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Half a million at Washington D.C. Women's March

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THE ARTICLE

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New figures reveal that as many as 500,000 people attended the Women's March on Washington on January 21st. There has been debate over the size of the crowds because there were no turnstiles or ticket sales. However, high-tech analysis from the company Digital Design and Imaging Service provides a "solid estimate" of there being 440,000 marchers, with a possibility of half a million. It was the biggest demonstration in the USA since the Vietnam War protests in the 1960s. The New York Times reported that the Women's March was three times the size of President Donald Trump's inauguration, which they said had 160,000 attendees. Five million people participated in women's marches around the world.

The Women's March was a global protest aimed at highlighting and protecting women's rights. The marchers also focused on immigration, healthcare, the environment, LGBTQ rights, racial equality, freedom of religion, and workers' rights. The marches were held the day after the inauguration of President Trump. Event organisers said they wanted to, "send a bold message to our new administration on their first day in office, and to the world that women's rights are human rights". They added: "We will not rest until women have parity and equity at all levels of leadership in society. We work peacefully while recognizing there is no true peace without justice and equity for all."

Sources: <http://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2017/1/27/14364270/analysis-womens-march-washington-dc-half-million-people>
<https://www.womensmarch.com/>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2017_Women's_March

WARM-UPS

1. EQUALITY: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about equality. 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?

figures / debate / ticket sales / analysis / estimate / demonstration / Vietnam / size / global / protest / healthcare / freedom / equality / religion / women's rights / peace

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

3. EQUALITY: Students A **strongly** believe women will achieve equality in the next 50 years; Students B **strongly** believe women will never achieve equality. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. WOMEN'S RIGHTS: What inequalities are there for women regarding the things below? Why do they exist? How can we change this? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Inequalities	Why they exist	How to change
Education			
Workplace / Jobs			
Leadership			
Marriage			
Daily life			
Violence			

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

6. ISSUES: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important issues at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- women's rights
- immigration reform
- healthcare reform
- the environment
- LGBTQ rights
- racial equality
- freedom of religion
- workers' rights

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1702/170201-womens-march.html>

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

- a. New figures show that over half a million were at the Women's March. **T / F**
- b. There were record sales of tickets for the Women's March. **T / F**
- c. President Trump's inauguration saw bigger crowds than the Women's March. **T / F**
- d. Around five million people attended women's marches worldwide. **T / F**
- e. Marchers at the Women's March only focused on women's rights. **T / F**
- f. The Women's March was the day after Donald Trump became President. **T / F**
- g. Women's March organisers wanted to send a message to President Trump. **T / F**
- h. Women's March organisers said there is no peace without justice. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| 1. reveal | a. government |
| 2. debate | b. protest |
| 3. estimate | c. took part |
| 4. demonstration | d. conducted |
| 5. participated | e. discussion |
| 6. highlighting | f. equality |
| 7. held | g. slow down |
| 8. administration | h. show |
| 9. rest | i. focusing on |
| 10. parity | j. approximation |

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

- | | |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. figures reveal that as many as 500,000 people | a. the size |
| 2. There has been debate over the size | b. in office |
| 3. a "solid estimate" of there | c. inauguration |
| 4. the Women's March was three times | d. levels of leadership |
| 5. President Donald Trump's | e. being 440,000 marchers |
| 6. freedom of | f. attended |
| 7. send a | g. without justice |
| 8. on their first day | h. bold message |
| 9. parity and equity at all | i. of the crowds |
| 10. there is no true peace | j. religion |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1702/170201-womens-march.html>

New figures (1) _____ that as many as 500,000 people attended the Women's March on Washington on January 21st. There has been debate over the (2) _____ of the crowds because there were no turnstiles or (3) _____ sales. However, high-tech (4) _____ from the company Digital Design and Imaging Service provides a "solid estimate" of there being 440,000 marchers, with a (5) _____ of half a million. It was the biggest demonstration in the USA since the Vietnam War (6) _____ in the 1960s. The New York Times reported that the Women's March was three times the size of President Donald Trump's (7) _____, which they said had 160,000 attendees. Five million people (8) _____ in women's marches around the world.

analysis
inauguration
size
ticket
participated
reveal
protests
possibility

The Women's March was a global protest (9) _____ at highlighting and protecting women's rights. The marchers also focused on (10) _____, healthcare, the environment, LGBTQ rights, racial equality, (11) _____ of religion, and workers' rights. The marches were held the day after the inauguration of President Trump. Event organisers said they wanted to, "send a (12) _____ message to our new administration on their first day in (13) _____, and to the world that women's rights are human rights". They added: "We will not rest until women have (14) _____ and equity at all levels of leadership in society. We work (15) _____ while recognizing there is no (16) _____ peace without justice and equity for all."

