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## Level 3

# World helps Nigeria look for kidnapped girls

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# THE ARTICLE

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More countries are offering Nigeria their support to help find over 220 schoolgirls who were kidnapped last week by an extreme Islamist group. The USA, China, France, Britain and Canada have all told Nigeria's government they will do what they can to locate the missing girls. The group Boko Haram kidnapped the girls and said it would sell them. U.S. president Barack Obama said the kidnapping was both "heartbreaking" and "outrageous". American military experts are now in Nigeria to hunt for the children. China has promised computer equipment and special software to help find them. One of Egypt's top Islamic universities said harming the girls "completely contradicts the teachings of Islam".

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Sources: <http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/missing-nigeria-schoolgirls/malala-says-kidnapped-nigerian-schoolgirls-are-her-sisters-n99701>  
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# WARM-UPS

**1. KIDNAPPING:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about kidnapping. 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.

*Nigeria / support / kidnapped / locate / missing / heartbreaking / experts / contradicts / shock / sisters / feeling sad / hometown / suffering / banned / future / terrorism*

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

**3. HELP:** What can you do to help? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Things to do	Will they work?	Will you do them?
Money			
Posters			
Social media			
School events			
Write a letter			
Other _____			

**4. BAD THINGS:** Students A **strongly** believe bad things like this will stop happening one day; Students B **strongly** believe bad things like this will never stop happening. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. FIND:** Rank these with your partner. Put the people / things most likely to help find the girls at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- the U.S. military
- Nigeria's police force
- Nigeria's president
- satellites
- local people
- Malala Yousafzai
- special agents
- other \_\_\_\_\_

**6. MISSING:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "missing". 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/1405/140511-nigeria-schoolgirls.html>

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

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| a. The article says 27 countries are now helping Nigeria.                 | T / F |
| b. Canada is one of the countries that has offered to help.               | T / F |
| c. U.S. military experts will not arrive in Nigeria for another few days. | T / F |
| d. A leading British university said the kidnapping contradicted Islam.   | T / F |
| e. Malala Yousafzai was shot by the Taliban last year.                    | T / F |
| f. Malala said she felt the kidnapped girls were the same as her sisters. | T / F |
| g. Malala told the kidnapped girls they should not give up hope.          | T / F |
| h. Malala likened the kidnappings to terrorism.                           | T / F |

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

- |               |                    |
|---------------|--------------------|
| 1. countries  | a. communicated    |
| 2. support    | b. shocking        |
| 3. locate     | c. likened         |
| 4. outrageous | d. help            |
| 5. completely | e. without warning |
| 6. expressed  | f. totally         |
| 7. compared   | g. nations         |
| 8. banned     | h. kidnapped       |
| 9. suddenly   | i. prohibited      |
| 10. abducted  | j. find            |

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

- |   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. countries are offering Nigeria               | a. at the kidnappings    |
| 2. do what they can to locate                   | b. and special software  |
| 3. American military                            | c. hope                  |
| 4. computer equipment                           | d. and abducted them     |
| 5. harming the girls completely contradicts the | e. their support         |
| 6. expressed her shock                          | f. the missing girls     |
| 7. She had a special                            | g. going to school       |
| 8. Never lose                                   | h. teachings of Islam    |
| 9. banned from                                  | i. message for the girls |
| 10. suddenly some people came                   | j. experts               |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140511-nigeria-schoolgirls.html>

More countries are offering Nigeria their (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to help find over 220 schoolgirls who were kidnapped last week by an (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Islamist group. The USA, China, France, Britain and Canada have all told Nigeria's government they will do what they can to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ girls. The group Boko Haram kidnapped the girls and said it would sell them. U.S. president Barack Obama said the kidnapping was both "heartbreaking" and "(5) \_\_\_\_\_ ". American military (6) \_\_\_\_\_ are now in Nigeria to hunt for the children. China has (7) \_\_\_\_\_ computer equipment and special software to help find them. One of Egypt's top Islamic universities said harming the girls "completely (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the teachings of Islam".

