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Level 3

London police given 1,000 acid attack kits

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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170727-acid-attacks.html>

Police officers in London have been given 1,000 special kits to deal with acid attacks. This is because the number of crimes using acid on London's streets has been increasing. Two weeks ago, criminals sprayed acid in the faces of people to rob them of their motorbikes. There were five different acid attacks on just one night. The number of crimes involving acid or other dangerous substances has more than doubled in London over the past three years. A leading plastic surgeon today said the number of patients he treats for acid attacks has reached "epidemic" levels in London. Professor Peter Dziewulski said there had been an "explosion" of cases involving acid since the start of last year.

Rapid response police cars will now carry the 1,000 acid attack response kits. The kits include protective clothing and five-litre bottles of water. This allows police officers to give immediate treatment to victims sprayed with acid. Experts have said the rise in acid attacks could be because of a crackdown on knives and guns. Street gangs are now using acid instead because it is easy to buy and easy to hide in soda bottles. Police spokesman Mike West spoke about acid attacks. He said: "These are life-changing injuries." He added: "I am confident that we are stepping up our response to this crime and we are looking for a safer way to identify some of the substances on the streets."

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<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/police-given-kits-to-tackle-acid-attacks-0wtrjmh5>

WARM-UPS

1. ACID ATTACKS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about acid attacks. 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?

police / London / crimes / acid / dangerous / plastic surgeon / epidemic / explosion / response / protective clothing / treatment / knives / guns / injuries / confident

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

3. LIFE: Students A **strongly** believe people who attack others with acid should get life in prison; Students B **strongly** believe this is too much. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. SAFER: How can we keep city streets safer? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Advantages	Disadvantages
More police		
Security cameras		
Stricter punishments		
Neighborhood watch		
Personal alarms		
Better street lighting		

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

6. DANGEROUS PLACES: Rank these with your partner. Put the most dangerous places at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- city centers
- parking lots
- shopping malls
- bars
- suburban streets
- the countryside
- apartment buildings
- parks

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170727-acid-attacks.html>

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

- a. The number of acid attacks on London's streets has been decreasing. **T / F**
- b. Two weeks ago, there were five acid attacks in one night. **T / F**
- c. A plastic surgeon said he hadn't treated any acid attack victims. **T / F**
- d. The article said gangs are using acid to create explosions. **T / F**
- e. The acid attack kits contain clothes that can protect people. **T / F**
- f. The article says the rise in acid attacks is because gangs don't like knives. **T / F**
- g. Street gangs are hiding acid in soda bottles. **T / F**
- h. A police spokesman was confident the police would make the streets safer. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. deal with | a. hazardous |
| 2. increasing | b. conceal |
| 3. dangerous | c. widespread |
| 4. leading | d. sure |
| 5. epidemic | e. top |
| 6. protective | f. handle |
| 7. allows | g. recognize |
| 8. hide | h. safety |
| 9. confident | i. rising |
| 10. identify | j. lets |

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

- | | |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1. the number | a. substances |
| 2. acid or other dangerous | b. involving acid |
| 3. A leading plastic | c. response to this crime |
| 4. reached "epidemic" | d. clothing |
| 5. there had been an "explosion" of cases | e. surgeon |
| 6. protective | f. treatment to victims |
| 7. give immediate | g. injuries |
| 8. a crackdown | h. levels in London |
| 9. life-changing | i. of crimes using acid |
| 10. we are stepping up our | j. on knives and guns |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170727-acid-attacks.html>

Police officers in London have been (1) _____ 1,000 special kits to deal with acid attacks. This is because the (2) _____ of crimes using acid on London's streets has been increasing. Two weeks ago, criminals sprayed acid in the faces of people to (3) _____ them of their motorbikes. There were five different acid attacks on just one night. The number of crimes (4) _____ acid or other dangerous substances has more than doubled in London over the (5) _____ three years. A leading plastic surgeon today said the number of patients he (6) _____ for acid attacks has reached "epidemic" (7) _____ in London. Professor Peter Dziewulski said there had been an "explosion" of cases involving acid (8) _____ the start of last year.

rob
treats
given
since
past
number
levels
involving

Rapid response police cars will now (9) _____ the 1,000 acid attack response kits. The kits (10) _____ protective clothing and five-litre bottles of water. This allows police officers to give immediate (11) _____ to victims sprayed with acid. Experts have said the rise in acid attacks could be because of a (12) _____ on knives and guns. Street gangs are now using acid instead because it is easy to buy and easy to (13) _____ in soda bottles. Police spokesman Mike West spoke about acid attacks. He said: "These are life-changing (14) _____." He added: "I am confident that we are (15) _____ up our response to this crime and we are looking for a safer way to (16) _____ some of the substances on the streets."