immigration
parity
bold
peacefully
aimed
true
freedom
office

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) New figures reveal that as many as 500,000 people _____ Women's March
 - a. attend it the
 - b. attending the
 - c. attending a
 - d. attended the
- 2) There has been debate over _____ crowds
 - a. the sizes of the
 - b. the seized of the
 - c. the size of the
 - d. the seize of the
- 3) Digital Design and Imaging Service provides a "solid estimate" of _____ 440,000
 - a. there being
 - b. there been
 - c. there be in
 - d. there bean
- 4) the biggest demonstration in the USA since the Vietnam War _____ 1960s
 - a. protests on the
 - b. protests at the
 - c. protests in the
 - d. protests to the
- 5) The New York Times reported that the Women's March was three _____
 - a. timings the size
 - b. timers the size
 - c. times the size
 - d. timed the size
- 6) The Women's March was a global protest aimed at highlighting and _____ rights
 - a. protesting women's
 - b. protruding women's
 - c. protracting women's
 - d. protecting women's
- 7) LGBTQ rights, racial equality, freedom of religion, and _____
 - a. workers' right
 - b. workers' rights
 - c. workers' lights
 - d. workers' light
- 8) The marches were held the day after _____
 - a. the incarceration
 - b. the incineration
 - c. the inauguration
 - d. the incantation
- 9) send a bold message to our new administration on their _____
 - a. first day in official
 - b. first day in office
 - c. first day in offices
 - d. first day in officer
- 10) there is no true peace without justice and _____
 - a. equity for all
 - b. equity four all
 - c. equity far all
 - d. equity for real

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The Women's March was (7) _____ aimed at highlighting and protecting women's rights. The marchers also focused on immigration, healthcare, the environment, LGBTQ rights, (8) _____, freedom of religion, (9) _____. The marches were held the day after the inauguration of President Trump. Event organisers said they wanted to, "send a bold (10) _____ new administration on their first day in office, and (11) _____ women's rights are human rights". They added: "We will not rest until women have parity and equity at all levels of leadership in society. We work peacefully while recognizing there (12) _____ without justice and equity for all."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1702/170201-womens-march.html>

1. What revealed that up to 500,000 people attended the Women's March?
2. What did the article say there had been debate over the size of?
3. What was the biggest protest in the USA before the Women's March?
4. How many people attended President Trump's inauguration?
5. How many people attended women's marches around the world?
6. What did the Women's March focus on protecting?
7. What kind of freedom did marchers focus on?
8. What kind of message did organisers want to send President Trump?
9. What will the women not do until they have parity and equity?
10. What did the women say did not exist without justice and equity?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1702/170201-womens-march.html>

- 1) What revealed that up to 500,000 people attended the Women's March?
 - a) a White House leak
 - b) a newspaper
 - c) new figures
 - d) a camera
- 2) What did the article say there had been debate over the size of?
 - a) crowds at the Women's March
 - b) the White House
 - c) Donald Trump's staff
 - d) media coverage
- 3) What was the biggest protest in the USA before the Women's March?
 - a) civil rights
 - b) the Iraq War
 - c) Watergate
 - d) the Vietnam War
- 4) How many people attended President Trump's inauguration?
 - a) 16,000,000
 - b) 160,000
 - c) 16,000
 - d) 1,600,000
- 5) How many people attended women's marches around the world?
 - a) 500,000
 - b) 15,000,000
 - c) 5,000,000
 - d) 50,000,000
- 6) What did the Women's March focus on protecting?
 - a) media freedom
 - b) women's rights
 - c) the right to march
 - d) Washington
- 7) What kind of freedom did marchers focus on?
 - a) freedom of thought
 - b) media freedom
 - c) freedom of movement
 - d) freedom of religion
- 8) What kind of message did organisers want to send President Trump?
 - a) a long one
 - b) a bold one
 - c) an angry one
 - d) a conciliatory one
- 9) What will the women not do until they have parity and equity?
 - a) rest
 - b) march
 - c) campaign
 - d) talk
- 10) What did the women say did not exist without justice and equity?
 - a) equality
 - b) marching
 - c) government
 - d) true peace

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Women's Rights

You think women's rights is the biggest issue that needs resolving. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their issues aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the last of these to be resolved (and why): the environment, immigration reform or freedom of religion.

Role B – The Environment

You think the environment is the biggest issue that needs resolving. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their issues aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the last of these to be resolved (and why): women's rights, immigration reform or freedom of religion.

Role C – Immigration Reform

You think immigration reform is the biggest issue that needs resolving. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their issues aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the last of these to be resolved (and why): the environment, women's rights or freedom of religion.

