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Saudi capital city to get \$23 billion makeover

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190405-riyadh.html>

Saudi Arabia's government has announced it will invest a whopping \$23 billion in a massive makeover for its capital city, Riyadh. The huge investment is part of a project to beautify the city, create hundreds of thousands of jobs, boost leisure and tourism, and transform Riyadh into "one of the world's most livable cities". In addition to the government's cash injection, a further \$15 billion in private sector funding will help finance huge investment opportunities for businesses. Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman will head the committee overseeing the ambitious project. It is part of the Crown Prince's Vision 2030 initiative aimed at diversifying the kingdom's revenue sources and reducing its reliance on oil.

The plan is set to be the envy of other world capitals, which can only dream of being awarded such vast amounts of money. It aims to improve the quality of life for the capital's 5 million residents. A focus on leisure is integral to making people happier. The plan includes the construction of over 130km of cycling track, a park that will be quadruple the size of New York's Central Park, and hundreds of art installations. Riyadh will be a greener city as the amount of green space per person will be increased by 16-fold. This will be achieved by planting 7.5 million trees and creating dozens of community gardens. Work will begin in the second half of the year. It will create 70,000 jobs and take up to a decade to complete.

Sources: <https://www.cnbc.com/2019/03/20/saudi-arabia-is-giving-its-capital-a-23-billion-makeover.html>
<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-03-19/saudi-king-launches-23-billion-riyadh-beautification-program>
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WARM-UPS

1. CAPITAL CITIES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about capital cities. 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 / massive / makeover / investment / project / cash / injection / revenue / plan / envy / vast / residents / integral / quadruple / art installations / community

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

3. INVESTMENT: Students A **strongly** believe its is more important to invest in capital cities; Students B **strongly** believe it is more important to invest in regional cities. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. MAKEOVER: How would you give your city a makeover in these areas? Why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Makeover	Why
Leisure		
Business		
Safety		
Shopping		
Arts		
Parks		

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

6. HAPPY CITY: Rank these with your partner. Put the things that make city people happy most at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- cheap buses
- parks
- art galleries
- libraries
- lots of police
- malls
- clean air
- festivals

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1. whopping | a. Money provided, especially by an organization or government, for a particular purpose. |
| 2. boost | b. Very, very large. |
| 3. injection | c. A sum of money given to a project, plan, campaign, business, etc. |
| 4. funding | d. An act or strategy intended to resolve a difficulty or improve a situation; a fresh approach to something. |
| 5. overseeing | e. Dependence on someone or something. |
| 6. initiative | f. Help or encourage something to increase or improve. |
| 7. reliance | g. Supervising a person, project or work, especially in an official capacity. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| 8. envy | h. Necessary to make a whole complete; essential or fundamental. |
| 9. vast | i. A period of ten years. |
| 10. resident | j. An art exhibit constructed within a gallery. |
| 11. integral | k. A person who lives somewhere permanently or on a long-term basis. |
| 12. quadruple | l. Four times as much or as many as usual. |
| 13. installations | m. A feeling of jealousy because of someone else's possessions, qualities, or luck. |
| 14. decade | n. Of very great extent or quantity; immense. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190405-riyadh.html>

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

- a. The Saudi government wants to spend money on beautifying Riyadh. **T / F**
- b. The Saudi government said Riyadh is the world's most livable city. **T / F**
- c. Saudi's King will head and oversee the beautification project. **T / F**
- d. Saudi wants to maintain its reliance on oil. **T / F**
- e. The article said the project will be the envy of other capital cities. **T / F**
- f. There will be 1,300km of cycle track in Riyadh. **T / F**
- g. Part of the project is to plant 7.5 million trees. **T / F**
- h. The beautification project will take up to 10 years to finish. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1. announced | a. enhance |
| 2. makeover | b. grown |
| 3. beautify | c. huge |
| 4. injection | d. infusion |
| 5. reliance | e. transformation |
| 6. vast | f. attained |
| 7. integral | g. declared |
| 8. increased | h. finish |
| 9. achieved | i. fundamental |
| 10. complete | j. dependence |