include
injuries
crackdown
identify
carry
stepping
treatment
hide

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170727-acid-attacks.html>

- 1) This is because the number of crimes using acid on London's streets _____
 - a. has been increasing
 - b. have been increasing
 - c. had been increasing
 - d. had being increasing
- 2) Two weeks ago, criminals sprayed acid in the faces of people _____
 - a. to rob them
 - b. to lob them
 - c. to sob them
 - d. to bob them
- 3) crimes involving acid or other dangerous substances has _____
 - a. more than double
 - b. more than doubling
 - c. more than doubled
 - d. more than doublet
- 4) the number of patients he treats for acid attacks has _____ levels
 - a. reached "epidermis"
 - b. reached "epic medic"
 - c. reached "epee demark"
 - d. reached "epidemic"
- 5) there had been an "explosion" of cases involving acid since _____ last year
 - a. the start off
 - b. the started of
 - c. the start of
 - d. the starts of
- 6) This allows police officers to give immediate _____
 - a. treatment two victims
 - b. treatment to victims
 - c. treatment too victims
 - d. treatment thru victims
- 7) the rise in acid attacks could be because of a crackdown on _____
 - a. knives on guns
 - b. knives in guns
 - c. knives sand guns
 - d. knives and guns
- 8) Street gangs are now using acid instead because it is easy to buy _____
 - a. uneasy to hide
 - b. and easy to hidden
 - c. and easily to hide
 - d. and easy to hide
- 9) I am confident that we are stepping up our response _____
 - a. to this crimes
 - b. to this grime
 - c. to these crime
 - d. to this crime
- 10) we are looking for a safer way to identify some _____
 - a. of then substances
 - b. of the substances
 - c. of them substances
 - d. of these substances

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170727-acid-attacks.html>

Police officers in London have been given 1,000 special (1) _____ acid attacks. This is because the number of crimes using acid on London's streets (2) _____. Two weeks ago, criminals sprayed acid (3) _____ people to rob them of their motorbikes. There were five different acid attacks on just one night. The number of crimes involving (4) _____ dangerous substances has more than doubled in London over the past three years. A leading plastic surgeon today said (5) _____ patients he treats for acid attacks has reached "epidemic" levels in London. Professor Peter Dziewulski said there had (6) _____ of cases involving acid since the start of last year.

Rapid response police cars (7) _____ the 1,000 acid attack response kits. The kits include protective clothing and five-litre bottles of water. (8) _____ officers to give immediate treatment to victims sprayed with acid. Experts have said (9) _____ acid attacks could be because of a crackdown on knives and guns. Street gangs are now using acid instead because (10) _____ to buy and easy (11) _____ soda bottles. Police spokesman Mike West spoke about acid attacks. He said: "These are life-changing injuries." He added: "I am confident that we are (12) _____ response to this crime and we are looking for a safer way to identify some of the substances on the streets."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170727-acid-attacks.html>

1. What has been happening to the number of crimes in London using acid?
2. When did criminals spray acid in people's faces?
3. How many acid attacks did the article say happened on one night?
4. What is the job of the guy who said attacks had reached "epidemic" levels?
5. When did the "explosion" of acid attacks start?
6. What kind of clothing do the kits contain?
7. What kind of treatment do the kits allow police officers to provide?
8. Where do the street gangs hide their acid?
9. What kind of injuries did a police spokesman say acid attacks caused?
10. What is the police stepping up?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170727-acid-attacks.html>

- 1) What has been happening to the number of acid crimes in London?
 - a) they've been going up and down
 - b) they've been decreasing
 - c) they've been increasing
 - d) they've stayed the same
- 2) When did criminals spray acid in people's faces?
 - a) two weeks ago
 - b) last night
 - c) last year
 - d) two years ago
- 3) How many acid attacks did the article say happened on one night?
 - a) 8
 - b) 7
 - c) 6
 - d) 5
- 4) What is the job of the guy who said attacks had reached "epidemic" levels?
 - a) a journalist
 - b) a plastic surgeon
 - c) a policeman
 - d) an acid seller
- 5) When did the "explosion" of acid attacks start?
 - a) last month
 - b) 2012
 - c) the start of last year
 - d) two weeks ago
- 6) What kind of clothing do the kits contain?
 - a) silk clothing
 - b) protective clothing
 - c) dark clothing
 - d) fashion items
- 7) What kind of treatment do the kits allow police officers to provide?
 - a) top quality treatment
 - b) fair treatment
 - c) nice treatment
 - d) immediate treatment
- 8) Where do the street gangs hide their acid?
 - a) in gardens
 - b) in soda bottles
 - c) in garages
 - d) in vacuum flasks
- 9) What kind of injuries did a police spokesman say acid attacks caused?
 - a) life-changing injuries
 - b) moderate injuries
 - c) facial injuries
 - d) big injuries
- 10) What is the police stepping up?
 - a) upstairs
 - b) steps
 - c) ladders
 - d) its response

ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170727-acid-attacks.html>

Role A – Parks

You think parks are the most dangerous places in or around a city. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their places are safe. Also, tell the others which is the safest of these (and why): city centers, shopping malls or the countryside.