Role D – Freedom of Religion

You think freedom of religion is the biggest issue that needs resolving. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their issues aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the last of these to be resolved (and why): the environment, immigration reform or women's rights.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1702/170201-womens-march.html>

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

women	march
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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">• figures• over• solid• 1960s• three• five	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• aimed• also• after• first• rest• true
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WOMEN'S MARCH SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Women's March 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.

WOMEN'S MARCH DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What springs to mind when you hear the word 'march'?
3. What do you think about what you read?
4. What do you think of the numbers of people marching?
5. Why did it become the biggest global protest in history?
6. What things would get you into the streets on a march?
7. What message did the march send to world leaders?
8. How much attention to world leaders pay to marches?
9. Why was the march bigger than President Trump's inauguration?
10. Why was there so much debate in the news about crowd size?

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WOMEN'S MARCH 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 'women'?
13. What do you know about the Women's March?
14. What were the marchers protesting against?
15. How far do women have to go to get equality?
16. What are the biggest equality issues for women in your country?
17. What will President Trump do to advance women's rights?
18. What is next for the organisers of the march?
19. What advice do you have for the Women's March organisers?
20. What questions would you like to ask the march organisers?

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) reveal | (b) revel | (c) regale | (d) revolt |
| 2. | (a) under | (b) through | (c) over | (d) above |
| 3. | (a) analyse | (b) dialysis | (c) analysis | (d) chrysalis |
| 4. | (a) was | (b) be | (c) been | (d) being |
| 5. | (a) at | (b) of | (c) in | (d) by |
| 6. | (a) bigger | (b) the | (c) more | (d) a |
| 7. | (a) to | (b) at | (c) on | (d) by |
| 8. | (a) racism | (b) racial | (c) racist | (d) racially |
| 9. | (a) been | (b) given | (c) held | (d) walked |
| 10. | (a) bald | (b) boiled | (c) belied | (d) bold |
| 11. | (a) party | (b) purity | (c) paltry | (d) parity |
| 12. | (a) recognized | (b) recognition | (c) recognize | (d) recognizing |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. New figures lraeve that
2. high-tech lisynsaa
3. provides a solid eiettsma
4. the biggest rositdmoaentn
5. 160,000 esntatede
6. Five million people taiiacdpetrp

Paragraph 2

7. marchers also focused on garnommtiii
8. freedom of ieolnigr
9. lrcaia equality
10. the annroigiuuat of President Trump
11. We will not rest until women have yrapit
12. justice and tiueqy for all

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1702/170201-womens-march.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () The Women's March was a global protest aimed at highlighting and protecting women's rights. The marchers also focused
- () 160,000 attendees. Five million people participated in women's marches around the world.
- () on immigration, healthcare, the environment, LGBTQ rights, racial equality, freedom of
- () January 21st. There has been debate over the size of the crowds because there were no turnstiles or ticket
- () sales. However, high-tech analysis from the company Digital Design and Imaging Service provides a "solid
- () organisers said they wanted to, "send a bold message to our new administration on their first day in
- () religion, and workers' rights. The marches were held the day after the inauguration of President Trump. Event
- () recognizing there is no true peace without justice and equity for all."
- () demonstration in the USA since the Vietnam War protests in the 1960s. The New York Times reported
- () that the Women's March was three times the size of President Donald Trump's inauguration, which they said had
- () office, and to the world that women's rights are human rights". They added: "We will not rest until
- () women have parity and equity at all levels of leadership in society. We work peacefully while
- (**1**) New figures reveal that as many as 500,000 people attended the Women's March on Washington on
- () estimate" of there being 440,000 marchers, with a possibility of half a million. It was the biggest

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. many as 500,000 as that reveal Figures attended people .
2. of There debate size crowds been the the has over .
3. estimate" marchers 440,000 being there of "solid A .
4. was It USA the in demonstration biggest the .
5. People world the around marches women's in participated .
6. women's highlighting rights and Aimed protecting at .
7. The day marches after were the held inauguration the .
8. new our to message bold a Send administration .
9. added: parity" until will women not "They have rest We .
10. true peace without justice and equity for all There is no .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1702/170201-womens-march.html>

New figures *revel / reveal* that as many as 500,000 people attended the Women's March on Washington on January 21st. There has been *debated / debate* over the size of the crowds because there were no *turnstiles / styles* or ticket sales. However, high-tech *analyse / analysis* from the company Digital Design and Imaging Service provides a "solid estimate" of there *being / been* 440,000 marchers, with a *possible / possibility* of half a million. It was the biggest demonstration in the USA *for / since* the Vietnam War protests in the 1960s. The New York Times reported that the Women's March was three times *the / a* size of President Donald Trump's inauguration, which they said had 160,000 *attendees / attendance*. Five million people *participation / participated* in women's marches around the world.

