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## Level 6

### Floyd Mayweather wins richest fight in boxing history

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# THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170828-boxing.html>

Floyd Mayweather has won what was billed as the fight of the century, and the richest fight in boxing history. Mayweather took home a staggering \$100 million for defeating Conor McGregor in 10 rounds in Las Vegas on Saturday. Thousands of spectators paid tens of thousands of dollars for ringside seats. Millions more around the world tuned in on pay-per-view streaming sites. Boxing purists derided the fight as a circus event and a mismatch. It pitched Mayweather, one of the greatest fighters in boxing history, who had never been defeated or even knocked down, against McGregor - a mixed martial arts fighter in his first ever professional boxing match. But the hype surrounding it made it a huge spectacle.

Mayweather, 40, entered the ring as the heavy favourite, even though he retired two years ago. His boxing record was 49 wins (including 26 knockouts) and no defeats. McGregor, 29, is the reigning Ultimate Fighting Championship lightweight world champion. Mayweather's victory came early in the 10th round. The referee dived in to save McGregor from any more punishment from Mayweather's flurries of punches. Victory means Mayweather has 50 wins and no defeats, to edge ahead of the legendary Rocky Marciano, who retired with a 49-0 record. McGregor gave a gutsy and spirited performance, but in the end, Mayweather's vast experience and superior technique came through.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. BOXING:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about boxing. 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?

fight / century / spectator / ringside seats / pay-per-view / purists / martial arts / hype  
heavy favourite / retired / defeats / world champion / referee / punches / technique

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

**3. MARTIAL ARTS:** Students A **strongly** believe martial arts are better than boxing; Students B **strongly** believe boxing is better. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. THE MAIN EVENT:** How can big boxing events be made better? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Changes to make boxing better?	Why?
The build-up		
Safety rules		
Length of rounds		
Number of rounds		
Music		
Ticket prices		

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

**6. COMBAT SPORTS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- boxing
- karate
- wrestling
- sumo
- mixed martial arts
- kickboxing
- judo
- taekwondo

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170828-boxing.html>

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

- a. The Mayweather-McGregor fight was the richest in boxing history. **T / F**
- b. Tens of thousands of people paid thousands of dollars for ringside seats. **T / F**
- c. Those who love boxing described the fight as a circus event. **T / F**
- d. Conor McGregor had never fought a professional boxing match before. **T / F**
- e. Floyd Mayweather retired two years ago and came out of retirement. **T / F**
- f. McGregor is a middleweight champion at mixed martial arts. **T / F**
- g. The legend Rocky Marciano still has a better record than Mayweather. **T / F**
- h. The article said McGregor gave a vast and superior performance. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- |                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. <b>billed</b>     | a. losses         |
| 2. <b>staggering</b> | b. more skillful  |
| 3. <b>spectators</b> | c. perfectionists |
| 4. <b>purists</b>    | d. battering      |
| 5. <b>defeated</b>   | e. advertised     |
| 6. <b>entered</b>    | f. onlookers      |
| 7. <b>punishment</b> | g. lively         |
| 8. <b>defeats</b>    | h. beaten         |
| 9. <b>spirited</b>   | i. got into       |
| 10. <b>superior</b>  | j. amazing        |

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

- |                                      |                             |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. billed as                         | a. favourite                |
| 2. took home a staggering            | b. view streaming sites     |
| 3. ringside                          | c. flurries of punches      |
| 4. tuned in on pay-per-              | d. seats                    |
| 5. the hype surrounding it made      | e. early in the 10th round  |
| 6. entered the ring as the heavy     | f. the fight of the century |
| 7. His boxing record was 49 wins     | g. it a huge spectacle      |
| 8. victory came                      | h. superior technique       |
| 9. more punishment from Mayweather's | i. \$100 million            |
| 10. Mayweather's vast experience and | j. (including 26 knockouts) |

# GAP FILL

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*mismatch*  
*billed*  
*martial*  
*spectators*  
*hype*  
*defeated*  
*staggering*  
*view*

Mayweather, 40, entered the ring as the heavy favourite, even though he (9) \_\_\_\_\_ two years ago. His boxing record was 49 wins (including 26 knockouts) and no defeats. McGregor, 29, is the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ Ultimate Fighting Championship lightweight world champion. Mayweather's (11) \_\_\_\_\_ came early in the 10th round. The referee dived in to save McGregor from any more (12) \_\_\_\_\_ from Mayweather's flurries of (13) \_\_\_\_\_. Victory means Mayweather has 50 wins and no defeats, to (14) \_\_\_\_\_ ahead of the legendary Rocky Marciano, who retired with a 49-0 record. McGregor gave a gutsy and (15) \_\_\_\_\_ performance, but in the end, Mayweather's vast experience and superior (16) \_\_\_\_\_ came through.

