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## Level 6

### Aung San Suu Kyi to be Myanmar foreign minister

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# THE ARTICLE

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Aung San Suu Kyi is to be Myanmar's new foreign minister in the first civilian government the country has had in decades. Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD) party won an absolute majority in the general election in November 2015 under her leadership. This happened after decades of military rule. However, Suu Kyi is ineligible to become Myanmar's president as she is blocked by the country's constitution, which bars people with foreign family links from the post - her two sons are British citizens. There are unconfirmed rumours that Ms Suu Kyi could also take on other roles and become the minister for education as well as the energy minister.

Suu Kyi was the sole woman named among 15 ministers. An NLD spokesman told reporters: "She will be the foreign minister, mainly. If she wants to share the duties she has in other ministries with qualified people, she can assign them." The foreign ministry role gives her international influence and a seat at Myanmar's influential military-dominated security council. Suu Kyi has made it very clear that she will rule above the president. She has tried without success in recent weeks to remove the constitutional barrier to her becoming president. Trevor Wilson, a former ambassador to Myanmar, said: "She wants to be at the heart of government. She wants to do it properly and formally and...legally."

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# WARM-UPS

**1. AUNG SAN SUU KYI:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Aung San Suu Kyi. 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?

*foreign minister / civilian / decades / majority / general election / constitution / energy / reporters / duties / qualified / influence / security council / success / ambassador*

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

**3. FOREIGN MINISTER:** What would you do as foreign minister of your country? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What?	Why?
Neighbours		
Terrorism		
The U.N.		
Refugees		
Overseas aid		
Nuclear countries		

**4. PRESIDENT:** Students A **strongly** believe Aung San Suu Kyi should be president; Students B **strongly** believe she shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. GOVERNMENT:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best departments to lead at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Foreign affairs
- President
- Finance
- Sports
- Health
- Transport
- National security
- Environment

**6. DEMOCRACY:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "democracy". 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/1603/160325-aung-san-suu-kyi.html>

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

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| a. Myanmar has its second civilian government in the past 10 years.      | T / F |
| b. Aung San Suu Kyi's party won an election last December.               | T / F |
| c. Aung San Suu Kyi can't become president because her sons are British. | T / F |
| d. Aung San Suu Kyi could take on four roles in government.              | T / F |
| e. Aung San Suu Kyi is the only female minister named.                   | T / F |
| f. An NLD spokesman said she should not share duties.                    | T / F |
| g. Aung San Suu Kyi said she would not rule above the president.         | T / F |
| h. A former ambassador said Suu Kyi wants to do things legally.          | T / F |

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

- |                |                     |
|----------------|---------------------|
| 1. country     | a. only             |
| 2. absolute    | b. control          |
| 3. rule        | c. correctly        |
| 4. ineligible  | d. prohibits        |
| 5. bars        | e. nation           |
| 6. sole        | f. responsibilities |
| 7. duties      | g. obstacle         |
| 8. influential | h. total            |
| 9. barrier     | i. important        |
| 10. properly   | j. ruled out        |

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

- |                                 |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. the first civilian           | a. rule               |
| 2. an absolute                  | b. barrier            |
| 3. decades of military          | c. for education      |
| 4. unconfirmed                  | d. among 15 ministers |
| 5. the minister                 | e. government         |
| 6. the sole woman named         | f. to Myanmar         |
| 7. security                     | g. rumours            |
| 8. constitutional               | h. council            |
| 9. a former ambassador          | i. and formally       |
| 10. She wants to do it properly | j. majority           |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1603/160325-aung-san-suu-kyi.html>

Aung San Suu Kyi is to be Myanmar's new foreign minister in the first (1) \_\_\_\_\_ government the country has had in decades. Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD) party won an (2) \_\_\_\_\_ majority in the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ election in November 2015 under her leadership. This happened after decades of military (4) \_\_\_\_\_. However, Suu Kyi is ineligible to become Myanmar's president as she is (5) \_\_\_\_\_ by the country's constitution, which bars people with foreign family (6) \_\_\_\_\_ from the post - her two sons are British (7) \_\_\_\_\_. There are unconfirmed rumours that Ms Suu Kyi could also take on other roles and become the minister for (8) \_\_\_\_\_ as well as the energy minister.

