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THE ARTICLE

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Statistics recently released from the USA's Census Bureau have shown how demographics in the U.S. are changing. The figures show that white children in the country are set to become a minority within the next year or two. It was revealed that currently, 49.9% of American children under the age of five are from non-white backgrounds. Asians and Hispanics will soon become the new majority ethnic groups in the country. The Bureau gave two main reasons for this trend. One is that birth rates among minority populations are growing faster than those in the white community, especially in the Hispanic community. The second is the steady number of immigrants arriving in America.

The Bureau also reported that for the first time ever, deaths outnumbered births among whites, in the period between July 2011 and July 2012. During this time, the Hispanic population grew by 2.2 per cent and the number of Asians rose by 2.9 per cent. Mark Hugo Lopez from the Pew Hispanic Center says the changes in the makeup of the U.S. population will have a global impact. He said: "The U.S. Hispanic population is second only to Mexico's." He noted that the current U.S. Latino population is larger than those in Peru, Colombia and Spain. He added: "That's something which has an incredible implication not only in the U.S., but as part of a larger Hispanic world."

Sources: <http://nbclatino.com/2013/06/13/the-new-normal-asians-hispanics-will-soon-outnumber-current-white-majority/>
<http://www.latintimes.com/articles/5164/20130613/white-americans-majority-under-5-education-disparities.htm>

WARM-UPS

1. MINORITIES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about minorities. 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.

statistics / demographics / minority / backgrounds / ethnic groups / immigrants / outnumbered / births / population / global impact / Colombia / incredible / implication

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

3. DEMOGRAPHICS: Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

Group	Their problems in society	How they could help improve society
Ethnic minorities		
Young mothers		
Former prisoners		
The over-80s		
Jobless youth		
Asylum seekers		

4. RACE: Students A **strongly** believe societies will also attach importance to race; Students B **strongly** believe we will all be racially indistinguishable one day. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. STATISTICS: Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the most important at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- sports statistics
- crime statistics
- gym performance
- economic statistics
- energy statistics
- statistics about marriage
- statistics about nutrition
- Internet statistics

6. ETHNIC: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'ethnic'. 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/1306/130615-ethnic_minority.html

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

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. A census predicts white kids in the U.S. will be a minority in 20 years. | T / F |
| b. 49.9% of American kids under five are from non-white backgrounds. | T / F |
| c. Afro-Americans will soon become the new majority ethnic group. | T / F |
| d. Immigration has little to do with the changing demographics. | T / F |
| e. More whites died than were born in the year to July 2012. | T / F |
| f. The Asian population in the U.S. grew faster than the Hispanic one. | T / F |
| g. The Latino population in the USA outnumbers that in Spain. | T / F |
| h. A man said the US's Hispanic population won't impact the wider world. | T / F |

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

- | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1. released | a. presently |
| 2. within | b. consequence |
| 3. currently | c. in history |
| 4. trend | d. issued |
| 5. steady | e. effect |
| 6. ever | f. swing |
| 7. during | g. pointed out |
| 8. impact | h. inside |
| 9. noted | i. in the course of |
| 10. implication | j. consistent |

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

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. statistics | a. groups |
| 2. set to | b. an incredible implication |
| 3. ethnic | c. immigrants arriving |
| 4. minority populations | d. time ever |
| 5. the steady number of | e. outnumbered births |
| 6. for the first | f. recently released |
| 7. deaths | g. only to Mexico's |
| 8. changes in the makeup | h. are growing faster |
| 9. second | i. become a minority |
| 10. something which has | j. of the U.S. population |

GAP FILL

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Statistics recently (1) _____ from the USA's Census Bureau have shown how demographics in the U.S. are changing. The figures show that white children in the country are (2) _____ to become a minority within the next year or two. It was revealed that (3) _____, 49.9% of American children under the age of five are from non-white backgrounds. Asians and Hispanics will soon become the new majority (4) _____ groups in the country. The Bureau gave two (5) _____ reasons for this (6) _____. One is that birth rates among minority (7) _____ are growing faster than those in the white community, especially in the Hispanic community. The second is the steady number of (8) _____ arriving in America.

trend
immigrants
ethnic
set
populations
released
main
currently

The Bureau also reported that for the first time ever, deaths (9) _____ births among whites, in the period between July 2011 and July 2012. During this (10) _____, the Hispanic population grew by 2.2 per cent and the number of Asians (11) _____ by 2.9 per cent. Mark Hugo Lopez from the Pew Hispanic Center says the changes in the (12) _____ of the U.S. population will have a global impact. He said: "The U.S. Hispanic population is second (13) _____ to Mexico's." He noted that the (14) _____ U.S. Latino population is larger than those in Peru, Colombia and Spain. He (15) _____: "That's something which has an incredible (16) _____ not only in the U.S., but as part of a larger Hispanic world."

