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Abu Dhabi opens government 'Happiness Cafe'

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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170504-happiness.html>

The Abu Dhabi government has opened a special cafe for its employees that is dedicated to their happiness. The new 'Happiness Cafe' is located in the headquarters of the Ministry of Culture and Knowledge Development. Staff are being encouraged to take time out from their busy days to unwind and chill out so they can revitalize and rejuvenate themselves. The cafe is full of plush sofas and couches and has a specially designed decor to provide the perfect ambience for feeling happy and create an atmosphere of positivity. It even has its own garden and fountain to add a touch of nature to the surroundings. One worker enthused about the new cafe, saying it would help her to smile more at work.

The cafe was opened by Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak, Minister of Culture and Knowledge Development. He hoped it would create a positive environment in the workplace, allow employees to better release their productive energy, and improve the work environment in the ministry. The Happiness Cafe is part of a program initiated by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid, Vice President and Ruler of Dubai, called the National Program for Happiness and Positivity. He said happiness was, "a renewable and sustainable asset". Sheikh Nahyan said this program intended to establish, "the values of positivity and happiness as a way of life in the UAE". He hoped it would eventually put the UAE in the top five of the world's happiest countries.

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WARM-UPS

1. HAPPINESS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about happiness. 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?

government / cafe / employees / happiness / busy / unwind / chill out / nature / positive / workplace / environment / renewable / positivity / top five / countries

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

3. PRIORITY: Students A **strongly** believe people's happiness should be a country's top priority; Students B **strongly** believe other things are more important. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. HAPPINESS PLACES: How can these places help to make people happier? Would these places initiate your ideas? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

Places	Happiness Ideas	Initiate Ideas?
Train station		
Hospital		
School		
Airplane		
Shopping mall		
The Internet		

5. CAFE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "cafe". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. UNWIND: Rank these with your partner. Put the best things to do to unwind at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- sleep
- read
- listen to music
- exercise
- play games
- take a bath
- go for a walk
- chat with a friend

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170504-happiness.html>

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

- a. The Abu Dhabi government opened a happiness cafe for all workers. **T / F**
- b. The Abu Dhabi 'Happiness Cafe' can be found in a top shopping mall. **T / F**
- c. The cafe has its own garden and fountain. **T / F**
- d. A worker said the cafe didn't really make her happier. **T / F**
- e. The UAE's President opened the cafe. **T / F**
- f. The Ruler of Dubai started a program based on national happiness. **T / F**
- g. The Ruler of Dubai said happiness was a renewable asset. **T / F**
- h. The UAE is currently outside the world's top five happiest countries. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------|
| 1. dedicated | a. free |
| 2. headquarters | b. relax |
| 3. chill out | c. meant |
| 4. ambience | d. raved |
| 5. enthused | e. customized |
| 6. create | f. HQ |
| 7. release | g. benefit |
| 8. asset | h. generate |
| 9. intended | i. in time |
| 10. eventually | j. atmosphere |

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

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------|
| 1. opened a special cafe | a. the perfect ambience |
| 2. dedicated to | b. about the new cafe |
| 3. take time out | c. energy |
| 4. a specially designed decor to provide | d. a way of life |
| 5. One worker enthused | e. their happiness |
| 6. release their productive | f. world's happiest countries |
| 7. improve the work | g. from their busy days |
| 8. happiness was a renewable | h. environment |
| 9. the values of positivity and happiness as | i. for its employees |
| 10. in the top five of the | j. and sustainable asset |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170504-happiness.html>

The Abu Dhabi government has opened a special cafe for its employees that is (1) _____ to their happiness. The new 'Happiness Cafe' is (2) _____ in the headquarters of the Ministry of Culture and Knowledge Development. Staff are being encouraged to take time out from their busy days to (3) _____ and chill out so they can revitalize and rejuvenate themselves. The cafe is full of (4) _____ sofas and couches and has a specially designed decor to provide the perfect (5) _____ for feeling happy and create an atmosphere of (6) _____. It even has its own garden and fountain to add a (7) _____ of nature to the surroundings. One worker (8) _____ about the new cafe, saying it would help her to smile more at work.