*absolute*  
*rule*  
*links*  
*general*  
*citizens*  
*civilian*  
*education*  
*blocked*

Suu Kyi was the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ woman named among 15 ministers. An NLD spokesman told reporters: "She will be the foreign minister, (10) \_\_\_\_\_. If she wants to share the (11) \_\_\_\_\_ she has in other ministries with qualified people, she can assign them." The foreign ministry role gives her international (12) \_\_\_\_\_ and a seat at Myanmar's influential military-dominated security (13) \_\_\_\_\_. Suu Kyi has made it very clear that she will rule above the president. She has tried without (14) \_\_\_\_\_ in recent weeks to remove the constitutional (15) \_\_\_\_\_ to her becoming president. Trevor Wilson, a former ambassador to Myanmar, said: "She wants to be at the heart of government. She wants to do it (16) \_\_\_\_\_ and formally and...legally."

*mainly*  
*success*  
*influence*  
*properly*  
*sole*  
*barrier*  
*duties*  
*council*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1603/160325-aung-san-suu-kyi.html>

- 1) the first civilian government the country has \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. have in decade
  - b. having decades
  - c. had in decades
  - d. had in decade
- 2) Suu Kyi is ineligible to become Myanmar's president \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. has she is blocked
  - b. was she is blocked
  - c. is she is blocked
  - d. as she is blocked
- 3) blocked by the country's constitution, which bars people with foreign family \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. links from the posts
  - b. links from the post
  - c. links from a post
  - d. link from the post
- 4) There are unconfirmed rumours that Ms Suu Kyi could also take \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. on another roles
  - b. another role
  - c. on other roles
  - d. on other role
- 5) become the minister for education as well as \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the energy minister
  - b. the energies minister
  - c. the energetic minister
  - d. the emergency minister
- 6) If she wants to share the duties she has in other ministries with qualified people, she \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. can a sign them
  - b. can assign them
  - c. can assign there
  - d. can a sign there
- 7) a seat at Myanmar's influential military-dominated \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. security councils
  - b. securities council
  - c. securities councils
  - d. security council
- 8) Suu Kyi has made it very clear that she will rule \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. above a president
  - b. above the president
  - c. above this president
  - d. above that president
- 9) She has tried without success in recent weeks to remove the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. constitutional barriers
  - b. constitutional barrier
  - c. constitution all barrier
  - d. constitution barrier
- 10) She wants to do it properly and formally \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and...legally
  - b. at...legally
  - c. end...legal
  - d. and...legal

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1603/160325-aung-san-suu-kyi.html>

1. In how long has there not been a civilian government in Myanmar?

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2. When did the NLD win a general election?

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3. What was there before the civilian government?

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4. What nationality are Aung San Suu Kyi's sons?

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5. What other role could Suu Kyi take on besides energy minister?

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6. How many women have been named in the Myanmar government?

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7. What does Aung San Suu Kyi's role give her a seat at?

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8. What did Suu Kyi unsuccessfully try to remove?

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9. Who is Trevor Wilson?

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10. Where did Trevor Wilson say Aung San Suu Kyi wanted to be?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1603/160325-aung-san-suu-kyi.html>

1. In how long has there not been a civilian government in Myanmar?
  - a) since 1782
  - b) decades
  - c) three years and two months
  - d) 24 years
2. When did the NLD win a general election?
  - a) January
  - b) last month
  - c) last week
  - d) November, 2015
3. What was there before the civilian government?
  - a) military rule
  - b) democracy
  - c) a monarchy
  - d) communism
4. What nationality are Aung San Suu Kyi's sons?
  - a) Burmese
  - b) American
  - c) British
  - d) Thai
5. What other role could Suu Kyi take on besides energy minister?
  - a) environment
  - b) education minister
  - c) president
  - d) equal opportunities
6. How many women have been named in the Myanmar government?
  - a) 1
  - b) 2
  - c) 3
  - d) 4
7. What does Aung San Suu Kyi's role give her a seat at?
  - a) the United Nations
  - b) a cinema
  - c) Myanmar's security council
  - d) the table
8. What did Suu Kyi unsuccessfully try to remove?
  - a) a constitutional barrier
  - b) a tooth
  - c) a general
  - d) a post
9. Who is Trevor Wilson?
  - a) a former ambassador
  - b) a journalist
  - c) Suu Kyi's biographer
  - d) a political prisoner
10. Where did Trevor Wilson say Aung San Suu Kyi wanted to be?
  - a) in her hometown
  - b) on a beach
  - c) Britain
  - d) at the heart of government

# ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1603/160325-aung-san-suu-kyi.html>

## **Role A – Foreign affairs**

You think foreign affairs is the best department to be leader of. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their departments aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): finance, sports or national security.

