclaim the record on Sunday |
| 4. the world record | d. a stampede |
| 5. India tried to | e. not official |
| 6. The new world record is still | f. over the game of cricket |
| 7. We'd set a target | g. moment for me |
| 8. end the programme early to avoid | h. of 100,000 people |
| 9. explain his pride at | i. in many things |
| 10. It was a proud | j. holder |

WHILE READING / LISTENING

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

India and Pakistan are (1) _____ in many things. Perhaps their biggest rivalry is (2) _____ the game of cricket. Over 300 million Indians and Pakistanis can watch an important game between the two countries on television. They now have a new (3) _____ of competition – to (4) _____ the world record for the most people to sing a national anthem together. India was the world record (5) _____ earlier in 2012, when 15,243 people (6) _____ in Maharashtra state to sing India's anthem, 'Jan Gan Man'. Pakistan (7) _____ the record in October after 44,200 people sang the Pakistani anthem, Qaumī Tarana in Lahore. India tried to (8) _____ the record on Sunday with up to 125,000 singers at Kanpur's Green Park stadium.

took
break
over
gathered
rivals
reclaim
source
holder

The new world record is still not (9) _____. The team from the Guinness World Records needs to study the event before it (10) _____ India the title of world record holder. One of the organisers, Sumit Makhija, said so many people came to sing that he was worried about (11) _____. He told the BBC News agency: "We'd set a (12) _____ of 100,000 people to break Pakistan's world record. However, when over 125,000 people gathered, we were forced to (13) _____ the programme early...to avoid a (14) _____." Rajesh Chandra, one of the singers at the event, also spoke to the BBC to explain his (15) _____ at being a record breaker. He said: "It was a proud moment for me to participate, beat Pakistan, and (16) _____ a world record".

pride
awards
safety
stampede
official
end
set
target

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

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- 1) Perhaps their _____ the game of cricket.
 - a. biggest rival really is over
 - b. biggest rivals are over
 - c. biggest rivalry is under
 - d. biggest rivalry is over
- 2) _____ can watch an important game between the two countries on television.
 - a. Over 300,000,000 Pakistanis and Indians
 - b. Over 30,000,000 Indians and Pakistanis
 - c. Over 300,000,000 Indians and Pakistanis
 - d. Over 300,000,000,000 Pakistanis and Indians
- 3) They now have a _____...
 - a. new source of competition
 - b. new sore save competition
 - c. new source for competition
 - d. new source of competitions
- 4) Pakistan took the record in October _____ the Pakistani anthem,
 - a. after 44,200 singers sang
 - b. 44,200 people sang after
 - c. after 44,200 people sang
 - d. after 14,200 people sing
- 5) India _____ the record on Sunday
 - a. tried two reclaim
 - b. tried to reclaim
 - c. tried touring crane
 - d. try to regain
- 6) The new world record _____.
 - a. is not official still
 - b. is still not an office
 - c. is still not official
 - d. is not still official
- 7) ... so many people _____ he was worried about safety.
 - a. came two singers
 - b. came to sing that
 - c. come to sing this
 - d. came too singers
- 8) We'd _____ people to break Pakistan's world record.
 - a. set a target of 1,000,000
 - b. setter target for 100,000
 - c. set a tar to get 100,000
 - d. set a target of 100,000
- 9) ... we were forced to end the programme early to avoid a stampede.
 - a. forced / avoid
 - b. faced / avid
 - c. first / evade
 - d. fast / a void
- 10) It was a _____ participate, beat Pakistan, and set a world record.
 - a. proud moment for me to
 - b. moment of pride for me too
 - c. proudly momento four me
 - d. proud movement for me two

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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India and Pakistan (1) _____ things. Perhaps their biggest rivalry is over the game of cricket. Over 300 million Indians and Pakistanis can (2) _____ between the two countries on television. They now (3) _____ competition – to break the world record for the most people to sing a national anthem together. India was the world (4) _____ 2012, when 15,243 people gathered in Maharashtra state to sing India's anthem, 'Jan Gan Man'. Pakistan took the record in October (5) _____ sang the Pakistani anthem, Qaumī Tarana in Lahore. India tried to (6) _____ Sunday with up to 125,000 singers at Kanpur's Green Park stadium.