added
makeup
implication
time
only
outnumbered
current
rose

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

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- 1) Statistics recently released from the _____
 - a. USA's Consensus Bureau
 - b. USA's Sensors Bureau
 - c. USA's Senses Bureau
 - d. USA's Census Bureau
- 2) The figures show that white children in the country are set to _____
 - a. become the minority
 - b. become all minority
 - c. become a minority
 - d. become at minority
- 3) 49.9% of American children under the age of five are from _____
 - a. nine-white backgrounds
 - b. noon-white backgrounds
 - c. none-white backgrounds
 - d. non-white backgrounds
- 4) birth rates among minority populations are growing faster than those in _____
 - a. the whiten community
 - b. the white community
 - c. the whiter community
 - d. the whitish community
- 5) The second is the steady number of _____ America
 - a. immigrants arriving in
 - b. immigrants arrive in
 - c. immigrants arrival in
 - d. immigrants arrives in
- 6) for the first time ever, deaths outnumbered _____
 - a. births amid whites
 - b. births among whites
 - c. births aiming whites
 - d. births about whites
- 7) the Hispanic population grew by 2.2 per cent and the number of Asians _____
 - a. rose by 2.9 per cent
 - b. rise by 2.9 per cent
 - c. roses by 2.9 per cent
 - d. raise by 2.9 per cent
- 8) the changes in the makeup of the U.S. population will have _____
 - a. a globally impact
 - b. a globe impact
 - c. a globes impact
 - d. a global impact
- 9) The U.S. Hispanic population _____ Mexico's
 - a. is second only to
 - b. is second just to
 - c. is second one to
 - d. is second two to
- 10) That's something which has an _____
 - a. incredibly implication
 - b. indelible implication
 - c. incredible implication
 - d. indelibly implication

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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(1) _____ from the USA's Census Bureau have shown how demographics in the U.S. are changing. The figures show that white children in the country (2) _____ minority within the next year or two. It was revealed that currently, 49.9% of American children (3) _____ from non-white backgrounds. Asians and Hispanics will soon become the new majority ethnic groups in the country. The Bureau gave two (4) _____. One is that birth (5) _____ populations are growing faster than those in the white community, especially in the Hispanic community. The second is (6) _____ immigrants arriving in America.

The Bureau also reported that (7) _____, deaths outnumbered births among whites, in the period between July 2011 and July 2012. (8) _____ Hispanic population grew by 2.2 per cent and the number of Asians rose by 2.9 per cent. Mark Hugo Lopez from the Pew Hispanic Center says the (9) _____ the U.S. population (10) _____. He said: "The U.S. Hispanic population (11) _____." He noted that the current U.S. Latino population is larger than those in Peru, Colombia and Spain. He added: "That's something which has an incredible implication not only in the U.S., (12) _____ Hispanic world."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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1. Who issued the figures?

2. What are changing?

3. What percentage of under-5s are non-white?

4. What was the first reason given?

5. What was the second reason given?

6. What did the Bureau see for the first time in history?

7. What does the figure of 2.9% represent?

8. Which country has the second largest Hispanic population?

9. What did the article say about Colombia?

10. Where will this trend have an impact on?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130615-ethnic_minority.html

1. Who issued the figures?
 - a) the USA's Census Bureau
 - b) The White House
 - c) The Population Department
 - d) The "Latin Times" newspaper
2. What is changing?
 - a) people's attitudes
 - b) backgrounds
 - c) demographics
 - d) the times
3. What percentage of under-5s are non-white?
 - a) 38
 - b) 50.1
 - c) 14.9
 - d) 49.9
4. What was the first reason given?
 - a) trade with South America
 - b) higher birth rates in minority populations
 - c) white people leaving for other countries
 - d) a population explosion in Wyoming
5. What was the second reason given?
 - a) immigration
 - b) people are working harder
 - c) the weak dollar in Hispanic countries
 - d) a population explosion in Wyoming
6. What did the Bureau see for the first time in history?
 - a) statistics that lied
 - b) record mixed race marriages
 - c) numbers going through the roof
 - d) more white people died than were born
7. What is the figure of 2.9?
 - a) how many Asians live in Alaska
 - b) how much the white population will decrease in 10 years
 - c) the increase in the number of Asians
 - d) the rise in the Hispanic population
8. Which country has the second largest Hispanic population?
 - a) Spain
 - b) USA
 - c) Peru
 - d) Mexico
9. What was said about Colombia?
 - a) most immigrants are from Colombia
 - b) many US Colombians are leaving
 - c) it's Latino population is smaller than the USA's
 - d) it has the world's second largest Hispanic population
10. Where will this trend impact?
 - a) the whole world
 - b) the Hispanic world
 - c) Miami
 - d) the USA

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ROLE PLAY

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Role A – 100% homogenous

You think it is better to live in a country where everyone is the same race. Tell the others three reasons why.