Role B – City Centers

You think city centers are the most dangerous places in or around a city. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their places are safe. Also, tell the others which is the safest of these (and why): parks, shopping malls or the countryside.

Role C – Shopping Malls

You think shopping malls are the most dangerous places in or around a city. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their places are safe. Also, tell the others which is the safest of these (and why): city centers, parks or the countryside.

Role D – The Countryside

You think the countryside is the most dangerous place in or around a city. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their places are safe. Also, tell the others which is the safest of these (and why): city centers, shopping malls or parks.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170727-acid-attacks.html>

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

acid	attack
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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">• deal• ago• just• over• today• since	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• cars• clothing• give• guns• hide• some
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ACID ATTACKS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about acid attacks 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.

ACID ATTACKS DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'acid'?
3. How much crime is there in your town?
4. What punishment should people get for acid attacks?
5. Why might crimes be increasing?
6. How safe are the streets in your country?
7. Are there any areas in your town you would never walk at night?
8. Should the government ban acid?
9. How can the government reduce these crimes?
10. What do you think about London?

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ACID ATTACKS 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 'attack'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How much good do you think the kits will do?
15. Why are so many young people turning to crime?
16. Are cities more dangerous today than in the past?
17. What do you think of gangs?
18. What has brought the rise of gang culture?
19. What advice do you have for the police?
20. What questions would you like to ask the police officers?

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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Rapid response police cars will now carry the 1,000 acid attack response kits. The kits (7) _____ protective clothing and five-litre bottles of water. This allows police officers to (8) _____ immediate treatment to victims sprayed with acid. Experts have said the rise (9) _____ acid attacks could be because of a crackdown on knives and guns. Street gangs are now using acid (10) _____ because it is easy to buy and easy to hide in soda bottles. Police spokesman Mike West spoke about acid attacks. He said: "These are life-changing (11) _____." He added: "I am confident that we are stepping up our response to this crime and we are (12) _____ for a safer way to identify some of the substances on the streets."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) dealt | (b) dealing | (c) ideal | (d) deal |
| 2. | (a) at | (b) by | (c) to | (d) of |
| 3. | (a) lob | (b) rob | (c) sob | (d) mob |
| 4. | (a) involvement | (b) involves | (c) involving | (d) involve |
| 5. | (a) for | (b) from | (c) of | (d) by |
| 6. | (a) cases | (b) bags | (c) boxes | (d) containers |
| 7. | (a) inclusion | (b) include | (c) inclusive | (d) include |
| 8. | (a) give | (b) take | (c) be | (d) mean |
| 9. | (a) on | (b) in | (c) to | (d) by |
| 10. | (a) rather | (b) prefer | (c) instead | (d) as |
| 11. | (a) injured | (b) injuring | (c) injuries | (d) injurious |
| 12. | (a) looks | (b) looking | (c) looked | (d) look |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. pesialc kits to deal with acid attacks
2. the number of ecsimr using acid
3. apresdy acid in the faces
4. other naurgeods substances
5. A leading plastic oesgrun
6. an seixlpono of cases

Paragraph 2

7. The kits include itcvpeetor clothing
8. give ammtiidee treatment
9. a aodcrkcwn on knives and guns
10. These are life-changing isjrnuei
11. I am nitfodecn
12. ndeytifi some of the substances

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170727-acid-attacks.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () of patients he treats for acid attacks has reached "epidemic" levels in London. Professor Peter Dziewulski said there had
- () doubled in London over the past three years. A leading plastic surgeon today said the number
- () and guns. Street gangs are now using acid instead because it is easy to buy and easy to hide in soda
- (**1**) Police officers in London have been given 1,000 special kits to deal with acid attacks. This is
- () clothing and five-litre bottles of water. This allows police officers to give immediate treatment to victims sprayed
- () Rapid response police cars will now carry the 1,000 acid attack response kits. The kits include protective
- () bottles. Police spokesman Mike West spoke about acid attacks. He said: "These are life-
- () because the number of crimes using acid on London's streets has been increasing. Two weeks ago, criminals sprayed
- () changing injuries." He added: "I am confident that we are stepping up our response to this
- () crime and we are looking for a safer way to identify some of the substances on the streets."
- () been an "explosion" of cases involving acid since the start of last year.
- () with acid. Experts have said the rise in acid attacks could be because of a crackdown on knives
- () night. The number of crimes involving acid or other dangerous substances has more than
- () acid in the faces of people to rob them of their motorbikes. There were five different acid attacks on just one