positivity
dedicated
unwind
enthused
located
touch
ambience
plush

The cafe was opened by Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak, Minister of Culture and Knowledge Development. He hoped it would create a (9) _____ environment in the workplace, allow employees to better (10) _____ their productive energy, and improve the work environment in the ministry. The Happiness Cafe is (11) _____ of a program (12) _____ by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid, Vice President and Ruler of Dubai, called the National Program for Happiness and Positivity. He said happiness was, "a renewable and sustainable (13) _____". Sheikh Nahyan said this program intended to establish, "the (14) _____ of positivity and happiness as a (15) _____ of life in the UAE". He hoped it would (16) _____ put the UAE in the top five of the world's happiest countries.

initiated
values
positive
eventually
part
release
way
asset

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) opened a special cafe for its employees that is _____ happiness
 - a. dedicated to them
 - b. desiccated to their
 - c. dedicated at their
 - d. desiccated at them
- 2) Staff are being encouraged to take time out from their busy days to unwind _____
 - a. and chilly out
 - b. and chili out
 - c. and chiller out
 - d. and chill out
- 3) sofas and couches and has a specially designed decor to provide the _____
 - a. perfectly ambience
 - b. perfect ambience
 - c. perfected ambience
 - d. perfection ambience
- 4) has its own garden and fountain to add a touch of nature _____
 - a. to the surrounds in
 - b. to the surrounding
 - c. to the surrounded
 - d. to the surroundings
- 5) One worker enthused about the new cafe, saying it would _____ more
 - a. helped her to smile
 - b. help her to smile
 - c. helpd her to smile
 - d. helping her to smile
- 6) He hoped it would create a positive environment _____
 - a. in the workplace
 - b. in the working place
 - c. in the work in place
 - d. in the place work
- 7) better release their productive energy, and improve the work environment _____
 - a. in a ministry
 - b. in the ministry
 - c. in that ministry
 - d. in there ministry
- 8) He said happiness was a renewable and _____
 - a. sustainable basset
 - b. sustainable assets
 - c. sustainable assert
 - d. sustainable asset
- 9) this program intended to establish the values of positivity and happiness _____
 - a. as a weight of life
 - b. as a weight of life
 - c. as a way of life
 - d. as a whey of life
- 10) He hoped it would eventually put the UAE _____
 - a. in the topped five
 - b. in the topping five
 - c. in the topper five
 - d. in the top five

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The Abu Dhabi government has (1) _____ cafe for its employees (2) _____ their happiness. The new 'Happiness Cafe' is located in the headquarters of the Ministry of Culture and Knowledge Development. Staff are being encouraged to (3) _____ their busy days to unwind and chill out so they can revitalize and rejuvenate themselves. The cafe (4) _____ sofas and couches and has a specially designed decor to provide the perfect ambience for feeling happy and (5) _____ of positivity. It even has its own garden and fountain to add a touch of nature to the surroundings. One worker enthused about the new cafe, saying it would help her (6) _____ work.

The cafe (7) _____ Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak, Minister of Culture and Knowledge Development. He (8) _____ create a positive environment in the workplace, allow employees to better release their productive energy, (9) _____ work environment in the ministry. The Happiness Cafe (10) _____ program initiated by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid, Vice President and Ruler of Dubai, called the National Program for Happiness and Positivity. He said happiness (11) _____ and sustainable asset". Sheikh Nahyan said this program intended to establish, "the values of positivity and happiness as a way of life in the UAE". He hoped (12) _____ put the UAE in the top five of the world's happiest countries.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170504-happiness.html>

