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## **U.K. garbage could be worth billions**

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# THE ARTICLE

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# WARM-UPS

**1. GARBAGE:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about garbage. 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.

*British government / garbage / gold mine / residents / recycling / wealth / booming / exploit / landfills / taxpayers / being better off / benefit / hard-pressed / debate*

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

**3. RECYCLE:** How can we best recycle garbage? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

Recycle...	... to reuse	... to make money
Soda cans		
Jeans		
Computers		
Magazines		
Plastic bags		
Batteries		

**4. WEALTH:** Students A **strongly** believe there is wealth in waste; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. THROWN AWAY:** Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the things you hate throwing away at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- old mobile phones
- love letters
- furniture
- food
- books
- presents
- childhood mementoes
- clothes

**6. WASTE:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'waste'. 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/1306/130607-garbage.html>

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

- a. Britain's government said people accidentally throw away a lot of gold. T / F
- b. An extra 50,000+ jobs could be created in Britain's recycling sector. T / F
- c. Britain's recycling sector is valued at over £11 billion. T / F
- d. The rest of the UK economy is growing faster than the recycling sector. T / F
- e. Over 26 million tonnes of waste is produced in the UK each month. T / F
- f. Landfills in Britain are very cheap. T / F
- g. An agency suggested it was a duty to repay taxpayers from waste. T / F
- h. The agency said Britain needed to be globally competitive with waste. T / F

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

- |                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1. claimed      | a. make the most of |
| 2. potentially  | b. field            |
| 3. outlines     | c. local            |
| 4. sector       | d. stated           |
| 5. booming      | e. troubled         |
| 6. urging       | f. thriving         |
| 7. exploit      | g. summarises       |
| 8. domestic     | h. aims             |
| 9. hard-pressed | i. likely           |
| 10. sights      | j. pressing         |

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

- |   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. an untapped                          | a. exploit a resource       |
| 2. waste                                | b. of this booming industry |
| 3. the scheme could additionally create | c. taxpayers                |
| 4. growing at                           | d. up in landfills          |
| 5. make the most                        | e. for the taxpayer         |
| 6. fully                                | f. twice the rate           |
| 7. ends                                 | g. gold mine                |
| 8. brings in cash                       | h. off the dustbin          |
| 9. hard-pressed                         | i. disposal                 |
| 10. take the lid                        | j. over 50,000 jobs         |

# GAP FILL

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*sector*  
*rate*  
*disposal*  
*booming*  
*claimed*  
*clearly*  
*worth*  
*residents*

The UK produces over 26 million tonnes of rubbish every year. The LGA is (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the country to fully exploit a resource that currently (10) \_\_\_\_\_ up in landfills. The report reads: "Taxpayers will be better off, the economy will (11) \_\_\_\_\_, and more people will have jobs if we grow our domestic market for collecting, (12) \_\_\_\_\_ and reprocessing recycling. Landfilling waste costs a lot of money; burning it is still expensive; recycling actually (13) \_\_\_\_\_ in cash for the taxpayer and we (14) \_\_\_\_\_ it to today's hard-pressed taxpayers to get as much of their money back as possible." It adds: "There is wealth in waste. It is time to take the lid off the dustbin (15) \_\_\_\_\_ and raise the sights of government...from the kerbside to the global economic (16) \_\_\_\_\_."

*sorting*  
*debate*  
*ends*  
*owe*  
*race*  
*urging*  
*benefit*  
*brings*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

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- 1) A British government agency has claimed that the nation's garbage is an \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. untapped coal mine
  - b. untapped cold mine
  - c. untapped gold mine
  - d. untapped goal mine
- 2) governments could earn billions by 2020 to provide better \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. services to residence
  - b. services to residency
  - c. services to residences
  - d. services to residents
- 3) create over 50,000 jobs by expanding the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. household recycle in sector
  - b. household recycle insect or
  - c. household recycling section
  - d. household recycling sector
- 4) worth around £11 billion and growing at twice the rate of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. rest of the economy
  - b. best of the economy
  - c. lest of the economy
  - d. messed of the economy
- 5) there is so much more we could do to make the most of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. this boom in industry
  - b. this booming industry
  - c. this boo Ming industry
  - d. this boo Ming dynasty
- 6) fully exploit a resource that currently \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. ends upping landfills
  - b. ends upon landfills
  - c. ends up in landfills
  - d. ends up on landfills
- 7) grow our domestic market for collecting, sorting and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. reprocessing recycling
  - b. reprocessing recycled
  - c. reprocessing recycle king
  - d. reprocessing recycles
- 8) we owe it to today's \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. hard-pushed taxpayers
  - b. hard-pressed taxpayers
  - c. hard-passed taxpayers
  - d. hard-pressing taxpayers
- 9) It is time to take the lid off the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. dusting debate
  - b. dusty bin debate
  - c. dust bendy bait
  - d. dustbin debate
- 10) raise the sights of government from the kerbside to the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. global economics race
  - b. global economic race
  - c. global economical race
  - d. global economically race

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# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130607-garbage.html>

1. How did a government agency describe Britain's garbage?

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2. How much could the rubbish be worth?