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170727-acid-attacks.html>

1. 1,000 have special Officers given London been kits in .
2. crimes streets using The acid number on of London's .
3. them people in to the Criminals faces sprayed of acid rob .
4. past More in the years doubled over three than London .
5. of acid patients attacks he The treats number for .
6. police allows This treatment immediate give to officers .
7. rise in acid attacks could be because of a crackdown The .
8. acid Street because gangs it are is now easy instead using .
9. our response crime up stepping are We this to
10. Identify streets the on substances the of some .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170727-acid-attacks.html>

Police officers in London have *been / being* given 1,000 special kits to deal with acid attacks. This is because the *numeral / number* of crimes using acid on London's streets has been *increased / increasing*. Two weeks ago, criminals sprayed acid in the faces of people to *robe / rob* them of their motorbikes. There were five *different / difference* acid attacks on just one night. The number of crimes *involved / involving* acid or other dangerous substances has more than doubled in London over the *passed / past* three years. A leading plastic surgeon today said the number of *patients / patient* he treats for acid attacks has *reached / reach* "epidemic" levels in London. Professor Peter Dziwulski said there had been an "explosion" of cases involving acid *for / since* the start of last year.

Rapid response police cars will now carry the 1,000 acid attack response kits. The kits *include / including* protective clothing and five-litre bottles of water. This *allow / allows* police officers to give immediate *treating / treatment* to victims sprayed with *acid / acidity*. Experts have said the rise in acid attacks could be because of a *cracking / crackdown* on knives and guns. Street gangs are now using acid instead because it is *easily / easy* to buy and easy to *hide / hidden* in soda bottles. Police spokesman Mike West *spoke / spoken* about acid attacks. He said: "These are life-changing injuries." He added: "I am confident that we are stepping up our *responsive / response* to this crime and we are looking for a safer way to identify some of the substances *on / at* the streets."

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/1707/170727-acid-attacks.html>

P_l_c_ _ff_c_rs _n L_nd_n h_v_ b__n g_v_n 1,000
sp_c_ l_k_ts t_d_ l_w_th _c_d _tt_cks. Th_s _s_b_c_ _s_
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spr_y_d _c_d _n th_ f_c_s _f p__pl_ t_r_b th_m _f
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_tt_cks _n j_st _n_n_gh_t. Th_ n_mb_r _f cr_m_s
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cl_th_ng _nd f_v_-l_tr_ bttl_s _f w_t_r. Th_s _ll_ws
p_l_c_ _ff_c_rs t_g_v_ _mm_d__t_ tr__tm_nt t_
v_ct_ms spr_y_d w_th _c_d. _xp_rts h_v_ s__d th_r_s_
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s_d_ bttl_s. P_l_c_ sp_k_sm_n M_k_ W_st sp_k_ _b__t
_c_d _tt_cks. H_ s__d: "Th_s _r_ l_f_-ch_ng_ng
_nj_r__s." H_ _dd_d: "_ _m_c_nf_d_nt th_t w_ _r_
st_pp_ng _p__r r_sp_ns_ t_ th_s cr_m_ _nd w_ _r_
l__k_ng f_r _s_f_r_w_y t_ _d_nt_fy_s_m_ _f th_
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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. STREET CRIME: Make a poster about street crime. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. SAFER STREETS: Write a magazine article about the safety of our streets. Include imaginary interviews with people who think our streets are becoming safer and with those who think our streets are becoming more dangerous.

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 acid attacks. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. deal with | a. handle |
| 2. increasing | b. rising |
| 3. dangerous | c. hazardous |
| 4. leading | d. top |
| 5. epidemic | e. widespread |
| 6. protective | f. safety |
| 7. allows | g. lets |
| 8. hide | h. conceal |
| 9. confident | i. sure |
| 10. identify | j. recognize |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. It has been increasing
2. Two weeks ago
3. Five
4. A plastic surgeon
5. The start of last year
6. Protective clothing
7. Immediate treatment
8. In soda bottles
9. Life-changing injuries
10. Its response to this crime

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. c 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. c 6. d 7. b 8. d 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 ;-)