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World airlines change cockpit rules

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THE ARTICLE

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Airlines across the world have begun putting in place requirements for two crew members to always be present in the cockpit. The new measures come in the wake of the Germanwings crash in the French Alps on Tuesday in which 150 people died. The swift response from airlines is because of the news that the co-pilot of the Germanwings flight had deliberately crashed the plane. Reports are that he locked the pilot out of the cockpit and set the aircraft on a collision course with a mountain. Britain's Monarch Airlines said having two pilots ever-present in the cockpit would now be mandatory on all its flights. Cabin crew will also regularly enter the flight deck during the flight to check on the pilots.

Airlines are also considering revamping their screening procedures to assess the mental health of pilots. There is speculation in the media that the Germanwings co-pilot was depressed. He had to stop his training seven years ago because he was suffering from depression and 'burnout'. His boss said the co-pilot had taken several months off work and had to retrain to join the company, but insisted he was "100 per cent fit to fly". News is also emerging of the final moments of Flight 9525. The pilot sensed something was wrong after he had gone to the toilet and realised he was locked out of the cockpit. There was "absolute silence" in the cockpit as the co-pilot steered the plane into the mountain.

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WARM-UPS

1. FLYING: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about cockpit. 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?

airlines / cabin crew / cockpit / response / co-pilot / mandatory / regularly / procedures / mental health / speculation / depression / burnout / absolute silence

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

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

	Good things	Bad things
Environment		
Safety		
Comfort		
Convenience		
Ticket cost		
Service		

4. SAFEST: Students A **strongly** believe flying is the safest form of travel; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. PILOT: Rank these with your partner. Put the best reasons for being a pilot at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- money
- uniform
- prestige
- travel
- excitement
- meeting people
- serving people
- flying airplanes

6. CABIN CREW: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "cabin crew". 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/1503/150329-cockpit.html>

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

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. All airlines must have two crew members in the cockpit at all times. | T / F |
| b. Airlines have responded slowly to the recent air tragedy. | T / F |
| c. A British airline says it will now require 2 crew members in the cockpit. | T / F |
| d. Monarch Airlines said the two crew members must both be pilots. | T / F |
| e. Airlines will also step up the screening of the mental health of pilots. | T / F |
| f. The Germanwings co-pilot had not flown for seven years. | T / F |
| g. The co-pilot had previously suffered from burnout. | T / F |
| h. There was a lot of noise in the cockpit in the flight's final moments. | T / F |

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

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. across | a. crash |
| 2. measures | b. thinking about |
| 3. in the wake of | c. frequently |
| 4. collision | d. initiatives |
| 5. regularly | e. maintained |
| 6. considering | f. following |
| 7. revamping | g. felt |
| 8. insisted | h. all over |
| 9. sensed | i. total |
| 10. absolute | j. improving |

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

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. two crew members to always be | a. course |
| 2. swift | b. to fly |
| 3. collision | c. deck |
| 4. cabin | d. procedures |
| 5. flight | e. present in the cockpit |
| 6. revamping their screening | f. something was wrong |
| 7. he was suffering from | g. silence |
| 8. 100 per cent fit | h. crew |
| 9. The pilot sensed | i. depression and burnout |
| 10. absolute | j. response |

GAP FILL

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Airlines across the world have begun putting in (1) _____ requirements for two crew members to always be present in the cockpit. The new measures come in the (2) _____ of the Germanwings crash in the French Alps on Tuesday in which 150 people died. The swift (3) _____ from airlines is because of the news that the co-pilot of the Germanwings flight had (4) _____ crashed the plane. Reports are that he locked the pilot out of the cockpit and set the aircraft on a (5) _____ course with a mountain. Britain's Monarch Airlines said having two pilots ever-present in the cockpit would now be (6) _____ on all its flights. Cabin (7) _____ will also regularly enter the flight (8) _____ during the flight to check on the pilots.

response
place
collision
crew
deliberately
mandatory
deck
wake

Airlines are also (9) _____ revamping their screening procedures to assess the mental health of pilots. There is (10) _____ in the media that the Germanwings co-pilot was depressed. He had to stop his training seven years ago because he was suffering from depression and '(11) _____ '. His boss said the co-pilot had taken (12) _____ months off work and had to retrain to join the company, but insisted he was "100 per cent (13) _____ to fly". News is also (14) _____ of the final moments of Flight 9525. The pilot (15) _____ something was wrong after he had gone to the toilet and realised he was locked out of the cockpit. There was "(16) _____ silence" in the cockpit as the co-pilot steered the plane into the mountain.