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

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. a massive | a. injection |
| 2. boost leisure | b. on oil |
| 3. In addition to the government's cash | c. making people happier |
| 4. diversifying the kingdom's | d. amounts of money |
| 5. reducing its reliance | e. makeover |
| 6. be the envy of | f. fold |
| 7. awarded such vast | g. half of the year |
| 8. integral to | h. revenue sources |
| 9. be increased by 16- | i. other world capitals |
| 10. in the second | j. and tourism |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190405-riyadh.html>

Saudi Arabia's government has (1) _____ it will invest a whopping \$23 billion in a (2) _____ makeover for its capital city, Riyadh. The huge investment is part of a project to (3) _____ the city, create hundreds of thousands of jobs, boost leisure and tourism, and transform Riyadh into "one of the world's most (4) _____ cities". In addition to the government's cash injection, a further \$15 billion in private (5) _____ funding will help finance huge investment (6) _____ for businesses. Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman will head the committee (7) _____ the ambitious project. It is part of the Crown Prince's Vision 2030 initiative aimed at diversifying the kingdom's revenue sources and reducing its (8) _____ on oil.

massive
opportunities
livable
reliance
beautify
overseeing
announced
sector

The plan is set to be the envy of other world capitals, which can only dream of being awarded such (9) _____ amounts of money. It aims to improve the quality of life for the capital's 5 million residents. A focus on leisure is (10) _____ to making people happier. The plan includes the construction of over 130km of cycling track, a park that will be (11) _____ the size of New York's Central Park, and hundreds of art (12) _____. Riyadh will be a greener city as the amount of green (13) _____ per person will be increased by 16- (14) _____. This will be achieved by planting 7.5 million trees and creating (15) _____ of community gardens. Work will begin in the second half of the year. It will create 70,000 jobs and take up to a (16) _____ to complete.

fold
installations
integral
decade
vast
dozens
space
quadruple

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190405-riyadh.html>

- 1) Saudi Arabia's government has announced it will invest _____ billion
 - a. a whipping \$23
 - b. a whopping \$23
 - c. a walloping \$23
 - d. a hopping \$23
- 2) a project to beautify the city, create hundreds of thousands of jobs, _____ and
 - a. boast leisure
 - b. beast leisure
 - c. baste leisure
 - d. boost leisure
- 3) In addition to the government's cash injection, _____ billion
 - a. are further \$15
 - b. a further \$15
 - c. as further \$15
 - d. a father \$15
- 4) Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman will head the committee overseeing _____
 - a. the ambition project
 - b. the ambitiously project
 - c. the ambitious project
 - d. the ambitions project
- 5) diversifying the kingdom's revenue sources and reducing _____ oil
 - a. its reliance on
 - b. its reliance in
 - c. its reliance at
 - d. its reliance of
- 6) The plan is set to be the envy of _____ capitals
 - a. other world
 - b. another world
 - c. others world
 - d. the others world
- 7) can only dream of being awarded such _____ of money
 - a. vastly amounts
 - b. paste amounts
 - c. baste amounts
 - d. vast amounts
- 8) It aims to improve the quality of life for the capital's _____
 - a. 5 million residence
 - b. 5 million residences
 - c. 5 million residents
 - d. 5 million resident
- 9) the amount of green space per person will be _____ 16-fold
 - a. increased buy
 - b. increased by
 - c. increased bye
 - d. increased bay
- 10) It will create 70,000 jobs and take up to a _____ complete
 - a. decade to
 - b. decadence to
 - c. decant to
 - d. decades to

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190405-riyadh.html>

1. Who will invest in Riyadh's makeover?
2. What did the article say the investment would boost?
3. How much money might the private sector invest in Riyadh?
4. Who will oversee the project?
5. What does Saudi Arabia want to reduce its dependence on?
6. How might other world capitals feel about Riyadh's makeover?
7. How many people live in Riyadh?
8. How many new art installations will Riyadh get?
9. By how many times per capita will Riyadh get greener?
10. How long will it take to complete this project?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190405-riyadh.html>