1. Who can go to the 'Happiness Cafe'?
2. Where is the cafe located?
3. What kind of couches is the cafe full of?
4. Besides a garden, what adds a touch of nature to the cafe?
5. What did a worker say she could do more of at work?
6. What did Sheikh Nahyan hope the cafe would create in the workplace?
7. What did Sheikh Nahyan hope would be released among employees?
8. Who started the National Program for Happiness and Positivity?
9. What values did Sheikh Nahyan say were a way of life in the UAE?
10. Where does the UAE want to be among the world's happiest countries?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170504-happiness.html>

- 1) Who can go to the 'Happiness Cafe'?
 - a) people from Dubai
 - b) anyone
 - c) Abu Dhabi government employees
 - d) UAE citizens
- 2) Where is the cafe located?
 - a) the Ministry of Culture and Knowledge Development
 - b) the Ministry of Happiness
 - c) a premium shopping mall
 - d) the parliament building
- 3) What kind of couches is the cafe full of?
 - a) plush ones
 - b) blue ones
 - c) antique ones
 - d) leather ones
- 4) Besides a garden, what adds a touch of nature to the cafe?
 - a) a mountain
 - b) a fountain
 - c) birdsong
 - d) paintings
- 5) What did a worker say she could do more of at work?
 - a) meeting deadlines
 - b) sleep
 - c) overtime
 - d) smile
- 6) What did Sheikh Nahyan hope the cafe would create in the workplace?
 - a) harmony
 - b) a positive environment
 - c) shorter working hours
 - d) the smell of coffee
- 7) What did Sheikh Nahyan hope would be released among employees?
 - a) productive energy
 - b) doves
 - c) stress
 - d) fear
- 8) Who started the National Program for Happiness and Positivity?
 - a) the ruler of Abu Dhabi
 - b) a school child
 - c) the ruler of Dubai
 - d) a company CEO
- 9) What values did Sheikh Nahyan say were a way of life in the UAE?
 - a) self-expression and self-confidence
 - b) 100 and 1,000
 - c) patriotism and identity
 - d) positivity and happiness
- 10) Where does the UAE want to be among the world's happiest countries?
 - a) top 5
 - b) number one
 - c) top ten
 - d) better than now

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Sleeping

You think sleeping is the best way to unwind. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ways aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst way of these (and why): exercising, playing games or chatting with friends.

Role B – Exercising

You think exercising is the best way to unwind. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ways aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst way of these (and why): sleeping, playing games or chatting with friends.

Role C – Playing Games

You think playing games is the best way to unwind. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ways aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst way of these (and why): exercising, sleeping or chatting with friends.

Role D – Chatting With Friends

You think chatting with friends is the best way to unwind. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ways aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst way of these (and why): exercising, playing games or sleeping.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170504-happiness.html>

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

happiness	cafe

- 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">• special• located• busy• decor• add• smile	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• hoped• part• ruler• asset• way• five
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HAPPINESS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about happiness 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.

HAPPINESS 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 'happiness'?
3. What might be in a happiness cafe to make you happy?
4. Should there be happiness cafes everywhere?
5. How good are the cafes in your town at making you happy?
6. What should employers do to make their employees happy?
7. How might a happier workforce affect a company or organization?
8. What do you do to unwind or chill out?
9. What is the perfect ambience for happiness?
10. What makes you happy?

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HAPPINESS DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'cafe'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you do to release your productive energy?
15. How important is happiness?
16. Some countries measure happiness. What benefits does this have?
17. Should our top focus in life be on happiness?
18. Can money always make you happy?
19. How happy is your country?
20. What questions would you like to ask visitors to the cafe?