*experts*  
*locate*  
*contradicts*  
*support*  
*outrageous*  
*extreme*  
*promised*  
*missing*

Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani schoolgirl shot in the head by the Taliban in 2012 for going to school, (9) \_\_\_\_\_ her shock at the kidnappings. She said: "These girls are my sisters, and I am feeling very sad." She had a special message for the girls, saying: "Never lose hope because we are with you." Malala compared the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to what was happening in her (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of Swat, Pakistan. She said: "It is what happened in Swat as well. In Swat, we were (12) \_\_\_\_\_. Girls were banned from going to school and (13) \_\_\_\_\_ from going to market." She added: "They were in schools trying to study, thinking about their (14) \_\_\_\_\_, and then suddenly some people came and (15) \_\_\_\_\_ them." She called it "another kind of (16) \_\_\_\_\_".

*abducted*  
*banned*  
*terrorism*  
*expressed*  
*hometown*  
*situation*  
*future*  
*suffering*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140511-nigeria-schoolgirls.html>

- 1) More countries are offering Nigeria \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. their supports
  - b. their support
  - c. their supportive
  - d. their supported
- 2) they will do what they can to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. located the missing girls
  - b. locates the missing girls
  - c. location the missing girls
  - d. locate the missing girls
- 3) Barack Obama said the kidnapping was both "heartbreaking" \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and "outrage" as
  - b. and "outrage" is
  - c. and "outrageous"
  - d. and "outrage" us
- 4) China has promised computer equipment \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and specially software
  - b. and special software
  - c. and a special software
  - d. and a special software
- 5) harming the girls "completely \_\_\_\_\_ of Islam"
  - a. contracts the teachings
  - b. contradicts the teachings
  - c. contradict the teachings
  - d. contracts it the teachings
- 6) the Pakistani schoolgirl shot in the head by the Taliban in 2012 for going to school \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. expressed her shock
  - b. express it her shock
  - c. expressed her shock
  - d. expressing her shock
- 7) She had a special message for the girls, saying: "Never \_\_\_\_\_ "
  - a. lose hope
  - b. lose hopes
  - c. lose hopeful
  - d. lose hopeless
- 8) It is what happened in Swat as well. In Swat, \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. we were suffer in
  - b. we were suffering
  - c. we were suffering in
  - d. we were suffers
- 9) She added: "They were in schools trying to study, thinking \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. about their futures
  - b. about them future
  - c. about their future
  - d. about they future
- 10) and then suddenly some people came \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and abducted them
  - b. and abducted they
  - c. and abducted these
  - d. and abducted him

## LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140511-nigeria-schoolgirls.html>

1. What are more countries offering Nigeria?

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2. What did Canada tell Nigeria's government?

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3. What did Barack Obama call the kidnappings (besides "outrageous")?

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4. What kind of U.S. experts are in Nigeria now hunting for the girls?

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5. What did an Egyptian university say would contradict Islam?

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6. When was Malala Yousafzai shot by the Taliban?

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7. What did Malala liken the kidnapped girls to?

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8. What did Malala say the girls should never lose?

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9. What is Swat?

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10. What did Malala say the kidnappings were another form of?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140511-nigeria-schoolgirls.html>

1. What are more countries offering Nigeria?
  - a) money
  - b) support
  - c) satellite surveillance
  - d) weapons
2. What did Canada tell Nigeria's government?
  - a) how shocked it was
  - b) good luck
  - c) how to find the girls
  - d) it would do what it could
3. What did Barack Obama call the kidnappings (besides "outrageous")?
  - a) heartbreaking
  - b) disgusting
  - c) tragic
  - d) heart-stopping
4. What kind of U.S. experts are in Nigeria now hunting for the girls?
  - a) weapons experts
  - b) survival experts
  - c) military experts
  - d) missing persons experts
5. What did an Egyptian university say would contradict Islam?
  - a) not allowing the girls to pray
  - b) harming the girls
  - c) not feeding the girls
  - d) asking for a ransom
6. When was Malala Yousafzai shot by the Taliban?
  - a) 2010
  - b) 2011
  - c) 2012
  - d) 2013
7. What did Malala liken the kidnapped girls to?
  - a) heroes
  - b) angels
  - c) her cousins
  - d) her sisters
8. What did Malala say the girls should never lose?
  - a) hope
  - b) their way
  - c) money
  - d) their mind
9. What is Swat?
  - a) Malala's hometown
  - b) a special Nigerian police force
  - c) a satellite
  - d) the area the girls lived
10. What did Malala say the kidnappings were another form of?
  - a) horror
  - b) terrorism
  - c) mind games
  - d) international crime

# ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140511-nigeria-schoolgirls.html>

## **Role A – Nigeria's president**

You think Nigeria's president is the best hope of finding the girls. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them reasons why the others might not be so helpful. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): the U.S. military, local people or Malala Yousafzai.

## **Role B – The U.S. military**

You think the U.S. military is the best hope of finding the girls. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them reasons why the others might not be so helpful. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): Nigeria's president, local people or Malala Yousafzai.

## **Role C – Local people**

You think local people are the best hope of finding the girls. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them reasons why the others might not be so helpful. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): the U.S. military, Nigeria's president or Malala Yousafzai.

## **Role D – Malala Yousafzai**

You think Malala Yousafzai is the best hope of finding the girls. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them reasons why the others might not be so helpful. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): the U.S. military, local people or Nigeria's president.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140511-nigeria-schoolgirls.html>

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

<b>school</b>	<b>girl</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>• week</li><li>• locate</li><li>• sell</li><li>• hunt</li><li>• special</li><li>• teachings</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• shot</li><li>• sisters</li><li>• hope</li><li>• suffering</li><li>• study</li><li>• kind</li></ul>
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# KIDNAPPING SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140511-nigeria-schoolgirls.html>

Write five GOOD questions about kidnapping 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.

# KIDNAPPING 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 'kidnap'?
- c) How do you feel about this story?
- d) What makes people think it's OK to kidnap schoolgirls?
- e) Is the world too slow to offer help to Nigeria?
- f) What do you know about the group Boko Haram?
- g) What can you do to help the #bringbackourgirls campaign?
- h) What kind of people think it is OK to sell schoolgirls?
- i) What do you think will happen from now?
- j) What punishment should the kidnappers get?

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# KIDNAPPING DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) What do you know about Malala Yousafzai?
- c) Do you think Malala's support will help bring the girls back?
- d) How can schools and communities do more to protect children?
- e) What message do you have for the kidnappers?
- f) When will bad things like this stop happening in the world?
- g) Why do people think Malala should get the Nobel Peace Prize?
- h) What did you think about when you were at school?
- i) How can technology help stop kidnappings?
- j) What questions would you like to ask the kidnappers?

# 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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Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani schoolgirl shot in the head by the Taliban in 2012 for going to school, expressed her shock (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the kidnappings. She said: "These girls are my sisters, and I am feeling very sad." She had a special message for the girls, saying: "Never (8) \_\_\_\_\_ hope because we are with you." Malala (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the situation to what was happening in her hometown of Swat, Pakistan. She said: "It is what happened in Swat as well. In Swat, we were (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Girls were banned from going to school and banned from going to market." She added: "They were in schools trying to study, thinking about their future, and then suddenly some people came and (11) \_\_\_\_\_ them." She called it "another kind of (12) \_\_\_\_\_".