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3. What is the name of the report?

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4. How could more jobs be created?

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5. How fast is the UK's waste sector growing?

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6. Where does most of Britain's waste go to?

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7. Who will be better off if waste is better recycled?

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8. What two things aren't cheap?

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9. What duty does the report say governments have?

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10. How high does the report say the government should aim?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130607-garbage.html>

1. How did a government agency describe Britain's garbage?
  - a) as an eyesore
  - b) as an untapped gold mine
  - c) they said it was disgusting and foul-smelling
  - d) like a dirty coal mine
2. How much could the rubbish be worth?
  - a) £11 billion
  - b) an arm and a leg
  - c) peanuts
  - d) over \$4.5 billion
3. What is the name of the report?
  - a) 'Wealth from Waste'
  - b) 'Wealthy farm Waste'
  - c) 'Wasted from Wealth'
  - d) 'Waste from the Wealthy'
4. How could more jobs be created?
  - a) by investing in landfills
  - b) by buying more garbage collection trucks
  - c) by expanding the household recycling sector
  - d) by producing more trash
5. How fast is the UK's waste sector growing?
  - a) at breakneck speed
  - b) twice as fast as the rest of the economy
  - c) at a snail's pace
  - d) in tandem with other sectors
6. Where does most of Britain's waste go to?
  - a) South America
  - b) waste
  - c) landfills
  - d) the Atlantic Ocean
7. Who will be better off if waste is better recycled?
  - a) makers of disposable products
  - b) the Prime Minister
  - c) birds and animals
  - d) taxpayers
8. What two things aren't cheap?
  - a) landfilling and burning waste
  - b) garbage trucks and incinerators
  - c) recycling and reprocessing
  - d) reports and government agencies
9. What duty does the report say governments have?
  - a) to repay taxpayers
  - b) to hide ugly garbage
  - c) to put the garbage in landfills
  - d) to tax waste
10. How high does the report say the government should aim?
  - a) 326.8 metres
  - b) globally
  - c) sky high
  - d) out of this world

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Landfill company boss**

You think landfill is the best solution to deal with waste. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their solutions. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): incinerating (burning), recycling or exporting the waste.

## **Role B – Incinerator company boss**

You think incinerating (burning) is the best solution to deal with waste. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their solutions. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): landfill, recycling or exporting the waste.

## **Role C – Recycling company boss**

You think recycling is the best solution to deal with waste. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their solutions. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): incinerating (burning), landfill or exporting the waste.

## **Role D – Waste-exporting company boss**

You think exporting the waste is the best solution to deal with waste. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their solutions. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): incinerating (burning), recycling or landfill.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130607-garbage.html>

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

<b>garbage</b>	<b>trash</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>• claimed</li><li>• review</li><li>• services</li><li>• jobs</li><li>• 11</li><li>• booming</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 26</li><li>• ends</li><li>• grow</li><li>• cash</li><li>• adds</li><li>• race</li></ul>
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# GARBAGE SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130607-garbage.html>

Write five GOOD questions about garbage 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.

# GARBAGE 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 'garbage'?
- c) What do you think of the amount of garbage you throw away?
- d) How much of your garbage could you make better use of?
- e) What things do you hate throwing away?
- f) How valuable do you think garbage could be?
- g) What more could governments do to monetize garbage?
- h) Do you ever think you could sell the things you put in the trash?
- i) Have you ever put something in the rubbish by mistake?
- j) What's the difference between 'waste,' 'garbage,' 'rubbish,' 'trash' and 'litter'?

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# GARBAGE DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) How wasteful are you / is your country?
- c) Is it a sin to waste things?
- d) Have you ever taken something from the garbage?
- e) What do you think it's like to be a garbage collector?
- f) What's wrong with landfills and incinerating garbage?
- g) What would happen if the law said we had to recycle everything?
- h) How is it best to recycle a computer?
- i) Why does the report say it is a "global economic race"?
- j) What questions would you like to ask the report's author?

# 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. \_\_\_\_\_

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - LANGUAGE

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

- |     |                 |              |              |                 |
|-----|-----------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) unstoppable | (b) intrepid | (c) untapped | (d) interpreted |
| 2.  | (a) on          | (b) in       | (c) of       | (d) as          |
| 3.  | (a) earn        | (b) learn    | (c) yearn    | (d) urn         |
| 4.  | (a) household   | (b) freehold | (c) housed   | (d) withhold    |
| 5.  | (a) clarity     | (b) clearly  | (c) cleared  | (d) clears      |
| 6.  | (a) boosting    | (b) booting  | (c) booking  | (d) booming     |
| 7.  | (a) urged       | (b) urge     | (c) urging   | (d) urges       |
| 8.  | (a) starts      | (b) closes   | (c) lasts    | (d) ends        |
| 9.  | (a) off         | (b) up       | (c) in       | (d) by          |
| 10. | (a) brings      | (b) does     | (c) closes   | (d) requests    |
| 11. | (a) stress      | (b) hard     | (c) poor     | (d) broke       |
| 12. | (a) sightings   | (b) sites    | (c) sights   | (d) stings      |