Role B – 50-50

You think it is better to live in a country where there are two races with even numbers between them. Tell the others three reasons why.

Role C – 80-20

You think it is better to live in a country where around four-fifths of the country makes up the predominant race, with the remaining 20% being a minority. Tell the others three reasons why.

Role D – Perfectly multicultural

You think it is better to live in a country where there are people from all over the world in equal numbers. Tell the others three reasons why.

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 'minority' and 'majority'.

minority	majority

- 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">• shown• next• five• main• rates• steady	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ever• 2.2• makeup• second• noted• incredible
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MINORITIES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about minorities 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.

MINORITIES 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 'minority'?
- c) What do you think of an America in which whites are the minority?
- d) How has being the race you are affected you?
- e) Will we all look like the same race in the future?
- f) How have the demographics of your country changed?
- g) What is your country's policy toward immigration?
- h) What do ethnic groups add to the country in which they live?
- i) Is multiculturalism the thing all countries should aim for?

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MINORITIES DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Is America a good example of how different races live together?
- c) What problems do minorities have in your country?
- d) What global impact might a more Hispanic USA have?
- e) Do minorities need to change their ways to fit into the wider culture?
- f) Why are minorities sometimes worse off economically?
- g) Are there any advantages in being a minority?
- h) Are homogenous race societies at any disadvantage in today's world?
- i) What questions would you like to ask Mark Hugo Lopez?

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) demographics | (b) reprographics | (c) geography | (d) photography |
| 2. | (a) let | (b) met | (c) set | (d) get |
| 3. | (a) reveal | (b) reveals | (c) revealed | (d) revelation |
| 4. | (a) feign | (b) reign | (c) wane | (d) main |
| 5. | (a) rates | (b) rate | (c) rated | (d) ratios |
| 6. | (a) heady | (b) steady | (c) giddy | (d) biddy |
| 7. | (a) amid | (b) between | (c) over | (d) among |
| 8. | (a) arose | (b) rose | (c) arisen | (d) roused |
| 9. | (a) cosmetic | (b) token | (c) makeup | (d) icon |
| 10. | (a) around | (b) about | (c) over | (d) only |
| 11. | (a) marked | (b) annotated | (c) doodled | (d) noted |
| 12. | (a) imitation | (b) implication | (c) incantation | (d) incineration |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. stscittais recently released
2. mrehcsaodpig in the U.S. are changing
3. it was edrveale...
4. the new jmartoiy ethnic groups
5. the aubreu gave two main reasons for this
6. mmtrisanig arriving in America

Paragraph 2

7. deaths omutdunrbee births
8. the redopi between July 2011 and July 2012
9. rnuidg this time
10. the ekpamu of the U.S. population
11. the rtnurec U.S. Latino population
12. an incredible iaimcpilont

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () rates among minority populations are growing faster than those in the white community,
- () the age of five are from non-white backgrounds. Asians and Hispanics will soon become the new
- () whites, in the period between July 2011 and July 2012. During this time, the Hispanic population grew by 2.2 per cent and the
- (**1**) Statistics recently released from the USA's Census Bureau have shown how
- () makeup of the U.S. population will have a global impact. He said: "The U.S. Hispanic population is second
- () The Bureau also reported that for the first time ever, deaths outnumbered births among
- () especially in the Hispanic community. The second is the steady number of immigrants arriving in America.
- () majority ethnic groups in the country. The Bureau gave two main reasons for this trend. One is that birth
- () minority within the next year or two. It was revealed that currently, 49.9% of American children under
- () only to Mexico's." He noted that the current U.S. Latino population is larger than
- () those in Peru, Colombia and Spain. He added: "That's something which has an incredible
- () implication not only in the U.S., but as part of a larger Hispanic world."
- () number of Asians rose by 2.9 per cent. Mark Hugo Lopez from the Pew Hispanic Center says the changes in the
- () demographics in the U.S. are changing. The figures show that white children in the country are set to become a

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. recently Census released Bureau from the Statistics USA's.

2. minority a become to set are country the in children White.

3. gave reasons trend Bureau main this The two for.

4. populations Birth are rates growing among faster minority.

5. The the of is number arriving second steady immigrants.

6. time deaths first , births the ever outnumbered For.

7. grew the this by Hispanic time 2.2% population , During

8. global a have will population US the of makeup The impact.

9. is Mexico's second Hispanic only population US The to.

10. something That's implication incredible an has which.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Statistics / Statisticians recently released from the USA's Census Bureau have shown how demographics in the U.S. *is / are* changing. The figures show that white children in the country are *let / set* to become a minority *within / without* the next year or two. It was *reveled / revealed* that currently, 49.9% of American children under the age of five are from *non-white / nine white* backgrounds. Asians and Hispanics will soon become the new majority ethnic *groups / group* in the country. The Bureau gave two main reasons for this *trendy / trend*. One is that birth rates among minority populations *are / is* growing faster than those in the white community, especially in the Hispanic community. The second is the *steadily / steady* number of immigrants arriving in America.