speculation
emerging
burnout
sensed
considering
several
absolute
fit

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) requirements for two crew members to always be present _____
 - a. on the cockpit
 - b. at the cockpit
 - c. by the cockpit
 - d. in the cockpit
- 2) The new measures come _____ the Germanwings crash
 - a. in the awake of
 - b. in the wait of
 - c. in the await of
 - d. in the wake of
- 3) Reports are that he locked the pilot out of the cockpit and set the aircraft _____
 - a. on a collision coarse
 - b. on a colliding course
 - c. on a collision course
 - d. on a colliding coarse
- 4) Monarch Airlines said having two pilots ever-present in the cockpit _____ mandatory
 - a. would know be
 - b. would now be
 - c. will now be
 - d. will know be
- 5) Cabin crew will also regularly enter the flight deck _____
 - a. during a flight
 - b. during the flight
 - c. during this flight
 - d. during that flight
- 6) revamping their screening procedures to assess the mental _____
 - a. healthy of pilots
 - b. health of pilots
 - c. health for pilots
 - d. health of pilot
- 7) There is speculation in the media that the Germanwings co-pilot _____
 - a. was depressed
 - b. was depression
 - c. was depressing
 - d. was depress
- 8) the co-pilot had taken several months off work and had to retrain _____
 - a. to join the company
 - b. to join a company
 - c. to join this company
 - d. to join that company
- 9) News is also emerging of the final moments _____
 - a. for Flight 9525
 - b. of Flight 9525
 - c. from Flight 9525
 - d. if Flight 9525
- 10) There was "_____" in the cockpit
 - a. absolutely silence
 - b. absoluteness silence
 - c. absolutes silence
 - d. absolute silence

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Airlines are also considering revamping their screening (7) _____ the mental health of pilots. There is speculation in the media that the Germanwings co-pilot was depressed. He had to stop his training seven years ago because (8) _____ from depression and 'burnout'. His boss said the co-pilot had taken several months off work and (9) _____ join the company, but insisted he was "100 per cent fit to fly". News (10) _____ of the final moments of Flight 9525. The pilot sensed something was wrong after he had gone to the toilet and realised he was (11) _____ cockpit. There was "absolute silence" in the cockpit as the co-pilot (12) _____ into the mountain.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1503/150329-cockpit.html>

1. Where will many airlines require two crew members to be at all times?

2. What word was used to describe the speed of the airlines' response?

3. Who was locked out of the cockpit?

4. What is the name of the British airline mentioned in the article?

5. Where will cabin crew go to check on pilots?

6. What will airlines screen pilots more frequently for?

7. How long ago did the co-pilot stop his training?

8. What had the co-pilot suffered from besides depression?

9. How fit did a boss say the pilot was to fly?

10. What kind of silence did the article say there was in the cockpit?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1503/150329-cockpit.html>

1. Where will many airlines require two crew members to be at all times?
 - a) the aisles
 - b) the galley
 - c) the cockpit
 - d) the hold
2. What word was used to describe the speed of the airlines' response?
 - a) swift
 - b) tardy
 - c) sluggish
 - d) sedate
3. Who was locked out of the cockpit?
 - a) the purser
 - b) the pilot
 - c) the co-pilot
 - d) the engineer
4. What is the name of the British airline mentioned in the article?
 - a) British Airlines
 - b) Monarch Airways
 - c) British Airways
 - d) Monarch Airlines
5. Where will cabin crew go to check on pilots?
 - a) the galley
 - b) a screening clinic
 - c) the flight deck
 - d) their home
6. What will airlines screen pilots more frequently for?
 - a) their technical ability
 - b) mental health
 - c) their knowledge
 - d) their disaster preparedness
7. How long ago did the co-pilot stop his training?
 - a) 4 years
 - b) 5 years
 - c) 6 years
 - d) 7 years
8. What had the co-pilot suffered from besides depression?
 - a) high blood pressure
 - b) burnout
 - c) chest pains
 - d) migraines
9. How fit did a boss say the pilot was to fly?
 - a) reasonably
 - b) 100% fit
 - c) fit enough
 - d) more than fit
10. What kind of silence did the article say there was in the cockpit?
 - a) absolute
 - b) relative
 - c) deafening
 - d) acceptable

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Money

You think money is the best thing about being a pilot. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): prestige, travel or flying airplanes.

Role B – Prestige

You think prestige is the best thing about being a pilot. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): money, travel or flying airplanes.

Role C – Travel

You think travel is the best thing about being a pilot. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): prestige, money or flying airplanes.

