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THE ARTICLE

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Celebrations have erupted across Egypt after Hosni Mubarak resigned as president. His resignation came after 18 days of pro-democracy protests in which millions of Egyptians voiced their desire for change. The end for Mubarak was a U-turn. On Thursday night he vowed to continue in power until September elections. Just 24 hours later, vice president Omar Suleiman announced to the nation that Mr. Mubarak had gone. The announcement brought wild scenes of joy in Cairo's Tahrir Square and the rest of the country. A protestor speaking on Al Jazeera TV said there was an "explosion of happiness". Fireworks lit the sky and car horns continued all night as people partied in the streets. Most people were too overcome with emotion to express their feelings.

News of Mubarak's fall from power was welcomed across the world. There was dancing in the streets outside the Egyptian Embassy in London and parties in many major cities. People across the Middle East took to the streets in solidarity with the Egyptian protesters. Egypt's revolution took inspiration from Tunisia's and was three days faster. The Associated Press quoted Tunis resident Safia Ruwees, who said: "These are democracies that we are bringing with our hands, no one has brought them to us, not America, not France, no one." An Egyptian in Beirut, Issam Allawi, said: "We are very happy today that we were able to overcome the dictator Hosni Mubarak. Tomorrow, the next dictators throughout the entire Arab world."

WARM-UPS

1. EGYPT'S REVOLUTION: Walk around the class and talk to other students about Egypt's Revolution. Change partners often. Sit with your first partner(s) 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.

celebrations / resigned / democracy / change / elections / joy / happiness / partied / fall from power / dancing in the streets / revolution / inspiration / dictators / Arab

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

3. REVOLUTION: What did these things play in it? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners and share what you wrote. Change and share again.

	What they did	How it worked
peaceful protest		
Twitter		
Egypt's people		
The U.S.A.		
Egypt's Army		
Al Jazeera, CNN...		

4. CHANGE: Students A **strongly** believe other Middle East countries will experience revolution; Students B **strongly** believe that won't happen. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. HAPPINESS: What do you think Egyptians are happiest about? Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the most important at the top. Change partners and share your rankings again.

- Mubarak has gone
- they can protest in the streets
- the future is bright
- freedom of speech
- they won
- they made peaceful protest work
- they showed the world
- they feel they have power

6. CELEBRATION: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'celebration'. Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

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BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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|---|-------|
| a. Celebrations in Egypt only took place in Cairo and Alexandria. | T / F |
| b. The revolution to overthrow Mubarak took just over three weeks. | T / F |
| c. A protestor told Al Jazeera a bomb exploded after Mubarak resigned. | T / F |
| d. The majority of Egyptians could easily put their feelings into words. | T / F |
| e. People danced in the streets outside the Egyptian Embassy in London. | T / F |
| f. People in the Middle East were afraid to celebrate and stayed at home. | T / F |
| g. A Tunisian said Arabs are getting democracy without American help. | T / F |
| h. An Egyptian said other Arab leaders will now be toppled. | T / F |

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

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|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. erupted | a. promised |
| 2. protests | b. broke out |
| 3. vowed | c. encouragement |
| 4. wild | d. demonstrations |
| 5. express | e. greeted |
| 6. welcomed | f. defeat |
| 7. solidarity | g. communicate |
| 8. inspiration | h. absolute ruler |
| 9. overcome | i. crazy |
| 10. dictator | j. unity |

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

- | | |
|---|-------------------------|
| 1. Celebrations have | a. a U-turn |
| 2. 18 days of pro- | b. our hands |
| 3. the end for Mubarak was | c. with emotion |
| 4. The announcement brought wild | d. dictator |
| 5. people were too overcome | e. across the world |
| 6. Mubarak's fall from power was welcomed | f. erupted across Egypt |
| 7. People across the Middle East took | g. from Tunisia's |
| 8. Egypt's revolution took inspiration | h. democracy protests |
| 9. democracies that we are bringing with | i. to the streets |
| 10. we were able to overcome the | j. scenes of joy |

WHILE READING / LISTENING

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GAP FILL: Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

Egypt	revolution
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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">• erupted• voiced• vowed• wild• sky• express	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• fall• streets• inspiration• hands• happy• entire
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STUDENT EGYPT'S REVOLUTION SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Egypt's Revolution 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.

EGYPT'S REVOLUTION 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 'Egypt'?
- c) Where were you and what were you doing when you found out Hosni Mubarak had gone?
- d) How did you feel?
- e) What is your message for the Egyptian people?
- f) What do you think Hosni Mubarak is feeling right now?
- g) What scenes about the revolution do you remember most ?
- h) What now for Egypt?
- i) How significant is people power bringing down Mubarak?
- j) Why can't Egyptians put their emotions into words?

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EGYPT'S REVOLUTION DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article?
- b) What three adjectives describe this news? Why?
- c) Why did people around the world welcome this news?
- d) How will Mubarak's fall affect other countries in the Middle East?
- e) Is the fall of dictators in Tunisia and Egypt similar to the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe in 1979?
- f) Did the U.S.A. play any part in ending Mubarak's 30-year rule?
- g) What does the peaceful, dignified and courageous way the people protested tell you about Egyptians?
- h) What do you hope for Egypt now?
- i) What part did social networking sites play in Egypt's revolution?
- j) What questions would you like to ask (fellow) Egyptians?

LANGUAGE – MULTIPLE CHOICE

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) erupts | (b) eruption | (c) erupting | (d) erupted |
| 2. | (a) spoken | (b) voiced | (c) talked | (d) conversed |
| 3. | (a) vowed | (b) wowed | (c) bowed | (d) rowed |
| 4. | (a) wildly | (b) wilds | (c) wild | (d) wilderness |
| 5. | (a) speaks | (b) spoken | (c) speaking | (d) speak |
| 6. | (a) coming over | (b) overcome | (c) overcame | (d) came over |
| 7. | (a) fall | (b) decrease | (c) drop | (d) reduction |
| 8. | (a) taken | (b) takes | (c) taking | (d) took |
| 9. | (a) quotation | (b) quoted | (c) quoting | (d) quote |
| 10. | (a) brought | (b) brings | (c) bring | (d) bringing |
| 11. | (a) overcoming | (b) overcomes | (c) overcome | (d) overcame |
| 12. | (a) entire | (b) all | (c) every | (d) whole of |

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WRITING

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Write about **Egypt's Revolution** for 10 minutes. Correct your partner's paper.

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

3. EGYPT'S REVOLUTION: Make a poster about Egypt's Revolution. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. TAHRIR SQUARE: Write a magazine article about Cairo's Tahrir (Liberation) Square. Include imaginary interviews with protestors who demonstrated for democracy.

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. LETTER: Write a letter to Egypt's new leader. Ask him three questions about Egypt's future. Give him three ideas on what he should do. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE:

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

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GAP FILL:

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LANGUAGE WORK

- 1 - d 2 - b 3 - a 4 - c 5 - c 6 - b 7 - a 8 - d 9 - b 10 - d 11 - c 12 - a