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Swaziland changes its name to eSwatini

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180422-eswatini.html>

The king of the tiny African nation of Swaziland has changed his country's name to eSwatini. The new name means "land of the Swazis" in the local Swati language. King Mswati III is an absolute monarch, which means he has the power to manage his country as he likes. He renamed his land on Thursday at celebrations marking 50 years of Swazi independence from Britain. The day also coincided with his 50th birthday. Speaking at the nation's Golden Jubilee celebrations, he said: "African countries, on getting independence, reverted to their ancient names before they were colonized. So from now on, the country will officially be known as the Kingdom of eSwatini."

The change of name has been talked about in official circles for years. The king has regularly referred to Swaziland as eSwatini in addresses in his country's parliament, at the United Nations General Assembly and to the African Union. Swaziland gained independence from Britain in 1968, but unlike other former British colonies, it retained its colonial-era name. Nyasaland became Malawi, Northern Rhodesia renamed itself Zambia, Bechuanaland changed its name to Botswana, and Rhodesia became Zimbabwe. King Mswati said that from now on, people would not confuse his country with Switzerland. The UN, Google Maps and Internet companies now have to add eSwatini to their databases.

Sources: <https://mpumalanganews.co.za/335886/king-mswati-iii-renames-swaziland-kingdom-eswatini/>
<http://allafrica.com/stories/201804200114.html>
<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/19/world/africa/swaziland-eswatini-name-change.html>

WARM-UPS

1. COUNTRY NAMES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about country names. 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?

tiny / nation / local / language / power / celebrations / independence / ancient / official circles / regularly / parliament / colonies / Switzerland / Google Maps

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

3. MONARCHY: Students A **strongly** believe every country needs a monarchy; Students B **strongly** believe it doesn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. AFRICAN NATIONS: What do you know or would like to know about these African countries? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

| | What I know | What I would like to know |
|----------|-------------|---------------------------|
| eSwatini | | |
| Malawi | | |
| Zambia | | |
| Botswana | | |
| Zimbabwe | | |
| Congo | | |

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

6. COUNTRY: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important things for a country at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- an old name
- a colourful flag
- a national anthem
- a strong army
- a monarchy
- regular elections
- a sea port
- railways

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 1. tiny | a. The action of enjoying an important event or occasion by engaging in a happy social, activity. |
| 2. absolute | b. Having unlimited power. |
| 3. monarch | c. Acknowledging, honoring, or celebrating an important event or occasion with a particular action. |
| 4. marking | d. Very, very small. |
| 5. coincided | e. Returned to a previous state, practice, topic, etc. |
| 6. celebrations | f. A supreme ruler / head of state, especially a king, queen, or emperor. |
| 7. reverted | g. Happened at or during the same time as something else. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 8. referred | h. Having previously filled a particular role or been a particular thing. |
| 9. parliament | i. Being free from outside control; not depending on another's authority. |
| 10. independence | j. Continued to have something; kept possession of something. |
| 11. former | k. Mentioned or spoke about. |
| 12. colonial | l. The group of leaders that makes decisions about how a country is run. |
| 13. retained | m. Identify wrongly; mistake. |
| 14. confuse | n. Relating to a situation when a country or area is under the full or partial political control of another country, usually a faraway one, and occupied by people from that country. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180422-eswatini.html>

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

- a. The country name eSwatini means "land of the Swati". **T / F**
- b. King Mswati III is 50 years old. **T / F**
- c. The renamed eSwatini just celebrated its 50th year of independence. **T / F**
- d. The king followed other African nations in choosing a pre-colonial name. **T / F**
- e. The change of the country's name was first talked about last year. **T / F**
- f. King Mswati often used the name eSwatini in the UN General Assembly. **T / F**
- g. The colonial name of Botswana was Nyasaland. **T / F**
- h. The article said Google Maps has already changed Swaziland to eSwatini. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1. tiny | a. legislature |
| 2. monarch | b. old |
| 3. reverted | c. occupied |
| 4. ancient | d. mistake |
| 5. colonized | e. sovereign |
| 6. parliament | f. period |
| 7. former | g. very small |
| 8. era | h. henceforth |
| 9. from now on | i. one-time |
| 10. confuse | j. went back |