*reigning*  
*punches*  
*technique*  
*retired*  
*spirited*  
*punishment*  
*victory*  
*edge*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Floyd Mayweather has won what was billed as the \_\_\_\_\_ century
  - a. fight off the
  - b. fight if the
  - c. fight from the
  - d. fight of the
- 2) Mayweather took home a staggering \$100 million for defeating Conor McGregor \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. in 10 round
  - b. on 10 rounds
  - c. to 10 rounds
  - d. in 10 rounds
- 3) Thousands of spectators paid tens of thousands of dollars \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. for rings side seats
  - b. for ringside seat
  - c. for ringside seats
  - d. for rings side seat
- 4) Boxing purists derided the fight as a circus event \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and a mismatch
  - b. and a missed match
  - c. and a miss match
  - d. and a mismatched
- 5) But the hype surrounding it made it \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a huge spectacle
  - b. a hug spectacle
  - c. a huge spectacles
  - d. a hugely spectacle
- 6) Mayweather, 40, entered the ring as the heavy favourite, even though he \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. retires two years ago
  - b. retired two years ago
  - c. retried two years ago
  - d. retied two years ago
- 7) Mayweather's victory came early in \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the 10th surround
  - b. the 10th rounds
  - c. the 10th round
  - d. the 10th around
- 8) dived in to save McGregor from any more punishment from Mayweather's \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. flurries of punches
  - b. flurries off punches
  - c. flurries of punch is
  - d. flurry save punches
- 9) McGregor gave a gutsy and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. spirit it performance
  - b. spirit performances
  - c. spirited performance
  - d. spirited performances
- 10) but in the end, Mayweather's vast experience and superior \_\_\_\_\_ through
  - a. technique came
  - b. technical come
  - c. technically came
  - d. technique come

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Mayweather, 40, entered (7) \_\_\_\_\_ heavy favourite, even though he retired two years ago. His boxing record was 49 wins (including 26 knockouts) (8) \_\_\_\_\_. McGregor, 29, is the reigning Ultimate Fighting Championship lightweight world champion. Mayweather's victory (9) \_\_\_\_\_ 10th round. The referee dived in to save McGregor (10) \_\_\_\_\_ punishment from Mayweather's flurries of punches. Victory means Mayweather has 50 wins and no defeats, (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of the legendary Rocky Marciano, who retired with a 49-0 record. McGregor (12) \_\_\_\_\_ and spirited performance, but in the end, Mayweather's vast experience and superior technique came through.

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170828-boxing.html>

1. What was the fight billed as?
2. How much money did the article say Floyd Mayweather earned?
3. What kind of event did boxing purists call the event?
4. How many times had Mayweather been knocked over in a fight?
5. What did the article say surrounded this boxing match?
6. When did Floyd Mayweather retire?
7. How many times had Floyd Mayweather knocked out his opponent?
8. Who dived in to save McGregor from further punishment?
9. Who is Mayweather now ahead of in terms of undefeated records?
10. What did the article call McGregor's performance, besides spirited?



# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170828-boxing.html>

- 1) What was the fight billed as?
  - a) David vs Goliath
  - b) the fight of the century
  - c) Beauty and the Beast
  - d) Brain vs Brawn
- 2) How much money did the article say Floyd Mayweather earned?
  - a) \$110 million
  - b) \$101 million
  - c) \$111 million
  - d) \$100 million
- 3) What kind of event did boxing purists call the event?
  - a) a circus event
  - b) a main event
  - c) a huge event
  - d) a novelty event
- 4) How many times had Mayweather been knocked over in a fight?
  - a) 3
  - b) 1
  - c) 0
  - d) 2
- 5) What did the article say surrounded this boxing match?
  - a) journalists
  - b) hype
  - c) money
  - d) boxers
- 6) When did Floyd Mayweather retire?
  - a) a year ago
  - b) 3 years ago
  - c) 2 years ago
  - d) 4 years ago
- 7) How many times had Floyd Mayweather knocked out his opponent?
  - a) 50
  - b) 49
  - c) 28
  - d) 26
- 8) Who dived in to save McGregor from further punishment?
  - a) the referee
  - b) his fans
  - c) hi manager
  - d) a journalist
- 9) Who is Mayweather now ahead of in terms of undefeated records?
  - a) Rocky Marciano
  - b) Mike Tyson
  - c) Muhammad Ali
  - d) Joe Louis
- 10) What did the article call McGregor's performance, besides spirited?
  - a) gusty
  - b) gutsy
  - c) guts
  - d) gutless

# ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170828-boxing.html>

## **Role A – Boxing**

You think boxing is the best combat sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their combat sports. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): MMA, sumo or wrestling.

