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Smog makes Beijing put sunrise on giant TVs

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THE ARTICLE

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People in Beijing cannot see the sun. The air is full of smog (a mixture of smoke and fog). The smog is so thick that it blocks the sun all day. People really miss seeing the sun. Beijing's leaders decided to do something so people could see the sunrise. They put giant LED screens across the city. People stand in front of the digital screens and watch the sunrise. The screen in Tiananmen Square also had a special message on it. It was a public announcement that read: "Protecting the atmosphere and environment is everyone's responsibility." The live, digital sunrise is already a hit with tourists. Ricardo Hernandez from Mexico said: "It looks like science fiction. It's kind of cool, but it's also worrying. This smog sucks."

The air quality in China's cities often becomes bad in winter. People burn more coal for heating in the winter months. This makes more pollution. Beijing's mayor promised to make the air cleaner. He said the city would spend \$2.4 billion this year to improve the air quality. Many workers wore face masks on their way to work. They did not want to breathe the poisonous air. One man told reporters: "I couldn't see the tall buildings across the street this morning. The smog has become worse in the last two to three years." He said the smog usually makes him feel bad: "I often cough and my nose is always running," he said. The US embassy advised people to, "avoid all physical activity outdoors".

Sources: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2540955/Beijing-clouded-smog-way-sunrise-watch-giant-commercial-screens-Tiananmen-Square.html>
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/01/17/beijing-fake-sunrise_n_4618536.html?utm_hp_ref=world

WARM-UPS

1. THE SUNRISE: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about the sunrise. 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.

the sun / smog / sunrise / LED screens / special message / announcement / tourists / air quality / heating / pollution / face masks / poisonous / tall buildings / cough / nose

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

3. ENVIRONMENT: How can we keep it safe from these things? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	The problem today	How to solve it
Coal fires		
Cars		
Nuclear waste		
Logging		
Overfishing		
Overpopulation		

4. TV SUNRISES: Students A **strongly** believe watching sunrises on giant TVs is a cool idea; Students B **strongly** believe the idea sucks. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. GIANT TVs: Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the things you would most like to watch in giant TVs at the top. Change partners often.

- the sunrise / sunset
- a sports game
- a movie
- a nature documentary
- a video game
- your videos / photos
- the news
- a music concert

6. FOG: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "fog". 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/1401/140121-sunrise.html>

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

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. People in Beijing can now watch the sunrise on their TVs. | T / F |
| b. The smog in Beijing blocks the sun all day. | T / F |
| c. A message on a giant TV in the street told people to care for the Earth. | T / F |
| d. A tourist said there was nothing cool about watching the sunrise on TV. | T / F |
| e. The air quality in China actually gets better in winter. | T / F |
| f. Beijing's mayor will spend \$2.4 million on cleaner air. | T / F |
| g. A man could not see the tall buildings across the street. | T / F |
| h. The American embassy said people should not exercise outside. | T / F |

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

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. mixture | a. obstructs |
| 2. blocks | b. toxic |
| 3. message | c. stay away from |
| 4. responsibility | d. notification |
| 5. worrying | e. make better |
| 6. bad | f. combination |
| 7. improve | g. past |
| 8. poisonous | h. troubling |
| 9. last | i. duty |
| 10. avoid | j. terrible |

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

- | | |
|--|-------------------------|
| 1. The smog is so thick that it blocks | a. running |
| 2. everyone's | b. the poisonous air |
| 3. already a hit with | c. sucks |
| 4. It looks like science | d. responsibility |
| 5. This smog | e. tourists |
| 6. Beijing's mayor promised to | f. him feel bad |
| 7. They did not want to breathe | g. activity outdoors |
| 8. the smog usually makes | h. fiction |
| 9. my nose is always | i. make the air cleaner |
| 10. avoid all physical | j. the sun all day |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140121-sunrise.html>

People in Beijing cannot see the sun. The air is (1) _____ of smog (a mixture of smoke and fog). The smog is so thick that it (2) _____ the sun all day. People really (3) _____ seeing the sun. Beijing's leaders decided to do something so people could see the sunrise. They put giant LED screens across the city. People (4) _____ in front of the digital screens and watch the sunrise. The screen in Tiananmen Square also had a special (5) _____ on it. It was a public announcement that read: "Protecting the atmosphere and environment is everyone's (6) _____." The live, digital sunrise is already a hit with tourists. Ricardo Hernandez from Mexico said: "It looks like science (7) _____. It's kind of cool, but it's also worrying. This smog (8) _____."