## **Role B – Finance**

You think finance is the best department to be leader of. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their departments aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): foreign affairs, sports or national security.

## **Role C – Sports**

You think sports is the best department to be leader of. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their departments aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): finance, foreign affairs or national security.

## **Role D – National security**

You think national security is the best department to be leader of. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their departments aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): finance, sports or foreign affairs.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1603/160325-aung-san-suu-kyi.html>

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

general	election

- 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>• new</li><li>• general</li><li>• decades</li><li>• bars</li><li>• sons</li><li>• well</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 15</li><li>• mainly</li><li>• assign</li><li>• clear</li><li>• barrier</li><li>• legally</li></ul>
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# AUNG SAN SUU KYI SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1603/160325-aung-san-suu-kyi.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Aung San Suu Kyi 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.

# AUNG SAN SUU KYI 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 'Myanmar'?
- 3) What do you know about Aung San Suu Kyi?
- 4) What kind of foreign minister will Aung San Suu Kyi be?
- 5) What do you know about democracy in Myanmar?
- 6) What is the foreign minister of your country like?
- 7) How difficult would life be under military rule?
- 8) Should Aung San Suu Kyi be allowed to be president?
- 9) Why should it matter that her two sons are British?
- 10) What will Myanmar be like in 20 years from now?

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# AUNG SAN SUU KYI DISCUSSION

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

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) How important is the position of foreign minister?
- 13) What do you know about Myanmar?
- 14) What will Aung San Suu Kyi do to change Myanmar?
- 15) Should the country be called Myanmar or Burma?
- 16) Do you think Aung San Suu Kyi will be able to take on four roles?
- 17) Why is Aung San Suu Kyi so popular?
- 18) Where does Aung San Suu Kyi rank among world leaders?
- 19) What advice do you have for Aung San Suu Kyi?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask Aung San Suu Kyi?

# 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

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1603/160325-aung-san-suu-kyi.html>

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

- |     |              |                  |                |               |
|-----|--------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) civil    | (b) civilian     | (c) civility   | (d) civilised |
| 2.  | (a) on       | (b) in           | (c) at         | (d) to        |
| 3.  | (a) absolves | (b) absolved     | (c) absolutely | (d) absolute  |
| 4.  | (a) by       | (b) of           | (c) at         | (d) on        |
| 5.  | (a) secret   | (b) talk         | (c) gossip     | (d) rumours   |
| 6.  | (a) give     | (b) leave        | (c) take       | (d) have      |
| 7.  | (a) mainly   | (b) manly        | (c) meanly     | (d) measly    |
| 8.  | (a) powerful | (b) copious      | (c) influence  | (d) emerging  |
| 9.  | (a) succeeds | (b) successfully | (c) succeed    | (d) success   |
| 10. | (a) barrier  | (b) gate         | (c) fence      | (d) ramp      |
| 11. | (a) former   | (b) old          | (c) farmer     | (d) aged      |
| 12. | (a) formally | (b) formed       | (c) forming    | (d) form      |

# SPELLING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1603/160325-aung-san-suu-kyi.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. the first ilaciniv government
2. an absolute ayjortm
3. in the general noleetic
4. after decades of irtlmyai rule
5. blocked by the country's tnnsoutticoi
6. There are foceuidmnrn rumours

## Paragraph 2

7. laquiiedf people
8. she can issgan them
9. international fnnleuiec
10. security onlcuic
11. a former sbaadsramo to Myanmar
12. do it properly and formally and...lelyagl



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1603/160325-aung-san-suu-kyi.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

