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THE ARTICLE

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People in Istanbul are continuing their protests against their government's decision to turn the city's Gezi Park into a shopping mall. The unrest has spread to the Turkish capital Ankara and 90 other places across the country, in what is seen as dissatisfaction with the rule of Prime Minister Recep Erdogan. More than 1,000 people have been arrested and dozens injured. The government has come under criticism for its heavy-handed response to the protestors. It has now ordered security forces to leave Istanbul's Taksim Square. Mr Erdogan admitted that police had made "mistakes" in the amount of force they used, but emphasized that the square, "cannot be an area where extremists are running wild".

Protesters have been staging their "Occupy Gezi Park" protest since May 26. They want to prevent the demolition of one of the few green areas left in central Istanbul. Journalist Murat Yetkin said the increasing and "disproportionate" police response "has managed to turn a pacifist and modest protest into a public protest movement". Oral Goktas, a 31-year old architect, said: "This has become a protest against the government, against Erdogan taking decisions like a king." Opposition party leader Kemal Kilicdaroglu accused Erdogan of behaving like a dictator, saying: "Tens of thousands are saying no. They are opposing the dictator." Erdogan vowed that the redevelopment of the park would go ahead as planned.

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WARM-UPS

1. PROTESTS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about protests. 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.

protests / shopping mall / dissatisfaction / arrested / injured / heavy-handed / wild / demolition / green areas / police response / pacifist / opposition party / dictator

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

3. DISSATISFIED: What's the best way to express your dissatisfaction? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

About...	The best way	An Extreme way	Effectiveness
parks being turned into shopping malls			
corporate greed			
increased homework			
war			
a faulty product			
rising prices			

4. PARKS: Students A **strongly** believe parks are more important than shopping malls; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. TAKE TO THE STREETS: Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the things that would make you protest most at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- losing a local park
- pollution of local river
- nuclear power
- deforestation
- rising prices
- to oust a leader
- education cuts
- human rights

6. UNREST: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'unrest'. 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. People are angry a park in Turkey's capital may soon disappear. | T / F |
| b. The article does not report any deaths amid the unrest. | T / F |
| c. People said the government's hands were full during the protests. | T / F |
| d. Turkey's prime minister said he did not want extremists in the park. | T / F |
| e. The park is on the outskirts of the city of Istanbul. | T / F |
| f. A journalist said police actions turned the protests into something big. | T / F |
| g. An architect said Turkey's prime minister is acting like a king. | T / F |
| h. Turkey's prime minister has promised to review plans for the park. | T / F |

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

- | | |
|--------------------|----------------|
| 1. continuing | a. stressed |
| 2. dissatisfaction | b. simple |
| 3. heavy-handed | c. fanatics |
| 4. emphasized | d. stop |
| 5. extremists | e. tyrant |
| 6. prevent | f. severe |
| 7. pacifist | g. promised |
| 8. modest | h. peace-lover |
| 9. dictator | i. carrying on |
| 10. vowed | j. unhappiness |

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

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. The unrest has spread | a. modest protest |
| 2. heavy- | b. of force |
| 3. security | c. are running wild |
| 4. the amount | d. like a dictator |
| 5. an area where extremists | e. party leader |
| 6. one of the few green areas | f. forces |
| 7. a pacifist and | g. go ahead as planned |
| 8. opposition | h. to the Turkish capital |
| 9. behaving | i. left in central Istanbul |
| 10. redevelopment of the park would | j. handed response |

GAP FILL

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People in Istanbul are (1) _____ their protests against their government's decision to turn the city's Gezi Park into a shopping mall. The (2) _____ has spread to the Turkish capital Ankara and 90 other places across the country, in what is seen as dissatisfaction with the (3) _____ of Prime Minister Recep Erdogan. More than 1,000 people have been arrested and (4) _____ injured. The government has come under criticism for its heavy-(5) _____ response to the protestors. It has now ordered security forces to leave Istanbul's Taksim Square. Mr Erdogan (6) _____ that police had made "mistakes" in the amount of (7) _____ they used, but emphasized that the square, "cannot be an area where (8) _____ are running wild".