## **Role B – Mixed Martial Arts (MMA)**

You think MMA is the best combat sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their combat sports. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): boxing, sumo or wrestling.

## **Role C – Sumo**

You think sumo is the best combat sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their combat sports. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): MMA, boxing or wrestling.

## **Role D – Wrestling**

You think wrestling is the best combat sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their combat sports. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): MMA, sumo or boxing.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170828-boxing.html>

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

<b>boxing</b>	<b>fight</b>
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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"><li>• billed</li><li>• tens</li><li>• tuned</li><li>• circus</li><li>• pitched</li><li>• hype</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• heavy</li><li>• 26</li><li>• early</li><li>• punches</li><li>• 50</li><li>• vast</li></ul>
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# BOXING SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170828-boxing.html>

Write five GOOD questions about boxing 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.

# BOXING DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'boxing'?
3. What are the good things about boxing?
4. What do you think of this fight?
5. Which is better – boxing or mixed martial arts?
6. Should a boxer get \$100 million for a single fight?
7. What do you think of boxing?
8. Has this fight changed the image of boxing?
9. Why was the fight hyped so much?
10. What questions would you like to ask Conor McGregor?

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# BOXING 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 'fight'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What are the bad things about boxing?
15. Why do people go to see boxing matches?
16. How safe or dangerous is boxing?
17. What did you think of the fight?
18. Should McGregor stick to mixed martial arts?
19. What kind of person becomes a top boxing champion?
20. What questions would you like to ask Floyd Mayweather?

# 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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Mayweather, 40, entered the ring as the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ favourite, even though he retired two years ago. His boxing record was 49 wins (including 26 knockouts) and no defeats. McGregor, 29, is the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ Ultimate Fighting Championship lightweight world champion. Mayweather's victory came early in the 10th (9) \_\_\_\_\_. The referee dived in to save McGregor from any (10) \_\_\_\_\_ punishment from Mayweather's flurries of punches. Victory means Mayweather has 50 wins and no defeats, to edge (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of the legendary Rocky Marciano, who retired with a 49-0 record. McGregor gave a gutsy and spirited performance, but in the end, Mayweather's vast experience and superior technique (12) \_\_\_\_\_ through.

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

- |     |                |                |                |               |
|-----|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) bailed     | (b) billing    | (c) billed     | (d) balled    |
| 2.  | (a) staggering | (b) struggling | (c) staging    | (d) staggered |
| 3.  | (a) ringside   | (b) seaside    | (c) offside    | (d) aside     |
| 4.  | (a) view       | (b) look       | (c) see        | (d) gaze      |
| 5.  | (a) mixes      | (b) mixing     | (c) mixture    | (d) mixed     |
| 6.  | (a) respectful | (b) receptacle | (c) spectacles | (d) spectacle |
| 7.  | (a) heavy      | (b) heavily    | (c) heaving    | (d) heavenly  |
| 8.  | (a) resigning  | (b) ringing    | (c) raining    | (d) reigning  |
| 9.  | (a) round      | (b) square     | (c) oval       | (d) triangle  |
| 10. | (a) most       | (b) more       | (c) much       | (d) mere      |
| 11. | (a) headed     | (b) ahead      | (c) heading    | (d) heads     |
| 12. | (a) came       | (b) done       | (c) been       | (d) went      |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. a tgesgarnig \$100 million
2. Thousands of rtecsatpso
3. Boxing sirstup derided the fight
4. a mixed atiamrl arts fighter
5. the hype nsouirndugr it
6. made it a huge tcselecap

## Paragraph 2

7. including 26 kckutonso
8. the inerigng Ultimate Fighting Championship...
9. Mayweather's srfeliru of punches
10. the nreadlegy Rocky Marciano
11. a gutsy and epiristd performance
12. rpuriose technique