( )	roles and become the minister for education as well as the energy minister.
( )	decades. Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD) party won an absolute majority in the general
( )	be the foreign minister, mainly. If she wants to share the duties she has in other ministries with qualified
( )	rule. However, Suu Kyi is ineligible to become Myanmar's president as she is blocked
( )	Suu Kyi was the sole woman named among 15 ministers. An NLD spokesman told reporters: "She will
( <b>1</b> )	Aung San Suu Kyi is to be Myanmar's new foreign minister in the first civilian government the country has had in
( )	people, she can assign them." The foreign ministry role gives her international influence and a seat
( )	at Myanmar's influential military-dominated security council. Suu Kyi has made it very clear that she will rule
( )	barrier to her becoming president. Trevor Wilson, a former ambassador to Myanmar, said: "She wants to be at the heart
( )	election in November 2015 under her leadership. This happened after decades of military
( )	above the president. She has tried without success in recent weeks to remove the constitutional
( )	of government. She wants to do it properly and formally and...legally."
( )	by the country's constitution, which bars people with foreign family links from the post - her two sons
( )	are British citizens. There are unconfirmed rumours that Ms Suu Kyi could also take on other

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1603/160325-aung-san-suu-kyi.html>

1. the country has had in decades The first civilian government .

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2. election in November Won an absolute majority in the general .

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3. of decades after happened This rule military .

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4. with links post people family the Bars foreign from .

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5. roles other on take also could Kyi Suu Ms that Rumours .

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6. sole woman named among 15 ministers Suu Kyi was the .

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7. has Share in the other duties ministries she .

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8. it made has Kyi Suu rule will she that clear very .

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9. her the becoming constitutional president barrier to Remove .

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10. to the government wants at of She be heart .

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1603/160325-aung-san-suu-kyi.html>

Aung San Suu Kyi is to be Myanmar's new *foreigner / foreign* minister in the first civilian government the country has had in *decade / decades*. Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD) party won an *absolutely / absolute* majority in the *general / generally* election in November 2015 under her leadership. This happened after decades of *militarily / military* rule. However, Suu Kyi is ineligible to *become / becoming* Myanmar's president as she is *block / blocked* by the country's constitution, which bars people with foreign family *linking / links* from the post - her two sons are British *citizens / citizenry*. There are unconfirmed rumours that Ms Suu Kyi could also take on other roles and become the minister for education as *well / good* as the energy minister.

Suu Kyi was the *soul / sole* woman named among 15 ministers. An NLD spokesman told reporters: "She will be the foreign minister, *manly / mainly*. If she wants to *share / shave* the duties she has in other ministries with *qualified / qualification* people, she can assign them." The foreign ministry role gives her international influence and a seat at Myanmar's *influence / influential* military-dominated *security / secure* council. Suu Kyi has made it very clear that she will *rule / ruler* above the president. She has tried without success in recent *weeks / week* to remove the constitutional barrier to her becoming president. Trevor Wilson, a *former / formerly* ambassador to Myanmar, said: "She wants to be at the heart of government. She wants to do it properly and formally and...*legality / legally*."

**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)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1603/160325-aung-san-suu-kyi.html>

\_\_ng S\_n S\_\_ Ky\_ \_s t\_ b\_ My\_nm\_r's n\_w f\_r\_\_gn  
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m\_n\_st\_r.

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b\_ th\_ f\_r\_\_gn m\_n\_st\_r, m\_\_nly. \_f sh\_ w\_nts t\_  
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q\_\_l\_f\_\_d p\_\_pl\_, sh\_ c\_n \_ss\_gn th\_m." Th\_ f\_r\_\_gn  
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s\_c\_r\_ty c\_\_nc\_l. S\_\_ Ky\_ h\_s m\_d\_ \_t v\_ry cl\_\_r th\_t  
sh\_ w\_ll r\_l\_ \_b\_v\_ th\_ pr\_s\_d\_nt. Sh\_ h\_s tr\_\_d  
w\_th\_\_t s\_cc\_ss \_n r\_c\_nt w\_\_ks t\_ r\_m\_v\_ th\_  
c\_nst\_t\_t\_\_n\_l b\_rr\_\_r t\_ h\_r b\_c\_m\_ng pr\_s\_d\_nt.  
Tr\_v\_r W\_ls\_n, \_f\_rm\_r \_mb\_ss\_d\_r t\_ My\_nm\_r, s\_\_d:  
"Sh\_ w\_nts t\_ b\_ \_t th\_ h\_\_rt \_f g\_v\_rnm\_nt. Sh\_ w\_nts  
t\_ d\_ \_t pr\_p\_rly \_nd f\_r\_m\_lly \_nd...l\_g\_lly."

