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Life expectancy in Africa grows by 10 years

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220808-life-expectancy.html>

People's life expectancy in Africa rose by nearly 10 years in the first two decades of this century. In the year 2000, the average African could expect to live to be 46. That rose to 56 in 2019. The World Health Organization said the rise was the best of any region in the world over the same period. However, the WHO said Africa was still considerably below the global average of 64 years. The statistics are from the WHO's State of Health in Africa report, which was issued on Thursday. It attributes the improvement to better maternal, newborn and child healthcare, advances in fighting infectious diseases (such as TB, malaria and HIV), and the easier access to essential health services.

The WHO report urged African nations to keep the momentum going to ensure life expectancy rates continue on their upward trend. It called for greater investment in health care systems so that they are better equipped to deal with the challenges ahead. These include an added strain on hospitals from a growing population, and the growth of non-communicable diseases like cancer. The WHO said there is a worrying spike in the numbers of Africans experiencing hypertension and diabetes. The WHO's Regional Director for Africa said: "The progress must not stall. Unless countries enhance measures...the health gains could be jeopardized."

Sources: <https://www.voanews.com/a/life-expectancy-in-africa-increases-nearly-10-years/6687204.html>
<https://africatimes.com/2022/08/05/african-life-expectancy-improves-by-10-years-from-2000-2019/>
<https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/08/1123972>

WARM-UPS

1. LIFE EXPECTANCY: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about life expectancy. 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?

life expectancy / decade / century / average / global / statistics / malaria / health / Africa / momentum / trend / challenge / population / cancer / hypertension / diabetes

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

3. LONGEVITY: Students A **strongly** believe it's OK for us to live a lot longer; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. LONGER LIFE: What would you do if you lived much longer? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What?	Why?
Language		
Hobby		
Friends		
Travel		
Health		
Food		

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

6. THE CHALLENGES AHEAD: Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest challenges at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Diseases
- Preventing war
- Overpopulation
- Global warming
- Obesity
- Hypertension
- Cybercrime
- Immigration

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 1. expectancy | a. Short for tuberculosis - an infectious bacterial disease in the lungs. |
| 2. decade | b. An area that has definable characteristics but not always fixed borders. |
| 3. region | c. Regard something as being caused by. |
| 4. considerably | d. The state of thinking or hoping that something (good) will happen. |
| 5. attribute | e. Of a disease or disease-causing organism liable to be transmitted to people, organisms, etc. through the environment. |
| 6. infectious | f. A period of ten years. |
| 7. TB | g. By a notably large amount or to a notably large extent. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. urged | h. A damaging demand on the resources or abilities of someone or something. |
| 9. momentum | i. A sudden and big increase in something. |
| 10. ensure | j. Exposed to the danger of loss, harm, or failure. |
| 11. strain | k. The driving force from the development of a process or course of events. |
| 12. spike | l. Improve the quality, value, or extent of. |
| 13. enhance | m. Make certain that something will happen or be the case. |
| 14. jeopardized | n. Tried hard to persuade someone to do something. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220808-life-expectancy.html>

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

1. Life expectancy rose by 10 years in Africa in the past decade. **T / F**
2. No other region's life expectancy rates rose as much as Africa's. **T / F**
3. Life expectancy in Africa is 64. **T / F**
4. One reason for better life expectancy rates is reducing cases of TB. **T / F**
5. The WHO said African nations needed to invest more in healthcare. **T / F**
6. The WHO said growing populations will put a strain on healthcare. **T / F**
7. The rates of hypertension and diabetes in Africa have gone down. **T / F**
8. Health gains could be in jeopardy if African countries do not act. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------|
| 1. average | a. stop |
| 2. region | b. credits |
| 3. attributes | c. contagious |
| 4. infectious | d. burden |
| 5. essential | e. threatened |
| 6. urged | f. typical |
| 7. strain | g. rise |
| 8. spike | h. necessary |
| 9. stall | i. encouraged |
| 10. jeopardized | j. area |