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

- | | |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1. The king of the | a. monarch |
| 2. land of | b. from Britain |
| 3. King Mswati III is an absolute | c. celebrations |
| 4. he has the power to manage | d. to their databases |
| 5. the nation's Golden Jubilee | e. the Swazis |
| 6. talked about in official | f. parliament |
| 7. addresses in his country's | g. tiny African nation |
| 8. Swaziland gained independence | h. with Switzerland |
| 9. people would not confuse his country | i. his country as he likes |
| 10. add eSwatini | j. circles |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180422-eswatini.html>

The king of the (1) _____ African nation of Swaziland has changed his country's name to eSwatini. The new name means "land of the Swazis" in the (2) _____ Swati language. King Mswati III is an absolute monarch, which means he has the (3) _____ to manage his country as he likes. He renamed his land on Thursday at celebrations marking 50 years of Swazi (4) _____ from Britain. The day also (5) _____ with his 50th birthday. Speaking at the nation's Golden Jubilee celebrations, he said: "African countries, on getting independence, reverted to their (6) _____ names before they were (7) _____. So from now on, the country will (8) _____ be known as the Kingdom of eSwatini."

local
ancient
independence
officially
tiny
colonized
power
coincided

The change of name has been talked about in official (9) _____ for years. The king has (10) _____ referred to Swaziland as eSwatini in (11) _____ in his country's parliament, at the United Nations General Assembly and to the African Union. Swaziland (12) _____ independence from Britain in 1968, but unlike other former British colonies, it retained its (13) _____ -era name. Nyasaland became Malawi, Northern Rhodesia renamed (14) _____ Zambia, Bechuanaland changed its name to Botswana, and Rhodesia became Zimbabwe. King Mswati said that from now on, people would not (15) _____ his country with Switzerland. The UN, Google Maps and Internet companies now have to add eSwatini to their (16) _____.

addresses
databases
circles
itself
regularly
confuse
colonial
gained

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180422-eswatini.html>

- 1) The king of the tiny African _____
 - a. national of Swaziland
 - b. nation off Swaziland
 - c. nation of Swaziland
 - d. nation from Swaziland
- 2) The new name means "land of the Swazis" _____ Swati language
 - a. on the locally
 - b. in a local
 - c. in the local
 - d. in the locally
- 3) which means he has the power to manage his country _____
 - a. has he likes
 - b. as he likes
 - c. was he likes
 - d. that's he likes
- 4) He renamed his land on Thursday at celebrations _____
 - a. making 50 years
 - b. mark in 50 years
 - c. marked in 50 years
 - d. marking 50 years
- 5) African countries, on getting independence, _____ ancient names
 - a. resorted to their
 - b. revolted to their
 - c. diverted to their
 - d. reverted to their
- 6) The change of name has been talked about in official _____
 - a. circles for years
 - b. ovals for years
 - c. shapes for years
 - d. squares for years
- 7) but unlike other former British colonies, it retained _____ name
 - a. its colonial-era
 - b. its colonial-air a
 - c. its colonial-area
 - d. its colonial-error
- 8) Nyasaland became Malawi, Northern Rhodesia _____ Zambia
 - a. revamped itself
 - b. regained itself
 - c. renamed itself
 - d. reigned itself
- 9) King Mswati said that from now on, people would _____ country
 - a. not confuses his
 - b. not confuse this
 - c. not confused his
 - d. not confuse his
- 10) Internet companies now have to add eSwatini _____
 - a. too their databases
 - b. two their database is
 - c. to their databases
 - d. thru their databases

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180422-eswatini.html>

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The change of name has been talked about (7) _____ for years. The king has (8) _____ Swaziland as eSwatini in addresses in his country's parliament, at the United Nations General Assembly and to the African Union. Swaziland (9) _____ Britain in 1968, but unlike other (10) _____, it retained its colonial-era name. Nyasaland became Malawi, Northern Rhodesia renamed itself Zambia, Bechuanaland changed its name to Botswana, and Rhodesia became Zimbabwe. King Mswati said that (11) _____, people would (12) _____ country with Switzerland. The UN, Google Maps and Internet companies now have to add eSwatini to their databases.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180422-eswatini.html>