message
fiction
stand
blocks
sucks
full
responsibility
miss

The air (9) _____ in China's cities often becomes bad in winter. People burn more coal for (10) _____ in the winter months. This makes more pollution. Beijing's mayor promised to make the air cleaner. He said the city would (11) _____ \$2.4 billion this year to improve the air quality. Many workers wore face masks on their way to work. They did not want to (12) _____ the poisonous air. One man told reporters: "I couldn't see the (13) _____ buildings across the street this morning. The smog has become worse in the last two to three years." He said the smog usually makes him feel bad: "I often (14) _____ and my nose is always (15) _____," he said. The US embassy advised people to, "avoid all physical (16) _____ outdoors".

breathe
cough
heating
activity
quality
tall
running
spend

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) The air is full of smog (_____ smoke and fog)
 - a. a mixed tart of
 - b. a mixture of
 - c. a mixtures of
 - d. a mixed tar of
- 2) Beijing's leaders decided to _____
 - a. do the same thing
 - b. do some things
 - c. do something
 - d. do anything
- 3) Protecting the atmosphere and environment is _____
 - a. everyone's responsible tea
 - b. everyone's response ability
 - c. everyone's responsibility
 - d. everyone's responsibilities
- 4) Ricardo Hernandez from Mexico said: "It looks like _____"
 - a. science friction
 - b. science fictional
 - c. science faction
 - d. science fiction
- 5) ...but it's also worrying. This _____
 - a. smogasbord
 - b. smogs suck
 - c. snog sucks
 - d. smog sucks
- 6) He said the city would spend \$2.4 billion this year to improve _____
 - a. the air quantity
 - b. the air quality
 - c. the air qualities
 - d. the air qualify
- 7) They did not want to breathe _____
 - a. the poison us air
 - b. the poisonous air
 - c. the poison as air
 - d. the poisons as air
- 8) The smog has _____
 - a. become worst
 - b. become worse
 - c. become verse
 - d. become wears
- 9) I often cough and my nose _____
 - a. is always raning in
 - b. is always run in
 - c. is always running
 - d. is always raining
- 10) The US embassy advised people to, "avoid all physical _____"
 - a. activity out of doors
 - b. activity outdoors
 - c. activity indoors
 - d. activity out dares

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140121-sunrise.html>

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The air quality in China's (7) _____ bad in winter. People burn more coal for heating in the winter months. This makes more pollution. Beijing's mayor (8) _____ air cleaner. He said the city would spend \$2.4 billion this year to improve the air quality. Many workers wore face masks (9) _____ work. They did not want to breathe the poisonous air. One man told reporters: "I couldn't see the tall buildings across the street this morning. The smog (10) _____ the last two to three years." He said the smog usually makes him feel bad: "I often cough and my (11) _____," he said. The US embassy advised people to, "avoid all (12) _____".

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140121-sunrise.html>

1. What is smog a mixture of?

2. What do people miss?

3. What do people stand in front of?

4. Whose responsibility is it to protect the atmosphere and environment?

5. What did a Mexican man liken the smog to?

6. What do people burn more of in the winter?

7. How much does the Beijing mayor want to spend?

8. What do many workers wear?

9. What couldn't a man see across the street?

10. Who advised people to avoid exercise outside?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140121-sunrise.html>

1. What is smog a mixture of?
 - a) pollution and rain
 - b) smoke and oxygen
 - c) fog and smoke
 - d) rain and oxygen
2. What do people miss?
 - a) seeing the sun rise
 - b) the old days
 - c) fresh milk
 - d) TV
3. What do people stand in front of?
 - a) the firing line
 - b) giant mirrors
 - c) the truth
 - d) digital screens
4. Whose responsibility is it to protect the atmosphere and environment?
 - a) Beijing's government
 - b) everyone's
 - c) coal companies
 - d) the USA's
5. What did a Mexican man liken the smog to?
 - a) early-morning mist
 - b) ice cream
 - c) science fiction
 - d) smoke
6. What do people burn more of in the winter?
 - a) fingers
 - b) coal
 - c) money
 - d) calories
7. How much does the Beijing mayor want to spend?
 - a) \$2.4 million
 - b) \$2,400,000
 - c) \$24 billion
 - d) \$2,400,000,000
8. What do many workers wear?
 - a) perfume
 - b) face masks
 - c) jewellery
 - d) a smile
9. What couldn't a man see across the street?
 - a) tall buildings
 - b) the sun
 - c) his friend
 - d) smog
10. Who advised people to avoid exercise outside?
 - a) Ricardo Hernandez
 - b) a fitness expert
 - c) China's leader
 - d) the American embassy

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Overpopulation

You think overpopulation is the biggest problem for the Earth. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so bad about their things. Also, tell the others which is the easiest of these problems to solve (and why): logging, nuclear waste or overfishing.