Role D – Flying airplanes

You think flying airplanes is the best thing about being a pilot. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): prestige, travel or money.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1503/150329-cockpit.html>

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

flight	deck
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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">• across• new• swift• course• ever• check	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• assess• media• several• 100• wrong• silence
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FLYING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about flying 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.

FLYING DISCUSSION

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

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'cockpit'?
- 3) How difficult do you think it is to fly a plane?
- 4) Should there always be two crew members in the cockpit?
- 5) What would it be like to be a pilot?
- 6) How safe do you think air travel is?
- 7) What extra safety features should airplanes have?
- 8) What are the best and worst things about flying?
- 9) What do you think about remote-control, pilotless planes?
- 10) What do you worry about when you fly?

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FLYING DISCUSSION

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

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) How often should pilots be screened?
- 13) Why do you think pilots can experience 'burnout'?
- 14) What do you think pilot training is like?
- 15) What should bosses do if staff have depression?
- 16) How can you help someone overcome a fear of flying?
- 17) What's the best airline in the world, and why?
- 18) How do you feel when you see news of an air crash?
- 19) What will flying be like in fifty years from now?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask a pilot?

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) there | (b) rules | (c) place | (d) aircraft |
| 2. | (a) present | (b) presence | (c) presented | (d) presents |
| 3. | (a) swift | (b) drift | (c) adrift | (d) shift |
| 4. | (a) set | (b) let | (c) get | (d) met |
| 5. | (a) never | (b) ever | (c) even | (d) evenly |
| 6. | (a) desk | (b) duck | (c) dock | (d) deck |
| 7. | (a) revamp | (b) revamped | (c) revamping | (d) revamps |
| 8. | (a) burn rate | (b) burn | (c) burn up | (d) burnout |
| 9. | (a) several | (b) few | (c) numeral | (d) vast |
| 10. | (a) emergent | (b) emerging | (c) emerged | (d) emerges |
| 11. | (a) realise | (b) sensed | (c) feeling | (d) awareness |
| 12. | (a) resolute | (b) convolute | (c) absolute | (d) flute |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. putting in place qrmetirneuse
2. new saeeursm
3. The swift reenosps from airlines
4. erbledyaielt crashed
5. on a ilsoloinc course
6. ymarotdna on all its flights

Paragraph 2

7. revamping their screening deepursorc
8. cinuseptoal in the media
9. suffering from sedsipnoer
10. News is also egrngmei
11. There was "etsoulba silence"
12. the co-pilot redtsee the plane

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

()	that the co-pilot of the Germanwings flight had deliberately crashed the plane. Reports are that he locked the pilot
()	regularly enter the flight deck during the flight to check on the pilots.
(1)	Airlines across the world have begun putting in place requirements for two crew members to always be
()	training seven years ago because he was suffering from depression and 'burnout'. His boss said the co-pilot had
()	out of the cockpit and set the aircraft on a collision course with a mountain. Britain's Monarch Airlines said having
()	present in the cockpit. The new measures come in the wake of the Germanwings crash in the French Alps
()	silence" in the cockpit as the co-pilot steered the plane into the mountain.
()	of pilots. There is speculation in the media that the Germanwings co-pilot was depressed. He had to stop his
()	taken several months off work and had to retrain to join the company, but insisted he was "100 per cent fit
()	Airlines are also considering revamping their screening procedures to assess the mental health
()	on Tuesday in which 150 people died. The swift response from airlines is because of the news
()	after he had gone to the toilet and realised he was locked out of the cockpit. There was "absolute
()	two pilots ever-present in the cockpit would now be mandatory on all its flights. Cabin crew will also
()	to fly". News is also emerging of the final moments of Flight 9525. The pilot sensed something was wrong

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. crew always two to present for members be Requirements .

2. because news response is the swift airlines of The from .

3. pilot the locked he that are Reports cockpit the of out .

4. cockpit present pilots mandatory would in ever- now the Two be .

5. deck crew regularly flight Cabin also the will enter .

6. assess health to mental pilots procedures the of Screening .

7. training ago had his years He stop seven to .

8. several months off work The co - pilot had taken .

9. of News the is final also moments emerging .

10. cockpit the in silence' 'absolute was There .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1503/150329-cockpit.html>

Airlines *across / crossing* the world have begun putting *in / on* place requirements for two crew members to always *be / are* present in the cockpit. The new measures come in the *awake / wake* of the Germanwings crash in the French Alps on Tuesday in which 150 people died. The *swift / swiftness* response from airlines is because of the news that the co-pilot of the Germanwings flight had *deliberate / deliberately* crashed the plane. Reports are that he locked the pilot out of the cockpit and set the aircraft on a *collision / collide* course with a mountain. Britain's Monarch Airlines said having two pilots *even- / ever-*present in the cockpit would now be mandatory on all its flights. Cabin crew will also *regulatory / regularly* enter the flight deck during the flight to check *on / in* the pilots.