The Women's March was a *globe / global* protest aimed at highlighting and protecting women's rights. The marchers also focused *in / on* immigration, healthcare, the environment, LGBTQ rights, *racial / racism* equality, freedom of religion, and workers' rights. The marches were *holding / held* the day after the inauguration of President Trump. Event organisers said they wanted to, "send a *bald / bold* message to our new administration on *that / their* first day in office, and to the world that women's rights are human rights". They added: "We will not *rest / wrest* until women have *parity / purity* and equity at all levels of leadership *on / in* society. We work peacefully while recognizing there is no *true / truth* peace without justice and equity for all."

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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N_w f_g_r_s r_v__l th_t _s m_ny _s 500,000 p__pl_ _tt_nd_d th_ W_m_n's M_rch _n W_sh_ngt_n _n J_n__ry 21st. Th_r_h_s b__n_d_b_t_ _v_r th_s_z_ _f th_cr_wds b_c__s_ th_r_w_r_n_t_rnst_l_s _r_t_ck_t_s_l_s. H_w_v_r, h_gh-t_ch _n_l_y_s fr_m th_c_m_p_ny D_g_t_l D_s_gn _nd _m_g_ng S_rv_c_ pr_v_d_s _ "s_l_d _st_m_t_" _f th_r_b__ng 440,000 m_rch_rs, w_th _p_ss_b_l_t_y _f h_lf _m_ll__n. _t_w_s th_b_gg_st_d_m_nstr_t__n _n th_ _S_s_nc_ th_V__tn_m W_r pr_t_sts _n th_ 1960s. Th_ N_w Y_rk T_m_s r_p_r_t_d th_t th_ W_m_n's M_rch w_s thr__t_m_s th_s_z_ _f Pr_s_d_nt D_n_ld Tr_m_p's _n_g_r_t__n, wh_ch th_y_s_d h_d 160,000 _tt_nd__s. F_v_m_ll__n p__pl_ p_r_t_c_p_t_d _n w_m_n's m_rch_s _r__nd th_w_rld.

Th_ W_m_n's M_rch w_s _gl_b_l pr_t_st __m_d _t h_ghl_gh_t_ng _nd pr_t_ct_ng w_m_n's r_ghts. Th_m_rch_rs _ls_ f_c_s_d _n _mm_gr_t__n, h__lthc_r_, th_ _nv_r_nm_nt, LGBTQ r_ghts, r_c__l _q__l_t_y, fr__d_m_f_r_l_g__n, _nd w_rk_rs' r_ghts. Th_m_rch_s w_r_h_l_d th_d_y _ft_r th_ _n_g_r_t__n _f Pr_s_d_nt Tr_m_p. _v_nt _rg_n_s_rs s__d th_y w_nt_d_t_, "s_nd _b_ld m_ss_g_ t_ __r_n_w _dm_n_str_t__n _n th__r_f_rst_d_y _n _ff_c_, _nd t_ th_w_rld th_t w_m_n's r_ghts _r_h_m_n_r_ghts". Th_y _dd_d: "W_w_ll_n_t_r_st_nt_l_w_m_n_h_v_p_r_t_y _nd _q__ty_t_ll_l_v_ls _f_l__d_rsh_p_n_s_c__ty. W_w_rk_p__c_f_lly wh_l_r_c_gn_z_ng th_r__s_n_tr__p__c_w_th__t_j_st_c__nd _q__ty_f_r__ll."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the women's march was a global protest aimed at highlighting and protecting women's rights the marchers also focused on immigration healthcare the environment lgbtq rights racial equality freedom of religion and workers' rights the marches were held the day after the inauguration of president trump event organisers said they wanted to "send a bold message to our new administration on their first day in office and to the world that women's rights are human rights" they added "we will not rest until women have parity and equity at all levels of leadership in society we work peacefully while recognizing there is no true peace without justice and equity for all"

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 Women's March. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

4. WOMEN'S MARCH: Write a magazine article about the Women's March and what it will change. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against marches.

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 the Women's March. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on what else to do to achieve equality for women. 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 F c F d T e F f T g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. reveal | a. show |
| 2. debate | b. discussion |
| 3. estimate | c. approximation |
| 4. demonstration | d. protest |
| 5. participated | e. took part |
| 6. highlighting | f. focusing on |
| 7. held | g. conducted |
| 8. administration | h. government |
| 9. rest | i. slow down |
| 10. parity | j. equality |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. New figures
2. Crowds
3. Against the Vietnam War in the 1960s
4. 160,000
5. Five million
6. Women's rights
7. Freedom of religion
8. A bold message
9. Rest
10. True peace

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 ;-)