handed
force
rule
continuing
extremists
dozens
unrest
admitted

Protesters have been (9) _____ their "Occupy Gezi Park" protest since May 26. They want to prevent the (10) _____ of one of the few green areas left in central Istanbul. Journalist Murat Yetkin said the increasing and "disproportionate" police (11) _____ "has managed to turn a (12) _____ and modest protest into a public protest movement". Oral Goktas, a 31-year old architect, said: "This has become a protest against the government, against Erdogan (13) _____ decisions like a king." Opposition party leader Kemal Kilicdaroglu accused Erdogan of behaving like a (14) _____, saying: "Tens of thousands are saying no. They are (15) _____ the dictator." Erdogan (16) _____ that the redevelopment of the park would go ahead as planned.

taking
pacifist
demolition
vowed
opposing
staging
response
dictator

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

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- 1) People in Istanbul are continuing their protests against their _____
 - a. government's decisions
 - b. government's indecision
 - c. government's decision
 - d. government's indecisions
- 2) More than 1,000 people have been arrested _____
 - a. and dozens injure
 - b. and dozens injuries
 - c. and dozens injury
 - d. and dozens injured
- 3) The government has come under criticism for its _____
 - a. handy-heavy response
 - b. heavy-hands response
 - c. heaved-handed response
 - d. heavy-handed response
- 4) Mr Erdogan admitted that police had made "mistakes" in the _____ they used
 - a. amounts of force
 - b. amount of force
 - c. amount of farce
 - d. amounts of farce
- 5) the square, "cannot be an area where extremists _____"
 - a. are ruining wild
 - b. are raining wild
 - c. are running wild
 - d. are run in wild
- 6) They want to prevent the demolition of one of the few _____
 - a. green areas left
 - b. greenish areas left
 - c. greened areas left
 - d. greenery areas left
- 7) turn a pacifist and modest protest into a public _____
 - a. protesting movement
 - b. protestation movement
 - c. protest movement
 - d. protests movement
- 8) This has become _____ the government
 - a. a protest against
 - b. at protest against
 - c. as protest against
 - d. the protest against
- 9) Kemal Kilicdaroglu accused Erdogan of _____
 - a. behaviour like a dictator
 - b. behavioral like a dictator
 - c. behaving like a dictator
 - d. behaves like a dictator
- 10) Erdogan vowed that the redevelopment of the park would _____ planned
 - a. go a head as
 - b. go way head as
 - c. goer head as
 - d. go ahead as

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130603-istanbul_gezi_park.html

1. Who decided to turn a park into a shopping mall?

2. Roughly, in how many places in Turkey did protests take place?

3. How many people have been injured?

4. What kind of response were security forces criticized for?

5. Who did the prime minister not want "running wild"?

6. What has been staged since the end of May?

7. What did a journalist say the protests started as?

8. To whom did an architect liken Turkey's prime minister?

9. How many people were saying no, according to an opposition leader?

10. What has Erdogan promised?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130603-istanbul_gezi_park.html

1. Who decided to turn a park into a shopping mall?
 - a) a group of international brands
 - b) a construction company
 - c) the Turkish government
 - d) Turkey's trade minister
2. Roughly, in how many places in Turkey did protests take place?
 - a) 90
 - b) 80
 - c) 70
 - d) 60
3. How many people have been injured?
 - a) countless people
 - b) 835
 - c) over 1,000
 - d) dozens
4. What kind of response were security forces criticized for?
 - a) a thick-skinned one
 - b) a heavy-handed one
 - c) a light-hearted one
 - d) a tight-lipped one
5. Who did the prime minister not want "running wild"?
 - a) builders
 - b) politicians
 - c) extremists
 - d) tourists
6. What has been staged since the end of May?
 - a) a political rally
 - b) an occupy protest
 - c) a series of concerts
 - d) a car rally
7. What did a journalist say the protests started as?
 - a) a flash mob
 - b) a petition
 - c) a campaign by anti-consumerists
 - d) peace loving and simple
8. To whom did an architect liken Turkey's prime minister?
 - a) a maniac CEO
 - b) a king
 - c) an anti-environmentalist
 - d) a visionary
9. How many people were saying no, according to an opposition leader?
 - a) tens of thousands
 - b) millions
 - c) 963
 - d) everyone
10. What has Erdogan promised?
 - a) to move the park
 - b) to squash the protest
 - c) to talk to protestors
 - d) to redevelop the park