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

- |     |                |                |                |               |
|-----|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) backed     | (b) support    | (c) prop       | (d) firm      |
| 2.  | (a) extremely  | (b) extreme    | (c) extremism  | (d) extremity |
| 3.  | (a) localise   | (b) locale     | (c) location   | (d) locate    |
| 4.  | (a) outpouring | (b) outrageous | (c) outboard   | (d) outing    |
| 5.  | (a) assurance  | (b) promised   | (c) insured    | (d) vowed     |
| 6.  | (a) harmless   | (b) harmful    | (c) harming    | (d) harmed    |
| 7.  | (a) as         | (b) an         | (c) at         | (d) ad        |
| 8.  | (a) forgetting | (b) mislay     | (c) lose       | (d) upset     |
| 9.  | (a) contested  | (b) pared      | (c) comparison | (d) compared  |
| 10. | (a) suffering  | (b) buffering  | (c) puffing    | (d) huffing   |
| 11. | (a) abducted   | (b) rejected   | (c) ejected    | (d) treated   |
| 12. | (a) terrified  | (b) terrifying | (c) terrorist  | (d) terrorism |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. offering Nigeria their otupspr
2. an eetremx Islamist group
3. do what they can to tcaeol the missing girls
4. the kidnapping was "aaekgebrhitr"
5. China has promised computer itpquneme
6. completely dicttcnoasr the teachings of Islam

## Paragraph 2

7. pxerseesd her shock at the kidnappings
8. Malala compared the uoiasintt
9. In Swat we were enigufsr
10. Girls were nnebad from going to school
11. people came and tduaebcd them
12. another kind of eosrirtrm



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140511-nigeria-schoolgirls.html>

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

- ( ) told Nigeria's government they will do what they can to locate the missing girls. The group Boko Haram kidnapped the
- ( ) her shock at the kidnappings. She said: "These girls are my sisters, and I am feeling very sad." She had a special
- ( ) message for the girls, saying: "Never lose hope because we are with you." Malala compared the situation
- ( ) girls and said it would sell them. U.S. president Barack Obama said the kidnapping was both "heartbreaking" and
- ( ) suffering. Girls were banned from going to school and banned from going to
- ( ) Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani schoolgirl shot in the head by the Taliban in 2012 for going to school, expressed
- ( ) promised computer equipment and special software to help find them. One of Egypt's top Islamic
- ( ) "outrageous". American military experts are now in Nigeria to hunt for the children. China has
- ( ) to what was happening in her hometown of Swat, Pakistan. She said: "It is what happened in Swat as well. In Swat, we were
- ( **1** ) More countries are offering Nigeria their support to help find over 220 schoolgirls who were
- ( ) then suddenly some people came and abducted them." She called it "another kind of terrorism".
- ( ) universities said harming the girls "completely contradicts the teachings of Islam".
- ( ) kidnapped last week by an extreme Islamist group. The USA, China, France, Britain and Canada have all
- ( ) market." She added: "They were in schools trying to study, thinking about their future, and

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140511-nigeria-schoolgirls.html>

1. are countries More support their Nigeria offering.

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2. extreme last Islamist week group by an Kidnapped.

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3. do will They girls missing the locate to can they what.

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4. them special find and help Equipment to software.

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5. of girls Islam contradicts the Harming teachings the.

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6. Pakistani in by The shot head Taliban schoolgirl the the.

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7. special message She for had the a girls.

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8. we Never are lose with hope you because.

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9. school to going from banned were Girls.

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10. of it terrorism" . "another She kind called

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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**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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# FREE WRITING

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

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# ACADEMIC WRITING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140511-nigeria-schoolgirls.html>

*The world is becoming more dangerous for children.* 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 the kidnapping of the Nigerian schoolgirls. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. KIDNAPPING:** Make a poster about kidnapping. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. TRACKING SOFTWARE:** Write a magazine article about schoolchildren having to wear tracking software so people can find them. 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 kidnapping. Ask him/her three questions about kidnapping. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to free hostages. 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 F    f T    g T    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|---------------|--------------------|
| 1. countries  | a. nations         |
| 2. support    | b. help            |
| 3. locate     | c. find            |
| 4. outrageous | d. shocking        |
| 5. completely | e. totally         |
| 6. expressed  | f. communicated    |
| 7. compared   | g. likened         |
| 8. banned     | h. prohibited      |
| 9. suddenly   | i. without warning |
| 10. abducted  | j. kidnapped       |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Support to find the girls
2. It would do all it could to locate the girls
3. Heartbreaking
4. Military experts
5. Harming the girls
6. 2012
7. Her sisters
8. Hope
9. Malala's hometown
10. Terrorism

## 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 ;-)