Airlines are also *considering / considered* revamping their screening procedures to *assess / access* the mental health of pilots. There is *speculative / speculation* in the media that the Germanwings co-pilot was depressed. He had to stop his training seven years *ago / before* because he was suffering from *depression / depressing* and 'burnout'. His boss said the co-pilot had *taken / took* several months off work and had to retrain to join the company, but *insisted / insistence* he was "100 per cent fit to fly". News is also *emerged / emerging* of the final moments of Flight 9525. The pilot sensed something was *error / wrong* after he had gone to the toilet and realised he was locked out of the cockpit. There was "*absolute / absolutely* silence" in the cockpit as the co-pilot steered the plane into the mountain.

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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__rl_n_s __cr_ss th_ w_rld h_v_ b_g_n p_tt_ng _n pl_c_r_q__r_m_nts f_r tw_ cr_w m_mb_rs t_ _lw_ys b_pr_s_nt _n th_ c_ckp_t. Th_ n_w m__s_r_s c_m_ _n th_w_k_ _f th_ G_rm_nw_ngs cr_sh _n th_ Fr_nch _lps _n T__sd_y _n wh_ch 150 p__pl_d__d. Th_ sw_ft r_sp_ns_fr_m __rl_n_s __s_b_c__s __f th_ n_ws th_t th_ c_-p_l_t __f th_ G_rm_nw_ngs fl_gh_t h_d d_l_b_r_t_ly cr_sh_d th_ pl_n_. R_p_rts _r_ th_t h_ l_ck_d th_ p_l_t __t _f th_ c_ckp_t _nd s_t th_ __rcr_ft _n __c_ll_s__n c__rs_w_th __m__nt__n. Br_t__n's M_n_rch __rl_n_s s__d h_v_ng tw_ p_l_ts __v_r-pr_s_nt _n th_ c_ckp_t w__ld n_w b__m_nd_t_ry _n __ll __ts fl_gh_ts. C_b_n cr_w w_ll __ls_r_g_l_rly __nt_r th_ fl_gh_t d_ck d_r_ng th_ fl_gh_t t_ch_ck _n th_ p_l_ts.

__rl_n_s __r__ __ls__ c_ns_d_r_ng r_v_m_p_ng th__r scr__n_ng pr_c_d_r_s t_ __ss_ss th_ m_nt_l h__lth __f p_l_ts. Th_r__s sp_c_l_t__n _n th_ m_d__ th_t th_ G_rm_nw_ngs c_-p_l_t w_s d_pr_ss_d. H_ h_d t_ st_p h_s tr__n_ng s_v_n y__rs __g__ b_c__s__ h_ w_s s_ff_r_ng fr_m d_pr_ss__n __nd 'b_rn__t'. H_s b_ss s__d th_ c_-p_l_t h_d t_k_n s_v_r_l m_nths __ff_w_rk __nd h_d t_r_tr__n_t_j__n th_ c_m_p_ny, b_t __ns_st_d h_ w_s "100 p_r_c_nt f_t t_ fly". N_ws __s __ls__m_rg_ng __f th_ f_n_l m_m_nts __f Fl_gh_t 9525. Th_p_l_t_s ns_d s_m_th_ng w_s wr_ng __ft_r h_ h_d g_n_t th_ t__l_t __nd r__l_z_d h_ w_s l_ck_d __t __f th_c_ckp_t. Th_r__w_s "_bs_l_t_s_l_nc_" _n th_c_ckp_t __s th_c_-p_l_t st__r_d th_pl_n __nt th_m__nt__n.

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 airplane cockpits. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. COCKPIT: Make a poster about the different areas and controls of a cockpit. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. SAFE: Write a magazine article about airlines being the safest form of travel. Include imaginary interviews with people who believe this and with those who do not.

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 air safety expert. Ask him/her three questions about airplane safety. Give him/her three ideas on how to make flying safer. 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 F c T d F e T f F g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. across | a. all over |
| 2. measures | b. initiatives |
| 3. in the wake of | c. following |
| 4. collision | d. crash |
| 5. regularly | e. frequently |
| 6. considering | f. thinking about |
| 7. revamping | g. improving |
| 8. insisted | h. maintained |
| 9. sensed | i. felt |
| 10. absolute | j. total |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. The cockpit
2. Swift
3. The pilot
4. Monarch Airlines
5. The flight deck
6. Their mental health
7. Seven years ago
8. Burnout
9. 100% fit
10. Absolute silence

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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