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Park boss

You think a park is the best thing to build in a city. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their ideas. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): a shopping mall, a museum or a gym.

Role B – Shopping mall boss

You think a shopping mall is the best thing to build in a city. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their ideas. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): a park, a museum or a gym.

Role C – Museum boss

You think a museum is the best thing to build in a city. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their ideas. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): a shopping mall, a park or a gym.

Role D – Gym boss

You think a gym is the best thing to build in a city. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their ideas. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): a shopping mall, a museum or a park.

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 'security' and 'force'.

security	force
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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">• turn• 90• rule• 1,000• heavy• wild	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 26• central• turn• 31• king• planned
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PROTESTS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about protests 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.

PROTESTS 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 'protest'?
- c) What do you think about the protests in Turkey?
- d) Are protestors right to defend the park?
- e) Should the government consult the people before destroying their park?
- f) Should the shopping mall be moved to another place?
- g) What's more important, a park or a shopping mall?
- h) Should tear gas be used against peaceful protestors?
- i) Why are police always so heavy-handed with protestors?
- j) Do you think police agree or disagree with the protestors?

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PROTESTS DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Is destroying the park an example of big business defeating the environment?
- c) Should all world cities protect their parks?
- d) What would you take to the streets in protest at?
- e) What do you think of people who protest?
- f) Do you think Turkey's leader is acting like a dictator?
- g) Is it better for the police simply to let protests take place and end?
- h) What advice would you give to someone protesting in Istanbul?
- i) Could the protests lead to something more dangerous in Turkey?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Turkey's prime minister?

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) uneasy | (b) undoing | (c) unrest | (d) unreasonable |
| 2. | (a) seen | (b) watched | (c) looked | (d) scanned |
| 3. | (a) come | (b) taken | (c) done | (d) gone |
| 4. | (a) handed | (b) fisted | (c) palmed | (d) knuckled |
| 5. | (a) admission | (b) admitted | (c) remitted | (d) remission |
| 6. | (a) ruining | (b) raining | (c) ranting | (d) running |
| 7. | (a) staggering | (b) struggling | (c) staging | (d) strangling |
| 8. | (a) stay | (b) being | (c) remain | (d) left |
| 9. | (a) pacifist | (b) specific | (c) specify | (d) pacifier |
| 10. | (a) movement | (b) motion | (c) mechanism | (d) monstrosity |
| 11. | (a) suggesting | (b) behaving | (c) contemplating | (d) ruining |
| 12. | (a) wowed | (b) cowed | (c) vowed | (d) bowed |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. their government's ondecisi
2. seen as atisfiiocnsdas
3. dozens rdjneiu
4. come under imrccitis
5. Mr Erdogan edtmadti that police had made mistakes
6. rissexmtet are running wild

Paragraph 2

7. gigntsa their "Occupy Gezi Park" protest
8. prevent the dnmioloiet
9. disproportionate police spreneos
10. 31-year old ticcahter
11. behaving like a tdocirat
12. Erdogan wvode that...