The Bureau also reported that for the first time *even / ever*, deaths *outnumbered / outnumber* births among whites, in the period *from / between* July 2011 and July 2012. *During / Among* this time, the Hispanic population grew by 2.2 per cent and the number of Asians *arose / rose* by 2.9 per cent. Mark Hugo Lopez from the Pew Hispanic Center says the changes in the *makeup / cosmetics* of the U.S. population will have a global *impact / compact*. He said: "The U.S. Hispanic population is second *once / only* to Mexico's." He noted that the current U.S. Latino population is larger than *them / those* in Peru, Colombia and Spain. He added: "That's something which has an incredible implication not only in the U.S., but as *part / partner* of a larger Hispanic world."

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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St_t_st_cs r_c_ntly r_l__s_d fr_m th_ _S_'s C_ns_s
B_r___ h_v_ sh_wn h_w d_m_gr_ph_cs _n th_ _S. _r_
ch_ng_ng. Th_ f_g_r_s sh_w th_t wh_t_ ch_ldr_n _n th_
c__ntry _r_ s_t t_ b_c_m_ _m_n_r_ty w_th_n th_ n_xt
y__r _r tw_. _t w_s r_v__l_d th_t c_rr_ntly, 49.9% _f
_m_r_c_n ch_ldr_n _nd_r th_ _g_ _f f_v_ _r_ fr_m
n_n-wh_t_ b_ckgr__nds. _s__ns _nd H_sp_n_cs w_ll
s__n b_c_m_ th_ n_w m_j_r_ty _thn_c gr__ps _n th_
c__ntry. Th_ B_r___ g_v_ tw_ m__n r__s_ns f_r th_s
tr_nd. _n_ _s th_t b_rth r_t_s _m_ng m_n_r_ty
p_p_l_t__ns _r_ gr_w_ng f_st_r th_n th_s_ _n th_
wh_t_ c__mm_n_ty, _sp_c__lly _n th_ H_sp_n_c
c__mm_n_ty. Th_ s_c_nd _s th_ st__dy n_mb_r _f
_mm_gr_nts _rr_v_ng _n _m_r_c_.

Th_ B_r___ _ls_ r_p_rt_d th_t f_r th_ f_rst t_m_ _v_r,
d__ths __tn_mb_r_d b_rths _m_ng wh_t_s, _n th_
p_r__d b_tw__n J_ly 2011 _nd J_ly 2012. D_r_ng th_s
t_m_, th_ H_sp_n_c p_p_l_t__n gr_w by 2.2 p_r_c_nt
nd th n_mb_r _f _s__ns r_s_ by 2.9 p_r_c_nt. M_rk
H_g_ L_p_z fr_m th_ P_w H_sp_n_c C_nt_r s_ys th_
ch_ng_s _n th_ m_k__p _f th_ _S. p_p_l_t__n w_ll
h_v_ _ gl_b_l _mp_ct. H_ s__d: "Th_ _S. H_sp_n_c
p_p_l_t__n _s s_c_nd _nly t_ M_x_c_'s." H_ n_t_d th_t
th_ c_rr_nt _S. L_t_n_ p_p_l_t__n _s l_rg_r th_n
th_s_ _n P_r_, C_l_mb__ _nd Sp__n. H_ _dd_d: "Th_t's
s_m_th_ng wh_ch h_s _n _ncr_d bl_ _mpl_c_t__n n_t
_nly _n th_ _S., b_t _s p_r_t _f _ l_rg_r H_sp_n_c
w_rld."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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Write about **minorities** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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ACADEMIC WRITING

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It doesn't matter what the racial make-up of a country is. 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 ethnic minorities in your country. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MINORITIES: Make a poster about ethnic minorities. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. OUTNUMBERED: Write a magazine article about white people in the USA being in a minority. 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 a population expert. Ask him/her three questions about minorities. Give him/her three of your opinions on how they benefit the countries they live in. 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 F d F e T f T g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1. released | a. issued |
| 2. within | b. inside |
| 3. currently | c. presently |
| 4. trend | d. swing |
| 5. steady | e. consistent |
| 6. ever | f. in history |
| 7. during | g. in the course of |
| 8. impact | h. effect |
| 9. noted | i. pointed out |
| 10. implication | j. consequence |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. The USA's Census Bureau
2. Demographics
3. 49.9%
4. Birth rates in minority populations are higher
5. Steady immigration
6. Deaths outnumbered births among whites
7. The increase in the number of Asians
8. The USA
9. It's Latino population is smaller than the USA's
10. The USA and larger Hispanic world

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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