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) as a circus event and a mismatch. It pitched Mayweather, one of the greatest fighters in boxing history, who had never
- ( ) been defeated or even knocked down, against McGregor - a mixed martial arts fighter in his first
- ( ) Championship lightweight world champion. Mayweather's victory came early in the 10th round. The referee dived
- ( ) ever professional boxing match. But the hype surrounding it made it a huge spectacle.
- ( ) performance, but in the end, Mayweather's vast experience and superior technique came through.
- ( ) Mayweather, 40, entered the ring as the heavy favourite, even though he retired two years ago. His boxing
- ( ) record was 49 wins (including 26 knockouts) and no defeats. McGregor, 29, is the reigning Ultimate Fighting
- ( **1** ) Floyd Mayweather has won what was billed as the fight of the century, and the richest fight in boxing
- ( ) in to save McGregor from any more punishment from Mayweather's flurries of
- ( ) rounds in Las Vegas on Saturday. Thousands of spectators paid tens of thousands of dollars for ringside
- ( ) history. Mayweather took home a staggering \$100 million for defeating Conor McGregor in 10
- ( ) punches. Victory means Mayweather has 50 wins and no defeats, to edge ahead of the
- ( ) legendary Rocky Marciano, who retired with a 49-0 record. McGregor gave a gutsy and spirited
- ( ) seats. Millions more around the world tuned in on pay-per-view streaming sites. Boxing purists derided the fight

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170828-boxing.html>

1. century as what the the was has fight billed won of Mayweather .
2. paid dollars tens Thousands of of thousands spectators of .
3. sites view per- tuned streaming pay- on in more Millions .
4. boxing his match first A ever fighter professional in .
5. surrounding huge it spectacle made The it hype a .
6. heavy favourite Mayweather , 40 , entered the ring as the .
7. came victory Mayweather's round 10th the in early .
8. from in any to more save punishment McGregor Dived .
9. gave gutsy spirited McGregor a and performance .
10. Mayweather's technique superior and experience vast .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170828-boxing.html>

Floyd Mayweather has won what was *bailed* / *billed* as the fight of the century, and the richest fight in boxing history. Mayweather took home a *staggering* / *swaggering* \$100 million for *defeats* / *defeating* Conor McGregor in 10 rounds in Las Vegas on Saturday. Thousands of *spectators* / *spectacles* paid tens of thousands of dollars for *ringside* / *ring* seats. Millions more around the world *turned* / *tuned* in on pay-per-view streaming sites. Boxing purists derided the fight as a circus *event* / *eventual* and a mismatch. It pitched Mayweather, one of the greatest fighters in boxing history, who had never *been* / *being* defeated or even knocked down, against McGregor - a mixed martial arts fighter in his first ever *professionally* / *professional* boxing match. But the *hyper* / *hype* surrounding it made it a huge spectacle.

Mayweather, 40, entered the ring *was* / *as* the heavy favourite, even though he *retired* / *retried* two years ago. His boxing record was 49 wins (*inclusive* / *including* 26 knockouts) and no defeats. McGregor, 29, is the *reigning* / *raining* Ultimate Fighting Championship lightweight world champion. Mayweather's *victory* / *victorious* came early in the 10th round. The referee dived in to save McGregor from *many* / *any* more punishment from Mayweather's *flurries* / *furies* of punches. Victory means Mayweather has 50 wins and no defeats, to *hedge* / *edge* ahead of the legendary Rocky Marciano, who retired with a 49-0 record. McGregor gave a *gusty* / *gutsy* and spirited performance, but in the end, Mayweather's vast experience and superior *technique* / *technical* came through.

**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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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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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 this news. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

**4. FLOYD MAYWEATHER:** Write a magazine article about Floyd Mayweather and whether or not he is the greatest boxer ever. Include imaginary interviews with people who believe this and with people who do not believe this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on boxing. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make it better. 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 F    c T    d T    e T    f F    g F    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |               |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|
| 1. billed     | a. advertised     |
| 2. staggering | b. amazing        |
| 3. spectators | c. onlookers      |
| 4. purists    | d. perfectionists |
| 5. defeated   | e. beaten         |
| 6. entered    | f. got into       |
| 7. punishment | g. battering      |
| 8. defeats    | h. losses         |
| 9. spirited   | i. lively         |
| 10. superior  | j. more skillful  |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. The fight of the century
2. \$100 million
3. A circus event
4. None
5. Hype
6. Two years ago
7. 26
8. The referee
9. Rocky Marciano
10. Gutsy

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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