1. What did the article say about the size of Swaziland?
2. What does eSwatini mean?
3. How old is King Mswati III?
4. What jubilee did the article mention?
5. What names did King Mswati say African nations reverted to?
6. Where had the name change been talked about?
7. In what year did Swaziland get its independence from Britain?
8. What was the colonial name of Zambia?
9. Which country would people no longer confuse Swaziland with?
10. What will Google Maps now have to change?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180422-eswatini.html>

- 1) What did the article say about the size of Swaziland?
 - a) it was the world's smallest nation
 - b) it was tiny
 - c) it was the size of New York
 - d) it was growing
- 2) What does eSwatini mean?
 - a) God's rich country
 - b) land of the brave
 - c) land of the Swatini
 - d) land of the Swazis
- 3) How old is King Mswati III?
 - a) 50
 - b) 51
 - c) 49
 - d) 55
- 4) What jubilee did the article mention?
 - a) the Diamond Jubilee
 - b) the Platinum Jubilee
 - c) the Golden Jubilee
 - d) the Silver Jubilee
- 5) What names did King Mswati say African nations reverted to?
 - a) local names
 - b) ancient names
 - c) international names
 - d) geographical names
- 6) Where had the name change been talked about?
 - a) in the African Union
 - b) at the UN
 - c) in official circles
 - d) in the newspapers
- 7) In what year did Swaziland get its independence from Britain?
 - a) 1965
 - b) 1967
 - c) 1969
 - d) 1968
- 8) What was the colonial name of Zambia?
 - a) Northern Rhodesia
 - b) Bechuanaland
 - c) Nyasaland
 - d) Zaire
- 9) Which country would people no longer confuse Swaziland with?
 - a) Switzerland
 - b) South Africa
 - c) Lesotho
 - d) Senegal
- 10) What will Google Maps now have to change?
 - a) a border
 - b) its databases
 - c) its web page
 - d) its search engine

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180422-eswatini.html>

Role A – A Colourful Flag

You think a country needs a colourful flag most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a national anthem, a sea port or a monarchy.

Role B – A National Anthem

You think a country needs a national anthem most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a colourful flag, a sea port or a monarchy.

Role C – A Sea Port

You think a country needs a sea port most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a national anthem, a colourful flag or a monarchy.

Role D – A Monarchy

You think a country needs a monarchy most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a national anthem, a sea port or a colourful flag.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180422-eswatini.html>

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

| | |
|----------------|-------------|
| country | name |
|----------------|-------------|

- 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">• tiny• local• power• 50• ancient• kingdom | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• circles• regularly• gained• renamed• confuse• add |
|---|--|

COUNTRY NAMES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180422-eswatini.html>

Write five GOOD questions about country names 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.

COUNTRY NAMES 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 'country'?
3. What do you know about Swaziland?
4. What do you think of the new name of eSwatini?
5. Should there still be absolute monarchs in the world?
6. What is the point of having a monarch?
7. What should happen in a country's independence celebrations?
8. How much do you like your country's name?
9. How did colonization change the world?
10. What do you know about King Mswati III?

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COUNTRY NAMES 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 'kingdom'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What would you change your country's name to?
15. How many countries would you like to visit?
16. Will the number of countries increase or decrease in the future?
17. How good are you at naming the world's countries?
18. How are Switzerland and Swaziland similar and different?
19. How does a name change affect a country and its people?
20. What questions would you like to ask King Mswati III?

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 <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180422-eswatini.html>