Role B – Logging

You think logging is the biggest problem for the Earth. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so bad about their things. Also, tell the others which is the easiest of these problems to solve (and why): overpopulation, nuclear waste or overfishing.

Role C – Nuclear waste

You think nuclear waste is the biggest problem for the Earth. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so bad about their things. Also, tell the others which is the easiest of these problems to solve (and why): logging, overpopulation or overfishing.

Role D – Overfishing

You think overfishing is the biggest problem for the Earth. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so bad about their things. Also, tell the others which is the easiest of these problems to solve (and why): logging, nuclear waste or overpopulation.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140121-sunrise.html>

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

sunrise	sunset
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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">• full• thick• decided• digital• live• but	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• winter• promised• spend• face• across• nose
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THE SUNRISE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the sunrise 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.

THE SMOG / SUNRISE 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 'sunrise'?
- c) Where was the most beautiful sunrise you ever saw?
- d) Is there a lot of smog where you live?
- e) What can people do to reduce the smog?
- f) What do you think of televising the sunrise for people to see?
- g) How would you feel if there were no visible sunrises in the future?
- h) What do you do to protect the environment?
- i) Do you think what's happening in Beijing is science fiction?
- j) Is it the government's responsibility to make sure the air is clean?

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THE SMOG / SUNRISE DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) What's the air quality like in your city?
- c) What do you think when you see lots of smoke coming from factories?
- d) Would you move to another place if your town was always smoggy?
- e) Do you prefer the sunrise or sunset?
- f) Where is the best place to see the sun rise?
- g) What's the difference "sunrise" and "sun rise"?
- h) Would you like to see different colours in a sunrise / sunset?
- i) What do you think the sunrise looks like on the Moon?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Beijing's mayor?

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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The air quality in China's cities often becomes bad in winter. People (7) _____ more coal for heating in the winter months. This makes more pollution. Beijing's mayor promised to make the air cleaner. He said the city would (8) _____ \$2.4 billion this year to improve the air quality. Many workers wore face masks on their way to work. They did not want to (9) _____ the poisonous air. One man told reporters: "I couldn't see the tall buildings across the street this morning. The smog has become (10) _____ in the last two to three years." He said the smog usually makes him feel bad: "I often (11) _____ and my nose is always running," he said. The US embassy advised people to, "avoid all physical activity (12) _____".

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) fullest | (b) filling | (c) filled | (d) full |
| 2. | (a) thickness | (b) thickly | (c) thicken | (d) thick |
| 3. | (a) gaze | (b) watch | (c) stare | (d) look |
| 4. | (a) saw | (b) wrote | (c) read | (d) spoke |
| 5. | (a) line | (b) popular | (c) hit | (d) top |
| 6. | (a) sucks | (b) blows | (c) wheezes | (d) draws |
| 7. | (a) ignite | (b) burn | (c) fire | (d) light |
| 8. | (a) spend | (b) save | (c) deposit | (d) count |
| 9. | (a) breathless | (b) breathe | (c) breather | (d) breath |
| 10. | (a) worsen | (b) worsening | (c) worse | (d) worsens |
| 11. | (a) cuff | (b) cliff | (c) cough | (d) quaff |
| 12. | (a) outdoes | (b) doors | (c) outdoor | (d) outdoors |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. a ixmrute of smoke and fog
2. giant LED eresens
3. a public noennuamtnc
4. Protecting the atmosphere and irnetmenvon
5. everyone's rseipoilybstni
6. It looks like seneicc fiction

Paragraph 2

7. air lqtuay
8. This makes more Inooiputl
9. btaeher the poisonous air
10. The smog has become oersw
11. I often ohcug and my nose is always running
12. avoid all iplyscah activity outdoors

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () wore face masks on their way to work. They did not want to breathe the poisonous
- () running," he said. The US embassy advised people to, "avoid all physical activity outdoors".
- () blocks the sun all day. People really miss seeing the sun. Beijing's leaders decided to do something so people could see the
- () The air quality in China's cities often becomes bad in winter. People burn more coal for
- () announcement that read: "Protecting the atmosphere and environment is everyone's responsibility." The live, digital sunrise is already a
- (**1**) People in Beijing cannot see the sun. The air is full of smog (a mixture of smoke and fog). The smog is so thick that it
- () air. One man told reporters: "I couldn't see the tall buildings across the street this morning. The smog has
- () cleaner. He said the city would spend \$2.4 billion this year to improve the air quality. Many workers
- () become worse in the last two to three years." He said the smog usually makes
- () sunrise. They put giant LED screens across the city. People stand in front of the digital screens and
- () him feel bad: "I often cough and my nose is always
- () heating in the winter months. This makes more pollution. Beijing's mayor promised to make the air
- () hit with tourists. Ricardo Hernandez from Mexico said: "It looks like science fiction. It's kind of cool, but it's also worrying. This smog sucks."
- () watch the sunrise. The screen in Tiananmen Square also had a special message on it. It was a public

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. in People sun the see cannot Beijing.