The new world record (7) _____. The team from the Guinness World Records needs to study the (8) _____ India the title of world record holder. One of the organisers, Sumit Makhija, said so many people came to sing that he was (9) _____. He told the BBC News agency: "We'd set a target of 100,000 people to break Pakistan's world record. However, when over (10) _____, we were forced to end the programme early...(11) _____." Rajesh Chandra, one of the singers at the event, also spoke to the BBC to explain his pride at being a record breaker. He said: "It was a proud moment for me to participate, beat Pakistan, (12) _____".

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1212/121211-national_anthem.html

1. What is the biggest source of rivalry between Pakistan and India?

2. How many people can watch a cricket game between India and Pakistan on TV?

3. What is the new source of rivalry?

4. When did Pakistan take the record from India?

5. How many singers were in the Green Park stadium?

6. What does Guinness World Records need to do?

7. What was an organiser worried about?

8. What target did the organisers set?

9. Why did the event finish early?

10. What was a singer proud of?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1212/121211-national_anthem.html

1. What is the biggest rivalry between India and Pakistan?
 - a) games
 - b) many things
 - c) singing
 - d) cricket
2. What can over 300 million Indians and Pakistanis watch on TV?
 - a) the Olympics
 - b) an important cricket match
 - c) a singing competition
 - d) the latest Bollywood movie
3. How many people sang when India broke the record earlier in 2012?
 - a) 152, 243
 - b) 52, 243
 - c) 15,243
 - d) 50, 243
4. When did Pakistan take the record from India?
 - a) October
 - b) September
 - c) August
 - d) July
5. How many singers tried to break the latest record?
 - a) exactly 125,000
 - b) 152,000
 - c) up to 125,000
 - d) over 125,000
6. Who needs to study the event before deciding it is a record?
 - a) the United Nations
 - b) Guinness World Records
 - c) the Indian and Pakistan governments
 - d) the World National Anthem Association
7. What was an event organiser worried about?
 - a) not enough people
 - b) rain
 - c) crowd trouble
 - d) safety
8. Why was the number 100,000 mentioned?
 - a) it was the target of the organisers
 - b) that's how many dollars the winner gets
 - c) it's the number of Facebook Likes for the event
 - d) that's how many words are in the national anthem
9. Why did the event finish early?
 - a) they knew they couldn't break the record
 - b) the electricity got cut off
 - c) to avoid a stampede
 - d) because there was a storm
10. How did one of the singers feel at singing in the event?
 - a) he never wants to do it again
 - b) proud
 - c) nervous
 - d) he had mixed feelings

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Event organiser

You think it is an important record to break. Tell the others three reasons why. You are sure it helps good relations between India and Pakistan. You don't like people who say bad things about the record. You think people should be more proud of their national anthem.

Role B – Indian singer

Singing in this event is the happiest moment of your life. Tell the others three reasons why. You love your country and think your national anthem is the best in the world. You want to sing in another event if another country breaks the record. You are worried the record could start a war with Pakistan.

Role C – Guinness official

You don't think the national anthem record is so important. Tell the others three reasons why. You are more interested in real human skills, like the fastest runner or the person who can eat the most hot dogs. You are thinking of deleting this record because it hurts India-Pakistan relations.

Role D – United Nations worker

You think the rivalry between India and Pakistan over their national anthems is wonderful. Tell the others three reasons why. You are sure it can only bring the two countries closer together. Any talk of war is totally stupid. You think more countries should try and break the record.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1212/121211-national_anthem.html

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

world	record
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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">• many• over• source• together• took• tried	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• still• worried• target• end• explain• set
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WORLD RECORDS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about world records 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.

WORLD RECORDS 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 word 'national anthem'?
- c) What do you think of the tune to your national anthem?
- d) What is the point of a national anthem?
- e) Are there any national anthems you don't like hearing? Why?
- f) What do you think of the national anthem rivalry in this story?
- g) Would you like to participate in an event like this?
- h) Do you think this rivalry will be good for India and Pakistan?
- i) What rivalries does your country have with its neighbours?
- j) Which world record would you like to break?