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

- | | |
|--|-----------------------|
| 1. in the first two decades | a. in the world |
| 2. the best of any region | b. their upward trend |
| 3. considerably below the | c. health services |
| 4. advances in fighting infectious | d. going |
| 5. easier access to essential | e. jeopardized |
| 6. keep the momentum | f. of this century |
| 7. ensure life expectancy rates continue on | g. diseases |
| 8. they are better equipped to deal with the | h. global average |
| 9. the growth of non-communicable | i. diseases |
| 10. the health gains could be | j. challenges ahead |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220808-life-expectancy.html>

People's life expectancy in Africa rose by nearly 10 years in the first two decades of this (1) _____. In the year 2000, the average African could (2) _____ to live to be 46. That rose to 56 in 2019. The World Health Organization said the rise was the best of any region in the world over the same (3) _____. However, the WHO said Africa was still (4) _____ below the global average of 64 years. The (5) _____ are from the WHO's State of Health in Africa report, which was issued on Thursday. It (6) _____ the improvement to better maternal, newborn and child healthcare, advances in fighting (7) _____ diseases (such as TB, malaria and HIV), and the easier access to (8) _____ health services.

period
statistics
century
essential
considerably
infectious
expect
attributes

The WHO report urged African nations to keep the (9) _____ going to ensure life expectancy rates continue on their upward (10) _____. It called for greater investment in health care systems so that they are better equipped to (11) _____ with the challenges ahead. These include an added (12) _____ on hospitals from a growing population, and the growth of non-communicable diseases like (13) _____. The WHO said there is a worrying (14) _____ in the numbers of Africans experiencing hypertension and diabetes. The WHO's Regional Director for Africa said: "The progress must not (15) _____. Unless countries enhance measures...the health gains could be (16) _____."

cancer
trend
jeopardized
momentum
spike
strain
stall
deal

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) rose by nearly 10 years in the first two decades _____
 - a. of this country
 - b. of this sentry
 - c. of this century
 - d. of this cent tree
- 2) The World Health Organization said the rise was the best _____
 - a. of any lesion
 - b. of any region
 - c. of any legion
 - d. of any liaison
- 3) the WHO said Africa was still considerably below _____
 - a. the globule over age
 - b. the globe all average
 - c. the global average
 - d. the glow ball average
- 4) statistics are from the WHO's State of Health in Africa report, which was _____
 - a. is sued on Thursday
 - b. issue don Thursday
 - c. issued don Thursday
 - d. issued on Thursday
- 5) better maternal, newborn and child healthcare, advances in _____
 - a. fighting infection diseases
 - b. fighting infectious diseases
 - c. fighting infections diseases
 - d. fighting infectiously diseases
- 6) The WHO report urged African nations to keep _____
 - a. the momentum gone
 - b. the momentum goon
 - c. the momentum gown
 - d. the momentum going
- 7) to ensure life expectancy rates continue on _____
 - a. their upward friend
 - b. their up word trend
 - c. their upwind trend
 - d. their upward trend
- 8) It called for greater investment in health care systems so that they _____
 - a. are better equipped
 - b. and better equipped
 - c. are bettered equipped
 - d. are butter quipped
- 9) a worrying spike in the numbers of Africans experiencing _____
 - a. hi pert tension and diabetes
 - b. hypo tension and diabetes
 - c. hypertension and diabetes
 - d. hypertension and dire betas
- 10) Unless countries enhance measures the health gains _____
 - a. could be jeopardy
 - b. could be jeopardy aid
 - c. could be jeep polarized
 - d. could be jeopardized

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220808-life-expectancy.html>

1. Within what timeframe did the life expectancy of Africans rise?
2. What was the average life expectancy of people in Africa in 2000?
3. What is the average life expectancy of people around the world?
4. Who issued the State of Health in Africa report?
5. What does the article say there have been advances in fighting?
6. What did the WHO report urge African countries to keep going?
7. What did the WHO say there should be greater investment in?
8. What does the article say a growing population would put a strain on?
9. What are Africans experiencing more of besides hypertension?
10. What might be jeopardized if countries do not enhance measures?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220808-life-expectancy.html>