2. air smoke smog The of of . mixture full fog) (a is and

3. that is sun it so The all blocks thick smog day the.

4. is responsibility Protecting environment everyone's the.

5. hit a already is sunrise digital , live The tourists with.

6. in months more heating winter Burn for the coal.

7. make Beijing's the mayor air promised cleaner to.

8. not breathe air did to poisonous They want the.

9. worse last three Become the to in two years.

10. cough nose running often my always I and is.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140121-sunrise.html>

People in Beijing cannot see the sun. The air is full *from / of* smog (a mixture of smoke and fog). The smog is so *thickly / thick* that it blocks the sun *all / whole* day. People really *mess / miss* seeing the sun. Beijing's leaders decided to do something *so / such* people could see the sunrise. They put giant LED screens across *the / a* city. People stand in front of the digital screens and *watching / watch* the sunrise. The screen in Tiananmen Square also had a special message *in / on* it. It was a public announcement that read: "Protecting the atmosphere and environment is everyone's *responsibility / responsible*." The live, digital sunrise is already a hit with tourists. Ricardo Hernandez from Mexico said: "It looks like science fiction. It's kind of cool, but it's also worrying. This smog *sticks / sucks*."

The air *quality / quantity* in China's cities often *becomes / becoming* bad in winter. People burn more coal for *hating / heating* in the winter months. This makes more *polluting / pollution*. Beijing's mayor promised to make the air cleaner. He said the city would *spend / expand* \$2.4 billion this year to improve the air quality. Many workers wore face masks on their way to work. They did not want to *breath / breathe* the poisonous air. One man told reporters: "I couldn't see the *high / tall* buildings across the street this morning. The smog has become *worse / worst* in the last two to three years." He said the smog usually makes him feel *badly / bad*: "I often cough and my nose is always running," he said. The US embassy advised people to, "avoid *all / many* physical activity outdoors".

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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P__pl__n B__j__ng c__nn__t s__ th__ s__n. Th__ __r__s f__ll
_f sm_g (_ m_xt_r__f sm_k__nd f_g). Th__ sm_g__s s__
th_ck th_t__t bl_cks th__ s__n __ll d__y. P__pl__r__lly m__ss
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fr__nt __f th__d__g__t__l scr__ns __nd w__tch th__s__nr__s__.
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m__ss_g__ __n __t. __t w__s __p__bl__c __nn__nc__m__nt th__t
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__v__ry__n__'s r__sp__ns__b__l__ty." Th__l__v__, d__g__t__l s__nr__s__
__s__l__r__dy __h__t w__th t__r__sts. R__c__rd__H__rn__nd__z
fr__m M__x__c__s__d: " __t l__ks l__k__sc__nc__f__ct__n. __t's
k__nd __f c__l, b__t __t's __ls__w__rry__ng. Th__s sm_g s__cks."
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p__s__n__s __r. __n__m__n t__ld r__p__rt__rs: " __c__ldn't
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140121-sunrise.html>

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the air quality in china's cities often becomes bad in winter people burn more coal for heating in the winter months this makes more pollution beijing's mayor promised to make the air cleaner he said the city would spend \$24 billion this year to improve the air quality many workers wore face masks on their way to work they did not want to breathe the poisonous air one man told reporters "i couldn't see the tall buildings across the street this morning the smog has become worse in the last two to three years" he said the smog usually makes him feel bad "i often cough and my nose is always running" he said the us embassy advised people to "avoid all physical activity outdoors"

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

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

4. SUNRISE OR SUNSET?: Write a magazine article about which is best - the sunrise or the sunset. Include imaginary interviews with people who like the sunrise better and people who like the sunset better.

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 a smog expert. Ask him/her three questions about the smog. Give him/her three ideas on how to stop it happening. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. mixture | a. combination |
| 2. blocks | b. obstructs |
| 3. message | c. notification |
| 4. responsibility | d. duty |
| 5. worrying | e. troubling |
| 6. bad | f. terrible |
| 7. improve | g. make better |
| 8. poisonous | h. toxic |
| 9. last | i. past |
| 10. avoid | j. stay away from |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Smoke and fog
2. Seeing the sun
3. Digital screens
4. Everyone's
5. Science fiction
6. Coal
7. \$2.4 billion
8. Face masks
9. Tall buildings
10. The U.S. embassy

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 ;-)