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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aung san suu kyi is to be myanmar's new foreign minister in the first civilian government the country has had in decades suu kyi's national league for democracy (nld) party won an absolute majority in the general election in november 2015 under her leadership this happened after decades of military rule however suu kyi is ineligible to become myanmar's president as she is blocked by the country's constitution which bars people with foreign family links from the post - her two sons are british citizens there are unconfirmed rumours that ms suu kyi could also take on other roles and become the minister for education as well as the energy minister

suu kyi was the sole woman named among 15 ministers an nld spokesman told reporters "she will be the foreign minister mainly if she wants to share the duties she has in other ministries with qualified people she can assign them" the foreign ministry role gives her international influence and a seat at myanmar's influential military-dominated security council suu kyi has made it very clear that she will rule above the president she has tried without success in recent weeks to remove the constitutional barrier to her becoming president trevor wilson a former ambassador to myanmar said "she wants to be at the heart of government she wants to do it properly and formally and...legally"

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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angovernmentthecountryhashadindecades.SuuKyi'sNationalLeagu  
eforDemocracy(NLD)partywonanabsolutemajorityinthegeneralelec  
tioninNovember2015underherleadership.This happenedafterdecad  
esofmilitaryrule.However,SuuKyiisineligibletobecomeMyanmar'spr  
esidentassheisblockedbythecountry'sconstitution,whichbarspeople  
withforeignfamilylinksfromthepost-hertwosonsareBritishcitize  
ns.ThereareunconfirmedrumoursthatMsSuuKycouldalsotakeonoth  
errolesandbecometheministerforeducationaswellastheenergyminis  
ter.SuuKyiwasthesolewomannamedamong15ministers.AnNLDspok  
esmantoldreporters:"Shewillbetheforeignminister,mainly.Ifshewan  
tstosharethedutiesshehasinotheministrieswithqualifiedpeople,she  
canassignthem."Theforeignministryrolegivesherinternationalinflue  
nceandaseatatMyanmar'sinfluentialmilitary-dominatedsecurityco  
uncil.SuuKyihasmadeitveryclearthatshewillruleabovethepresident.  
Shehastriedwithoutsuccessinrecentweekstoremovetheconstitution  
albarriertoherbecomingpresident.TrevorWilson,formerambassado  
rtoMyanmar,said:"Shewantstobeattheheartofgovernment.Shewan  
tstodoitproperlyandformallyand...legally."

# FREE WRITING

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Write about **Aung San Suu Kyi** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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# ACADEMIC WRITING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1603/160325-aung-san-suuk-ki.html>

A foreign minister is more important than a finance minister. 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 Aung San Suu Kyi. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. AUNG SAN SUU KYI:** Make a poster about Aung San Suu Kyi. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. PRESIDENT:** Write a magazine article about whether Aung San Suu Kyi should be allowed to be president. 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 Aung San Suu Kyi. Ask him/her three questions about Aung San Suu Kyi. Give him/her three ideas on what Aung San Suu Kyi should do as foreign minister. 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 T    e T    f F    g F    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |                |                     |
|----------------|---------------------|
| 1. country     | a. nation           |
| 2. absolute    | b. total            |
| 3. rule        | c. control          |
| 4. ineligible  | d. ruled out        |
| 5. bars        | e. prohibits        |
| 6. sole        | f. only             |
| 7. duties      | g. responsibilities |
| 8. influential | h. important        |
| 9. barrier     | i. obstacle         |
| 10. properly   | j. correctly        |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Decades
2. November, 2015
3. Military rule
4. British
5. Minister for education
6. One
7. Myanmar's security council
8. A constitutional barrier
9. A former ambassador to Myanmar
10. At the heart of government

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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