- 1) Within what timeframe did the life expectancy of Africans rise?
 - a) 2000-2020
 - b) 2000-2019
 - c) 2001-2020
 - d) 2001-2019
- 2) What was the average life expectancy of people in Africa in 2000?
 - a) 65
 - b) 56
 - c) 64
 - d) 46
- 3) What is the average life expectancy of people around the world?
 - a) 65
 - b) 56
 - c) 64
 - d) 46
- 4) Who issued the State of Health in Africa report?
 - a) the WHO
 - b) the African Union
 - c) Medicine Sans Frontieres
 - d) the UN
- 5) What does the article say there have been advances in fighting?
 - a) wars
 - b) infectious diseases
 - c) cancer
 - d) pandemics
- 6) What did the WHO report urge African countries to keep going?
 - a) momentum
 - b) testing
 - c) research
 - d) development
- 7) What did the WHO say there should be greater investment in?
 - a) technology
 - b) nurses
 - c) health care systems
 - d) doctors
- 8) What does the article say a growing population would put a strain on?
 - a) hospitals
 - b) clinics
 - c) the economy
 - d) people's finances
- 9) What are Africans experiencing more of besides hypertension?
 - a) stress
 - b) pandemics
 - c) viruses
 - d) diabetes
- 10) What might be jeopardized if countries do not enhance measures?
 - a) hospital beds
 - b) hospital universities
 - c) health gains
 - d) health industry profits

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Dealing with Diseases

You think dealing with diseases is the biggest challenge. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their challenges aren't as big. Also, tell the others which is the least challenging of these (and why): preventing war, overpopulation or immigration.

Role B – Preventing War

You think preventing war is the biggest challenge. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their challenges aren't as big. Also, tell the others which is the least challenging of these (and why): dealing with diseases, overpopulation or immigration.

Role C – Overpopulation

You think overpopulation is the biggest challenge. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their challenges aren't as big. Also, tell the others which is the least challenging of these (and why): preventing war, dealing with diseases or immigration.

Role D – Immigration

You think immigration is the biggest challenge. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their challenges aren't as big. Also, tell the others which is the least challenging of these (and why): preventing war, overpopulation or dealing with diseases.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220808-life-expectancy.html>

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

life	Africa

- 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">• nearly• 46• region• statistics• attributes• access	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• urged• called• added• growth• numbers• gains
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LIFE EXPECTANCY SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220808-life-expectancy.html>

Write five GOOD questions about life expectancy 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.

LIFE EXPECTANCY 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 'life'?
3. How long would you like to live?
4. What should people's life expectancy be?
5. If life expectancy rises, will there be problems of overpopulation?
6. What helps people to live longer?
7. What do you think of the WHO?
8. How is healthcare in your country?
9. What are the biggest health problems in your country?
10. How easy is it to access healthcare in your country?

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LIFE EXPECTANCY 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 'Africa'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Should we retire later if we live longer?
15. What health challenges are there ahead?
16. Why are more Africans getting hypertension and diabetes?
17. What would you do with your life if you lived longer?
18. What three adjectives best describe this article?
19. What will healthcare be like in 100 years?
20. What questions would you like to ask the WHO?