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) special | (b) especial | (c) specially | (d) especially |
| 2. | (a) of | (b) at | (c) to | (d) on |
| 3. | (a) winding | (b) windy | (c) rewind | (d) unwind |
| 4. | (a) flush | (b) plush | (c) crush | (d) rushed |
| 5. | (a) ambrosia | (b) ambivalence | (c) ambulance | (d) ambience |
| 6. | (a) pat | (b) hold | (c) touch | (d) grip |
| 7. | (a) opener | (b) opened | (c) opening | (d) open |
| 8. | (a) better | (b) good | (c) well | (d) goodly |
| 9. | (a) initiated | (b) instituted | (c) imbued | (d) instilled |
| 10. | (a) cosset | (b) assert | (c) asset | (d) gusset |
| 11. | (a) has | (b) was | (c) ease | (d) as |
| 12. | (a) topping | (b) top | (c) topped | (d) tops |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. revitalize and nruvatejee themselves
2. provide the perfect eiabmecn
3. create an themopsaer of positivity
4. It even has its own garden and nutnaofi
5. add a touch of nature to the rduisusnnorg
6. One worker neshtude about the new cafe

Paragraph 2

7. create a ioievpst environment
8. release their doruetcipv energy
9. naeiitidt by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid
10. a renewable and Inussateiab asset
11. intended to absstlehi the values
12. utealeynlv put the UAE in the top five

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170504-happiness.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () The cafe was opened by Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak, Minister of Culture and Knowledge Development. He hoped it would
- () Knowledge Development. Staff are being encouraged to take time out from their busy days to unwind and chill
- () own garden and fountain to add a touch of nature to the surroundings. One worker enthused
- () out so they can revitalize and rejuvenate themselves. The cafe is full of plush sofas and couches and has a specially
- () Happiness and Positivity. He said happiness was, "a renewable and sustainable
- (**1**) The Abu Dhabi government has opened a special cafe for its employees that is dedicated to their
- () happiness. The new 'Happiness Cafe' is located in the headquarters of the Ministry of Culture and
- () of life in the UAE". He hoped it would eventually put the UAE in the top five of the world's happiest countries.
- () about the new cafe, saying it would help her to smile more at work.
- () designed decor to provide the perfect ambience for feeling happy and create an atmosphere of positivity. It even has its
- () asset". Sheikh Nahyan said this program intended to establish, "the values of positivity and happiness as a way
- () by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid, Vice President and Ruler of Dubai, called the National Program for
- () energy, and improve the work environment in the ministry. The Happiness Cafe is part of a program initiated
- () create a positive environment in the workplace, allow employees to better release their productive

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170504-happiness.html>

1. Dhabi special government cafe has The opened Abu a .
2. are Staff days busy their from out time take to encouraged being .
3. A provide specially the designed perfect decor ambience to .
4. To nature add to a the touch surroundings of .
5. One help would it saying , cafe new the about enthused worker .
6. environment would in create the a workplace positive It .
7. better to employees Allow energy productive their release .
8. sustainable was asset a He renewable said and happiness .
9. way of life in the UAE Positivity and happiness as a .
10. world's the of five top the in UAE the Put countries happiest .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170504-happiness.html>

The Abu Dhabi government has opened a *specially* / *special* cafe for its employees that is *dedicated* / *dedication* to their happiness. The new 'Happiness Cafe' is *location* / *located* in the headquarters of the Ministry of Culture and Knowledge Development. Staff are *being* / *been* encouraged to take time out from their busy days to *unwind* / *rewind* and chill out so they can revitalize and *regulate* / *rejuvenate* themselves. The cafe is full of plush sofas and couches and has a *specially* / *especially* designed decor to provide the perfect *ambulance* / *ambience* for feeling happy and create an atmosphere of *positivity* / *positive*. It even has its own garden and fountain to add a touch of nature to the surroundings. One worker enthused about the new cafe, saying it would help her to *smile* / *smiley* more at work.

The cafe was *opened* / *opening* by Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak, Minister of Culture and Knowledge Development. He hoped it would *creative* / *create* a positive environment in the workplace, *follow* / *allow* employees to better release their productive energy, and *improve* / *improvement* the work environment in the *ministry* / *ministers*. The Happiness Cafe is *part* / *party* of a program initiated *by* / *of* Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid, Vice President and Ruler of Dubai, called the National Program for Happiness and Positivity. He said happiness was, "a *knowing* / *renewable* and sustainable asset". Sheikh Nahyan said this program intended *to* / *for* establish, "the values of positivity and happiness as a way of life in the UAE". He hoped it would *eventually* / *eventual* put the UAE in the top five of the world's happiest countries.