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# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. nallpittyeo worth over \$4.5 billion
2. waste lasisdpo
3. provide better services to essdetirn
4. the mehsec
5. recycling ceostr
6. make the most of this mgbiono industry

## Paragraph 2

7. gungri the country
8. fully oxtliep a resource
9. sorting and gsropecnreis
10. hadr-rseesdp taxpayers
11. the dustbin beadte
12. raise the thssig of government



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) waste. The UK's waste and recycling sector is currently worth around £11 billion and growing at twice the rate of the rest
- ( **1** ) A British government agency has claimed that the nation's garbage is an untapped gold
- ( ) off the dustbin debate and raise the sights of government...from the kerbside to the global economic race."
- ( ) The UK produces over 26 million tonnes of rubbish every year. The LGA is urging the country to fully
- ( ) expanding the household recycling sector. LGA executive Clyde Loakes said: "There is clearly wealth in
- ( ) exploit a resource that currently ends up in landfills. The report reads: "Taxpayers will be better off, the economy will
- ( ) and reprocessing recycling. Landfilling waste costs a lot of money; burning it is still expensive; recycling actually brings
- ( ) disposal, 'Wealth from Waste', says local governments could earn billions by 2020 to provide better
- ( ) services to residents. The study outlines how the scheme could additionally create over 50,000 jobs by
- ( ) of the economy, but there is so much more we could do to make the most of this booming industry."
- ( ) back as possible." It adds: "There is wealth in waste. It is time to take the lid
- ( ) benefit, and more people will have jobs if we grow our domestic market for collecting, sorting
- ( ) in cash for the taxpayer and we owe it to today's hard-pressed taxpayers to get as much of their money
- ( ) mine that's potentially worth over \$4.5 billion. The Local Government Association's (LGA) review on Britain's waste

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130607-garbage.html>

1. mine is an The untapped nation's gold garbage.

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2. could governments Local 2020 by billions earn.

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3. by Additionally jobs over 50,000 expanding create ,.

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4. of rest the of rate the twice at Growing economy the.

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5. do more most to we So of make could much this the.

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6. ends landfills a currently in Exploit that up resource.

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7. taxpayer in cash Recycling for actually the brings.

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8. it hard taxpayers owe today's pressed We to -.

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9. back much money possible as their as Get of.

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10. to time is It debate dustbin the off lid the take.

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## CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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The UK produces over 26 million tonnes of rubbish *every / all* year. The LGA is urging the country to *fully / full* exploit a resource that currently *starts / ends* up in landfills. The report reads: "Taxpayers will be better off, the economy will *benefit / beneficial*, and more people will have jobs if we grow our domestic market for collecting, sorting and *reprocessing / repossessing* recycling. Landfilling waste costs a lot of money; burning it is still expensive; recycling actually brings *out / in* cash for the taxpayer and we *due / owe* it to today's *hard-pressed / hardly-pressed* taxpayers to get as much of their money back as possible." It adds: "There is wealth in waste. It is time to take the *lid / lad* off the dustbin debate and raise the *sights / sites* of government...from the kerbside to the global economic race."

**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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the uk produces over 26 million tonnes of rubbish every year the lga is urging the country to fully exploit a resource that currently ends up in landfills the report reads "taxpayers will be better off the economy will benefit and more people will have jobs if we grow our domestic market for collecting sorting and reprocessing recycling landfilling waste costs a lot of money burning it is still expensive recycling actually brings in cash for the taxpayer and we owe it to today's hard-pressed taxpayers to get as much of their money back as possible" it adds "there is wealth in waste it is time to take the lid off the dustbin debate and raise the sights of government...from the kerbside to the global economic race"

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# FREE WRITING

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Write about **garbage** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.

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# ACADEMIC WRITING

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*Garbage is an untapped gold mine.* Discuss.

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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 making money from garbage. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. GARBAGE:** Make a poster about garbage and its uses. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. WASTE IS WEALTH:** Write a magazine article about making money from waste. Include imaginary interviews with people who have done it.

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 waste expert. Ask him/her three questions about garbage. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to better exploit this untapped resource. 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. claimed      | a. stated           |
| 2. potentially  | b. likely           |
| 3. outlines     | c. summarises       |
| 4. sector       | d. field            |
| 5. booming      | e. thriving         |
| 6. urging       | f. pressing         |
| 7. exploit      | g. make the most of |
| 8. domestic     | h. local            |
| 9. hard-pressed | i. troubled         |
| 10. sights      | j. aims             |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. As an untapped gold mine
2. Over \$4.5 billion
3. 'Wealth from Waste'
4. By expanding the household recycling sector
5. Twice the rate of the rest of the economy
6. Landfills
7. Taxpayers
8. Landfilling and burning waste
9. To get money back to taxpayers
10. Globally - the global economic race

## 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 ;-)