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WORLD RECORDS DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Do you know and like the words to your national anthem?
- c) Do you like the Guinness World Records?
- d) Are some world records stupid?
- e) Should all school children sing their national anthem?
- f) How do you feel when you hear your national anthem at the Olympics?
- g) What things make you proud of your country?
- h) How do countries decide their national anthems?
- i) If you could change your national anthem, what would you replace it with?
- j) What questions would you like to ask the event organiser?

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) rivals | (b) rivalries | (c) rival | (d) rivalry |
| 2. | (a) under | (b) up | (c) over | (d) down |
| 3. | (a) sauce | (b) saws | (c) source | (d) spouse |
| 4. | (a) past | (b) year | (c) pre- | (d) earlier |
| 5. | (a) after | (b) post | (c) following | (d) then |
| 6. | (a) through | (b) up | (c) along | (d) down |
| 7. | (a) sponsor | (b) mascot | (c) logo | (d) official |
| 8. | (a) gripper | (b) holder | (c) handler | (d) gripper |
| 9. | (a) by | (b) to | (c) of | (d) as |
| 10. | (a) ends | (b) end | (c) ending | (d) ended |
| 11. | (a) proudest | (b) proud | (c) proudly | (d) pride |
| 12. | (a) win | (b) beat | (c) victory | (d) destroy |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. their biggest vairrly is over the game of cricket
2. watch an itnprmtoa game between the two countries
3. They now have a new oucesr of competition
4. erraille in 2012
5. 15,243 people dehtrega in Maharashtra
6. India tried to railecm the record

Paragraph 2

7. still not aclfiofi
8. ... before it rdwasa India the title
9. he was worried about ystaef
10. we were edrfoc to end the programme
11. davoi a stampede
12. a proud moment for me to cpeipatitar

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () anthem, Qaumī Tarana in Lahore. India tried to reclaim the record on Sunday with up
- () the world record holder earlier in 2012, when 15,243 people gathered in Maharashtra state to sing I
- () came to sing that he was worried about safety. He told the BBC News agency: "We'd set a target of
- () end the programme early...to avoid a stampede." Rajesh Chandra, one of the singers at the event, also
- () of competition – to break the world record for the most people to sing a national anthem together. India was
- () ndia's anthem, 'Jan Gan Man'. Pakistan took the record in October after 44,200 people sang the Pakistani
- () million Indians and Pakistanis can watch an important game between the two countries on television. They now have a new source
- () event before it awards India the title of world record holder. One of the organisers, Sumit Makhija, said so many people
- () 100,000 people to break Pakistan's world record. However, when over 125,000 people gathered, we were forced to
- () to 125,000 singers at Kanpur's Green Park stadium.
- () spoke to the BBC to explain his pride at being a record breaker. He said: "It was a
- () The new world record is still not official. The team from the Guinness World Records needs to study the
- (**1**) India and Pakistan are rivals in many things. Perhaps their biggest rivalry is over the game of cricket. Over 300
- () proud moment for me to participate, beat Pakistan, and set a world record".

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. the game of cricket Perhaps their biggest rivalry is over.

2. between Watch the an two important countries game.

3. source now of have competition a new They.

4. the holder 2012 was record in India world earlier.

5. the India record tried on to Sunday reclaim.

6. still new not world official record is The.

7. he was worried So many people came to sing that.

8. break of Pakistan's people 100,000 A world to target record.

9. end the programme early to avoid a stampede Forced to.

10. a his record pride breaker at being Explain.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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India and Pakistan are *rivals* / *rivalries* in many things. Perhaps their biggest rivalry is *over* / *under* the game of cricket. Over 300 million Indians and Pakistanis can watch an important game between the two countries on television. They now have a new *sauce* / *source* of competition – to *broken* / *break* the world record for the most people to sing a national anthem together. India was the world record holder *earliest* / *earlier* in 2012, when 15,243 people *gathered* / *gathering* in Maharashtra state to sing India's anthem, 'Jan Gan Man'. Pakistan *taken* / *took* the record in October *after* / *following* 44,200 people sang the Pakistani anthem, Qaumī Tarana in Lahore. India tried to *reclaim* / *claimed* the record on Sunday with *down* / *up* to 125,000 singers at Kanpur's Green Park stadium.