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 WHO report urged African nations to keep the momentum (7) _____ to ensure life expectancy rates continue on their upward trend. It called for greater investment in health care systems so that they are better equipped (8) _____ deal with the challenges ahead. These include an added (9) _____ on hospitals from a growing population, and the growth of non-communicable diseases like cancer. The WHO said there is a worrying spike (10) _____ the numbers of Africans experiencing hypertension and diabetes. The WHO's Regional Director for Africa said: "The progress must not (11) _____. Unless countries enhance measures...the health gains could be (12) _____."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) average | (b) averages | (c) averaging | (d) averaged |
| 2. | (a) many | (b) same | (c) any | (d) much |
| 3. | (a) infallibly | (b) instability | (c) considerably | (d) reluctantly |
| 4. | (a) appropriates | (b) constitutes | (c) contributes | (d) attributes |
| 5. | (a) maternal | (b) eternal | (c) paternal | (d) fraternal |
| 6. | (a) example | (b) as | (c) was | (d) like |
| 7. | (a) pacing | (b) shooting | (c) travelling | (d) going |
| 8. | (a) of | (b) to | (c) by | (d) at |
| 9. | (a) stain | (b) sprain | (c) strain | (d) slain |
| 10. | (a) of | (b) in | (c) at | (d) as |
| 11. | (a) instill | (b) still | (c) install | (d) stall |
| 12. | (a) jabbed | (b) jeopardized | (c) jeered | (d) jargon |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. the first two eacedds of this century
2. neabdsroclyi below the global average
3. The ascttstij are from the WHO
4. It atuesitrbt the improvement
5. advances in fighting nucesoftij diseases
6. easier access to saensliet health services

Paragraph 2

7. keep the tummeonm going
8. better dupqpeie to deal with the challenges
9. a worrying ipesk in the numbers
10. hypertension and ietdasbe
11. Unless countries ehcaenn measures
12. the health gains could be deopreizjda

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220808-life-expectancy.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () continue on their upward trend. It called for greater investment in health care systems so that they are better
- () spike in the numbers of Africans experiencing hypertension and diabetes. The WHO's
- () Regional Director for Africa said: "The progress must not stall. Unless
- () this century. In the year 2000, the average African could expect to live to be 46. That rose
- () The WHO report urged African nations to keep the momentum going to ensure life expectancy rates
- (**1**) People's life expectancy in Africa rose by nearly 10 years in the first two decades of
- () period. However, the WHO said Africa was still considerably below the global average of 64 years. The statistics are
- () the improvement to better maternal, newborn and child healthcare, advances in fighting infectious
- () from the WHO's State of Health in Africa report, which was issued on Thursday. It attributes
- () to 56 in 2019. The World Health Organization said the rise was the best of any region in the world over the same
- () diseases (such as TB, malaria and HIV), and the easier access to essential health services.
- () population, and the growth of non-communicable diseases like cancer. The WHO said there is a worrying
- () countries enhance measures...the health gains could be jeopardized."
- () equipped to deal with the challenges ahead. These include an added strain on hospitals from a growing

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. years . by 10 Africa in Life expectancy rose
2. best the in region any The of world .
3. average . considerably Africa was still the below global
4. improvement healthcare . the maternal better to It attributes
5. as TB . fighting Advances infectious diseases in such
6. trend . their rates continue Life expectancy on upward
7. It health for care . in greater called investment
8. to with challenges equipped deal the ahead . Better
9. hospitals growing An on from populations . added strain
10. a in is numbers . worrying the There spike

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220808-life-expectancy.html>

People's life expectancy in Africa *rose / arose* by nearly 10 years in the first two decades *of / at* this century. In the year 2000, the *averaged / average* African could expect to live to be 46. That rose to 56 in 2019. The World Health Organization said the rise was the best of any *region / regional* in the world over the same period. However, the WHO said Africa was still *considerable / considerably* below the global average of 64 years. The *statistics / statisticians* are from the WHO's State of Health in Africa report, which was issued on Thursday. It attributes the improvement *to / at* better maternal, *newborn / born* and child healthcare, *advice / advances* in fighting infectious diseases (such as TB, malaria and HIV), and the easier access to *essential / essentials* health services.

The WHO report *purged / urged* African nations to keep the momentum going to *assure / ensure* life expectancy rates continue on their upward *trend / trendy*. It called for greater investment in *healthy / health* care systems so that they are better equipped to deal *for / with* the challenges ahead. These include an added strain *on / by* hospitals from a growing population, and the growth of non-communicable diseases like cancer. The WHO said there is a worrying *spoke / spike* in the numbers of Africans experiencing hypertension and *diabetics / diabetes*. The WHO's Regional Director for Africa said: "The progress must not *stall / still*. Unless countries enhance measures...the health gains could be *jeopardy / jeopardized*."