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The change of name has been talked about in official (7) _____ for years. The king has regularly referred to Swaziland (8) _____ eSwatini in addresses in his country's parliament, at the United Nations General Assembly and to the African Union. Swaziland (9) _____ independence from Britain in 1968, but unlike other former British colonies, it retained its colonial-(10) _____ name. Nyasaland became Malawi, Northern Rhodesia renamed itself Zambia, Bechuanaland changed its name to Botswana, and Rhodesia became Zimbabwe. King Mswati said that from now on, people would not (11) _____ his country with Switzerland. The UN, Google Maps and Internet companies now have to (12) _____ eSwatini to their databases.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) tinged | (b) tiny | (c) tinted | (d) tinny |
| 2. | (a) locally | (b) local | (c) localized | (d) locality |
| 3. | (a) absolution | (b) absolutely | (c) absolved | (d) absolute |
| 4. | (a) marketing | (b) marking | (c) making | (d) makeover |
| 5. | (a) as | (b) up | (c) an | (d) on |
| 6. | (a) offices | (b) officiated | (c) officially | (d) officialdom |
| 7. | (a) circles | (b) ovals | (c) squares | (d) shapes |
| 8. | (a) on | (b) at | (c) as | (d) in |
| 9. | (a) wrangled | (b) reaped | (c) scooped | (d) gained |
| 10. | (a) era | (b) epoch | (c) phase | (d) generation |
| 11. | (a) confuse | (b) twist | (c) bewilder | (d) baffle |
| 12. | (a) add | (b) affix | (c) annex | (d) attach |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180422-eswatini.html>

Paragraph 1

1. King Mswati III is an absolute cmahrno
2. ecetabnilosr marking 50 years
3. the nation's Golden ibJeuel
4. reverted to their aetninc names
5. before they were oolzcedin
6. known as the gKnomdi of eSwatini

Paragraph 2

7. talked about in cfiaoifl circles for years
8. regularly efrderre to Swaziland
9. in his country's mitparalen
10. Swaziland gained eecdpdnieenn from Britain
11. retained its naolocli-era name
12. secfonu his country with Switzerland

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180422-eswatini.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () on, the country will officially be known as the Kingdom of eSwatini."
- () of the Swazis" in the local Swati language. King Mswati III is an absolute monarch, which means he has the power
- () at the nation's Golden Jubilee celebrations, he said: "African countries, on getting
- (**1**) The king of the tiny African nation of Swaziland has changed his country's name to eSwatini. The new name means "land
- () to manage his country as he likes. He renamed his land on Thursday at celebrations marking 50 years
- () Maps and Internet companies now have to add eSwatini to their databases.
- () of Swazi independence from Britain. The day also coincided with his 50th birthday. Speaking
- () The change of name has been talked about in official circles for years. The king has regularly
- () colonies, it retained its colonial-era name. Nyasaland became Malawi, Northern Rhodesia renamed itself
- () independence, reverted to their ancient names before they were colonized. So from now
- () referred to Swaziland as eSwatini in addresses in his country's parliament, at the United Nations General Assembly and to
- () Zambia, Bechuanaland changed its name to Botswana, and Rhodesia became Zimbabwe. King Mswati
- () said that from now on, people would not confuse his country with Switzerland. The UN, Google
- () the African Union. Swaziland gained independence from Britain in 1968, but unlike other former British

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180422-eswatini.html>

1. nation . the African king The of tiny
2. his has the power He manage country . to
3. The birthday . coincided with also his 50th day
4. the nation's celebrations . Golden Speaking at Jubilee
5. Their names were colonized . ancient before they
6. about for in years . official Talked circles
7. gained Swaziland Britain from in 1968 . independence
8. colonial-era colonies, name . its other retained it Unlike
9. not confuse his with would country People Switzerland .
10. add to have Companies to databases . their eSwatini

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180422-eswatini.html>

The king of the *tinny / tiny* African nation of Swaziland has changed his country's name to eSwatini. The new name *meant / means* "land of the Swazis" in the *local / locally* Swati language. King Mswati III is an *absolutely / absolute* monarch, which means he has the power to manage his country as he likes. He renamed his land on Thursday at *celebratory / celebrations marking / making* 50 years of Swazi independence from Britain. The day also *coincided / coincidence* with his 50th birthday. Speaking at the nation's Golden Jubilee celebrations, he said: "African countries, *as / on* getting independence, *reverted / reported* to their ancient names before they were colonized. So from now on, the country will *official / officially* be known as the Kingdom of eSwatini."