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () than 1,000 people have been arrested and dozens injured. The government has come under
- () criticism for its heavy-handed response to the protestors. It has now ordered security forces to
- () the demolition of one of the few green areas left in central Istanbul. Journalist Murat Yetkin said the increasing
- () leave Istanbul's Taksim Square. Mr Erdogan admitted that police had made "mistakes" in the amount
- () protest movement". Oral Goktas, a 31-year old architect, said: "This has become a protest against the
- () places across the country, in what is seen as dissatisfaction with the rule of Prime Minister Recep Erdogan. More
- () Protesters have been staging their "Occupy Gezi Park" protest since May 26. They want to prevent
- () of force they used, but emphasized that the square, "cannot be an area where extremists are running wild".
- (**1**) People in Istanbul are continuing their protests against their government's decision to turn the
- () accused Erdogan of behaving like a dictator, saying: "Tens of thousands are saying no. They are
- () and "disproportionate" police response "has managed to turn a pacifist and modest protest into a public
- () government, against Erdogan taking decisions like a king." Opposition party leader Kemal Kilicdaroglu
- () opposing the dictator." Erdogan vowed that the redevelopment of the park would go ahead as planned.
- () city's Gezi Park into a shopping mall. The unrest has spread to the Turkish capital Ankara and 90 other

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. are Istanbul in People protests their continuing.

2. Turkish has the Ankara unrest to capital The spread.

3. criticism heavy response under its handed Come for - .

4. had police that admitted Erdogan mistakes made.

5. area wild are where An running extremists .

6. demolition They to the want prevent.

7. in central Istanbul One of the few green areas left.

8. become government a protest This against has the.

9. of are no Tens thousands saying.

10. planned of would as Redevelopment park ahead the go.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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People in Istanbul are *continuing* / *going on* their protests against their government's decision *of* / *to* turn the city's Gezi Park into a shopping mall. The *rest* / *unrest* has spread to the Turkish capital Ankara and 90 other places across the country, in what is *looked* / *seen* as dissatisfaction with the *rule* / *ruler* of Prime Minister Recep Erdogan. More than 1,000 people have been arrested and dozens *injured* / *injuries*. The government has *come* / *gone* under criticism for its heavy-handed response to the protestors. It has now ordered security *forces* / *force* to leave Istanbul's Taksim Square. Mr Erdogan *admission* / *admitted* that police had made "mistakes" in the amount of force they used, but emphasized that the square, "cannot be an area where *extremists* / *extremities* are running wild".

Protesters have been *staging* / *staged* their "Occupy Gezi Park" protest since May 26. They want to prevent the *demolish* / *demolition* of one of the few green areas *left* / *remain* in central Istanbul. Journalist Murat Yetkin said the increasing and "*disproportionate*" / "*dispassionate*" police response "has managed to turn a *pacifist* / *pacifier* and modest protest into a public protest *mechanism* / *movement*". Oral Goktas, a 31-year old architect, said: "This has become a protest against the government, against Erdogan *taking* / *doing* decisions like a king." Opposition party leader Kemal Kilicdaroglu *accused* / *accusing* Erdogan of behaving like a dictator, saying: "*Tens* / *Thousands* of thousands are saying no. They are opposing the dictator." Erdogan *vowed* / *wowed* that the redevelopment of the park would go ahead as planned.

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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_dm_tt_d th_t p_l_c_ h_d m_d_ "m_st_k_s" _n th_
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nt _p_bl_c pr_t_st m_v_m_nt". _r_l G_kts, _ 31-
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

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

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

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

4. GEZI PARK: Write a magazine article about Gezi Park and its future. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against replacing it with a shopping mall.

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 Turkey's prime minister. Ask him three questions about the protests. Give him three of your opinions on them. 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 F d T e F f T g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|--------------------|----------------|
| 1. continuing | a. carrying on |
| 2. dissatisfaction | b. unhappiness |
| 3. heavy-handed | c. severe |
| 4. emphasized | d. stressed |
| 5. extremists | e. fanatics |
| 6. prevent | f. stop |
| 7. pacifist | g. peace-lover |
| 8. modest | h. simple |
| 9. dictator | i. tyrant |
| 10. vowed | j. promised |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. The Turkish government
2. 90
3. Dozens
4. A heavy-handed one
5. Extremists
6. The Occupy Gezi Park protest
7. A pacifist and modest protest
8. A king
9. Tens of thousands
10. The park's redevelopment would go ahead

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 ;-)