The new world record is still not *officially* / *official*. The team from the Guinness World Records needs to study the *even* / *event* before it *awards* / *award* India the title of world record holder. One of the organisers, Sumit Makhija, said *so* / *such* many people came to sing that he was *worries* / *worried* about safety. He told the BBC News agency: "We'd set a *target* / *aim* of 100,000 people to break Pakistan's world record. However, when over 125,000 people gathered, we were *feared* / *forced* to end the programme early...to *avoid* / *avid* a stampede." Rajesh Chandra, one of the singers at the event, also spoke to the BBC to explain his *proud* / *pride* at being a record breaker. He said: "It was a proud moment for me to participate, beat Pakistan, and *set* / *let* a world record".

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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_nd__ _nd P_k_st_n _r_ r_v_ls _n m_ny th_ngs.
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cr_ck_t. _v_r 300 m_ll__n _nd__ns _nd P_k_st_n_s c_n
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m_ny p__pl_ c_m_t_ s_ng th_t h_ w_s w_rr__d _b__t
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t_rg_t _f 100,000 p__pl_ t_ br__k P_k_st_n's w_rld
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1212/121211-national_anthem.html

india and pakistan are rivals in many things perhaps their biggest rivalry is over the game of cricket over 300 million indians and pakistanis can watch an important game between the two countries on television they now have a new source of competition – to break the world record for the most people to sing a national anthem together india was the world record holder earlier in 2012 when 15243 people gathered in maharashtra state to sing india's anthem 'jan gan man' pakistan took the record in october after 44200 people sang the pakistani anthem qaumī tarana in lahore india tried to reclaim the record on sunday with up to 125000 singers at kanpur's green park stadium

the new world record is still not official the team from the guinness world records needs to study the event before it awards india the title of world record holder one of the organisers sumit makhija said so many people came to sing that he was worried about safety he told the bbc news agency "we'd set a target of 100000 people to break pakistan's world record however when over 125000 people gathered we were forced to end the programme early...to avoid a stampede" rajesh chandra one of the singers at the event also spoke to the bbc to explain his pride at being a record breaker he said "it was a proud moment for me to participate beat pakistan and set a world record"

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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India and Pakistan are rivals in many things. Perhaps their biggest rivalry is over the game of cricket. Over 300 million Indians and Pakistanis can watch an important game between the two countries on television. They now have a new source of competition – to break the world record for the most people to sing a national anthem together. India was the world record holder earlier in 2012, when 15,243 people gathered in Maharashtra to sing India's anthem, 'Jan Gan Man'. Pakistan took the record in October after 44,200 people sang the Pakistani anthem, Qaumī Taranā in Lahore. India tried to reclaim the record on Sunday with up to 125,000 singers at Kanpur's Green Park stadium. The new world record is still not official. The team from the Guinness World Records need to study the event before it awards India the title of world record holder. One of the organisers, Sumit Makhija, said so many people came to sing that he was worried about safety. He told the BBC News agency: "We'd set a target of 100,000 people to break Pakistan's world record. However, when over 125,000 people gathered, we were forced to end the programme early... to avoid a stampede." Rajesh Chandra, one of the singers at the event, also spoke to the BBC to explain his pride at being a record breaker. He said: "It was a proud moment for me to participate, beat Pakistan, and set a world record".

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 world record rivalry between India and Pakistan. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. WORLD RECORDS: Make a poster about world records. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. NATIONAL ANTHEM: Write a magazine article about the national-anthem-record rivalry between India and Pakistan. Include imaginary interviews with a proud Indian and a proud Pakistani.

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 official from the Guinness World Records. Ask him/her three questions about world records. Give him/her three of your opinions on the record in this news story. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-----------------|--------------|
| 1. rivals | a. opponents |
| 2. important | b. major |
| 3. competition | c. rivalry |
| 4. gathered | d. met |
| 5. reclaim | e. get back |
| 6. official | f. approved |
| 7. awards | g. gives |
| 8. target | h. goal |
| 9. end | i. finish |
| 10. participate | j. join |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Cricket
2. Over 300 million
3. To break the world record for the most people to sing a national anthem together
4. October (2012)
5. Up to 125,000
6. Study the event
7. Safety
8. 100,000 people
9. The organizers wanted to avoid a stampede
10. Participating, beating Pakistan and setting a world record

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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