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_'s l_f_ _xp_ct_ncy _n _fr_c_ r_s_ by n__rly 10 y__rs _n th_ f_rst tw_ d_c_d_s _f th_s c_nt_ry. _n th_ y__r 2000, th_ _v_r_g_ _fr_c_n c__ld _xp_ct t_ l_v_ t_ b_ 46. Th_t r_s_ t_ 56 _n 2019. Th_ W_rld H__lth _rg_n_z_t__n s__d th_ r_s_ w_s th_ b_st _f _ny r_g__n _n th_ w_rld _v_r th_ s_m_ p_r__d. H_w_v_r, th_ WH_ s__d _fr_c_ w_s st_ll c_ns_d_r_bly b_l_w th_ gl_b_l _v_r_g_ _f 64 y__rs. Th_ st_t_st_cs _r_ fr_m th_ WH_'s St_t_ _f H__lth _n _fr_c_ r_p_rt, wh_ch w_s _ss__d _n Th_rsd_y. _t _ttr_b_t_s th_ _mpr_v_m_nt t_ b_tt_r m_t_rn_l, n_wb_rn _nd ch_ld h__lthc_r_, _dv_nc_s _n f_ght_ng _nf_ct__s d_s__s_s (s_ch _s TB, m_l_r__ _nd H_V), _nd th_ __s__r _cc_ss t_ __ss_nt__l h__lth s_rv_c_s.

Th_ WH_ r_p_rt _rg_d _fr_c_n n_t__ns t_ k__p th_ m_m_nt_m g__ng t_ _ns_r_ l_f_ _xp_ct_ncy r_t_s c_nt_n__ _n th__r _pw_rd tr_nd. _t c_ll_d f_r gr__t_r _nv_stm_nt _n h__lth c_r_ syst_ms s_ th_t th_y _r_ b_tt_r _q__pp_d t_ d__l w_th th_ ch_llng_s _h__d. Th_s_ _ncl_d_ _n _dd_d str__n _n h_sp_t_ls fr_m _gr_w_ng p_p_l_t__n, _nd th_ gr_wth _f n_n_c_mm_n_c_bl_ d_s__s_s l_k_ c_nc_r. Th_ WH_ s__d th_r_ _s_ _w_rry_ng sp_k_ _n th_ n_mb_rs _f _fr_c_ns _xp_r__nc_ng hyp_rtns__n _nd d__b_t_s. Th_ WH_'s R_g__n_l D_r_ct_r f_r _fr_c_ s__d: "Th_ pr_gr_ss m_st n_t st_ll. _nl_ss c__ntr__s _nh_nc_ m__s_r_s...th_ h__lth g__ns c__ld b_ j__p_rdz_d."

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

3. LIFE EXPECTANCY: Make a poster about life expectancy. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. HEALTH CARE: Write a magazine article about making countries spend most of their money on health care. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against 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 life expectancy. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to improve it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d 2. f 3. b 4. g 5. c 6. e 7. a
8. n 9. k 10. m 11. h 12. i 13. l 14. j

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 T 3 F 4 T 5 T 6 T 7 F 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. j	3. b	4. c	5. h
6. i	7. d	8. g	9. a	10. e

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- 2000-2019
- 46
- 64
- The WHO
- Infectious diseases
- Momentum
- Health care systems
- Hospitals
- Diabetes
- Health gains

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Life expectancy in Africa rose by 10 years.
- The best of any region in the world.
- Africa was still considerably below the global average.
- It attributes the improvement to better maternal healthcare.
- Advances in fighting infectious diseases such as TB.
- Life expectancy rates continue on their upward trend.
- It called for greater investment in health care.
- Better equipped to deal with the challenges ahead.
- An added strain on hospitals from growing populations.
- There is a worrying spike in the numbers.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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