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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Th_ _b_ Dh_b_ g_v_rnm_nt h_s _p_n_d _ sp_c__l c_f_ f_r _ts _mpl_y__s th_t _s d_d_c_t_d t_ th_r h_pp_n_ss. Th_ n_w 'H_pp_n_ss C_f_' _s l_c_t_d _n th_ h__dq__rt_rs _f th_ M_n_stry _f C_ltr_ _nd Kn_wl_dg_ D_v_l_pm_nt. St_ff _r_ b__ng _nc__r_g_d t_ t_k_t_m_ _t fr_m th__r b_sy d_ys t_ _nw_nd _nd ch_ll __t s_ th_y c_n r_v_t_l_z_ _nd r_j_v_n_t_ th_ms_lv_s. Th_ c_f_ _s f_ll _f pl_sh s_f_s _nd c__ch_s _nd h_s _ sp_c__lly d_s_gn_d d_c_r_t_ pr_v_d_ th_ p_rf_ct _mb__nc_ f_r f__l_ng h_ppy _nd cr__t_ _n _tm_sph_r_ _f p_s_t_v_ty. _t v_n h_s _ts _wn_g_r_d_n _nd f__nt__n t_ _dd_ _t__ch_ _f n_t_r_ t_ th_ s_rr__nd_ngs. _n_w_rk_r _nth_s_d _b_t th_ n_w c_f_, s_y_ng _t w__ld h_lp h_r_t sm_l_m_r_ _t w_rk.

Th_ c_f_ w_s _p_n_d by Sh__kh N_hy_n b_n M_b_r_k, M_n_st_r _f C_ltr_ _nd Kn_wl_dg_ D_v_l_pm_nt. H_ h_p_d _t w__ld cr__t_ _p_s_t_v_ _nv_r_nm_nt _n th_ w_rkpl_c_, _ll_w _mpl_y__s t_ b_tt_r r_l__s_ th__r pr_d_ct_v_ _n_rgy, _nd _mpr_v_ th_ w_rk _nv_r_nm_nt _n th_ m_n_stry. Th_ H_pp_n_ss C_f_ _s p_rt _f _pr_gr_m _n_t__t_d by Sh__kh M_h_mm_d b_n R_sh_d, V_c_ Pr_s_d_nt _nd R_l_r _f D_b__, c_ll_d th_ N_t__n_l Pr_gr_m f_r H_pp_n_ss _nd P_s_t_v_ty. H_ s__d h_pp_n_ss w_s, " _r_n_w_b_l_ _nd s_st__n_b_l_ _ss_t". Sh__kh N_hy_n s__d th_s pr_gr_m _nt_nd_d t_ _st_b_l_sh, "th_ v_l__s _f p_s_t_v_ty _nd h_pp_n_ss _s _w_y _f l_f_ _n th_ ____". H_ h_p_d _t w__ld _v_nt__lly p_t th_ ____ _n th_ t_p f_v_ _f th_ w_rld's h_pp__st c__ntr__s.

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 this news. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

4. HAPPINESS CAFE: Write a magazine article about opening happiness cafes everywhere. 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 happiness. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how governments can make people happier. 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 F f T g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. dedicated | a. customized |
| 2. headquarters | b. HQ |
| 3. chill out | c. relax |
| 4. ambience | d. atmosphere |
| 5. enthused | e. raved |
| 6. create | f. generate |
| 7. release | g. free |
| 8. asset | h. benefit |
| 9. intended | i. meant |
| 10. eventually | j. in time |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Abu Dhabi government employees
2. The Ministry of Culture and Knowledge Development
3. Plush ones
4. A fountain
5. Smile
6. A positive environment
7. Productive energy
8. The ruler of Dubai
9. Positivity and happiness
10. In the top five

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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