The *charge / change* of name has been talked about in official *ovals / circles* for years. The king has regularly *conferred / referred* to Swaziland as eSwatini in *addresses / address* in his country's parliament, at the United Nations General Assembly and to the African Union. Swaziland *gained / fought* independence from Britain in 1968, but *like / unlike* other former British colonies, it retained its colonial-era name. Nyasaland became Malawi, Northern Rhodesia renamed *oneself / itself* Zambia, Bechuanaland changed its name to Botswana, and Rhodesia became Zimbabwe. King Mswati said that from now *off / on*, people would not *confuse / refuse* his country with Switzerland. The UN, Google Maps and Internet companies now have to *add / plus* eSwatini to their databases.

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 <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180422-eswatini.html>

T h _ k _ n _ g _ f _ t h _ t _ n _ y _ A _ f _ r _ c _ n _ n _ t _ _ n _ f _ S
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180422-eswatini.html>

the king of the tiny african nation of swaziland has changed his countrys name to eswatini the new name means land of the swazis in the local swati language king mswati iii is an absolute monarch which means he has the power to manage his country as he likes he renamed his land on thursday at celebrations marking 50 years of swazi independence from britain the day also coincided with his 50th birthday speaking at the nations golden jubilee celebrations he said african countries on getting independence reverted to their ancient names before they were colonized so from now on the country will officially be known as the kingdom of eswatini

the change of name has been talked about in official circles for years the king has regularly referred to swaziland as eswatini in addresses in his countrys parliament at the united nations general assembly and to the african union swaziland gained independence from britain in 1968 but unlike other former british colonies it retained its colonialera name nyasaland became malawi northern rhodesia renamed itself zambia bechuanaland changed its name to botswana and rhodesia became zimbabwe king mswati said that from now on people would not confuse his country with switzerland the un google maps and internet companies now have to add eswatini to their databases.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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The king of the tiny African nation of Swaziland has changed his country's name to eSwatini. The new name means "land of the Swazis" in the local Swati language. King Mswati III is an absolute monarch, which means he has the power to manage his country as he likes. He renamed his land on Thursday at celebrations marking 50 years of Swazi independence from Britain. The day also coincided with his 50th birthday. Speaking at the nation's Golden Jubilee celebrations, he said: "African countries, on getting independence, reverted to their ancient names before they were colonized. So from now on, the country will officially be known as the Kingdom of eSwatini." The change of name has been talked about in official circles for years. The king has regularly referred to Swaziland as eSwatini in addresses in his country's parliament, at the United Nations General Assembly and to the African Union. Swaziland gained independence from Britain in 1968, but unlike other former British colonies, it retained its colonial-era name. Nyasaland became Malawi, Northern Rhodesia renamed itself Zambia, Bechuanaland changed its name to Botswana, and Rhodesia became Zimbabwe. King Mswati said that from now on, people would not confuse his country with Switzerland. The UN, Google Maps and Internet companies now have to add eSwatini to their databases.

ACADEMIC WRITING

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Why is a country's name important? Do you like the name of your nation?

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

3. COUNTRY NAMES: Make a poster about country names. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. ANCIENT NAMES: Write a magazine article renaming all countries to their ancient names. 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 country names. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on this. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d 2. b 3. f 4. c 5. g 6. a 7. e
8. k 9. l 10. i 11. h 12. n 13. j 14. m

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b T c T d T e F f T g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|----------------|----------------|
| 1. tiny | a. very small |
| 2. monarch | b. sovereign |
| 3. reverted | c. went back |
| 4. ancient | d. old |
| 5. colonized | e. occupied |
| 6. parliament | f. legislature |
| 7. former | g. one-time |
| 8. era | h. period |
| 9. from now on | i. henceforth |
| 10. confuse | j. mistake |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. It was tiny
2. Land of the Swazis
3. 50
4. The country's Golden Jubilee
5. Ancient names
6. In official circles
7. 1968
8. Northern Rhodesia
9. Switzerland
10. Its databases

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. The king of the tiny African nation.
2. He has the power to manage his country.
3. The day also coincided with his 50th birthday.
4. Speaking at the nation's Golden Jubilee celebrations.
5. Their ancient names before they were colonized.
6. Talked about in official circles for years.
7. Swaziland gained independence from Britain in 1968.
8. Unlike other colonies, it retained its colonial-era name.
9. People would not confuse his country with Switzerland.
10. Companies have to add eSwatini to their databases.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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