- 1) Who will invest in Riyadh's makeover?
 - a) the Saudi royal family
 - b) the USA
 - c) the WTO
 - d) the Saudi government
- 2) What did the article say the investment would boost?
 - a) shopping
 - b) leisure and tourism
 - c) the digital infrastructure
 - d) the economy
- 3) How much money might the private sector invest in Riyadh?
 - a) \$12 billion
 - b) \$13 billion
 - c) \$14 billion
 - d) \$15 billion
- 4) Who will oversee the project?
 - a) a Saudi hedge fund
 - b) investment managers
 - c) Saudi's Crown Prince
 - d) Saudi's King
- 5) What does Saudi Arabia want to reduce its dependence on?
 - a) foreign workers
 - b) stocks
 - c) sand
 - d) oil
- 6) How might other world capitals feel about Riyadh's makeover?
 - a) good
 - b) hopeful
 - c) envious
 - d) happy
- 7) How many people live in Riyadh?
 - a) five million
 - b) seven million
 - c) six million
 - d) four million
- 8) How many new art installations will Riyadh get?
 - a) 130
 - b) 70,000
 - c) hundreds
 - d) 82
- 9) By how many times per capita will Riyadh get greener?
 - a) 10 times
 - b) 16 times
 - c) 12 times
 - d) 14 times
- 10) How long will it take to complete this project?
 - a) up to 10 years
 - b) exactly 10 years
 - c) just over 10 years
 - d) around 10 years

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190405-riyadh.html>

Role A – Cheap Buses

You think cheap buses make city people the happiest. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things don't make people happy. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these to make people happy (and why): art galleries, clean air or lots of police.

Role B – Art Galleries

You think art galleries make city people the happiest. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things don't make people happy. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these to make people happy (and why): cheap buses, clean air or lots of police.

Role C – Clean Air

You think clean air make city people the happiest. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things don't make people happy. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these to make people happy (and why): art galleries, cheap buses or lots of police.

Role D – Lots of Police

You think lots of police make city people the happiest. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things don't make people happy. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these to make people happy (and why): art galleries, clean air or cheap buses.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190405-riyadh.html>

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

capital	city

- 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">• announced• part• most• help• hear• reducing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• envy• aims• happier• 130• 16• decade
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CAPITAL CITIES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about capital cities 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.

CAPITAL CITIES 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 'capital city'?
3. What do you think of your capital city?
4. How is your capital city different to other cities?
5. What do you know about Riyadh?
6. What would you like to know about Riyadh?
7. How could \$23 billion improve your capital city?
8. How beautiful is your capital city?
9. How livable is your capital city?
10. How would you boost leisure in your city?

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CAPITAL CITIES 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 'makeover'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What other world cities do you envy?
15. What is the quality of life like in your city?
16. How important are city parks?
17. How important are art installations?
18. How could you make your city greener?
19. What three adjectives best describe your city?
20. What questions would you like to ask a city planner?

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) announcement | (b) announce | (c) announced | (d) announces |
| 2. | (a) huge | (b) hug | (c) luge | (d) lug |
| 3. | (a) boost | (b) beast | (c) baste | (d) boast |
| 4. | (a) injection | (b) syringe | (c) booster | (d) shot |
| 5. | (a) oversaw | (b) overs | (c) oversight | (d) overseeing |
| 6. | (a) at | (b) of | (c) in | (d) on |
| 7. | (a) envy | (b) every | (c) awry | (d) envoy |
| 8. | (a) vase | (b) vascular | (c) vassal | (d) vast |
| 9. | (a) integral | (b) inaugural | (c) auger | (d) ogre |
| 10. | (a) quad | (b) quadruple | (c) quadruplet | (d) quadrant |
| 11. | (a) wrap | (b) fold | (c) flap | (d) cease |
| 12. | (a) decade | (b) decant | (c) decadent | (d) decor |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. a ivemsas makeover
2. In addition to the government's cash onitejicn
3. huge investment rpsnptuotoiei
4. the committee overseeing the ombtuisia project
5. the Crown Prince's Vision 2030 iitnaeiivt
6. reducing its celearnj on oil

Paragraph 2

7. the capital's 5 million stsneerid
8. A focus on leisure is rengtail
9. aquplurde the size
10. hundreds of art stntlsiniaalo
11. creating dozens of uomiycntm gardens
12. take up to a aceedd to complete

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190405-riyadh.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () cities". In addition to the government's cash injection, a further \$15 billion in private sector funding will help finance
- () on leisure is integral to making people happier. The plan includes the construction of over 130km
- () huge investment opportunities for businesses. Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman will head the committee
- (**1**) Saudi Arabia's government has announced it will invest a whopping \$23 billion in a massive
- () overseeing the ambitious project. It is part of the Crown Prince's Vision 2030 initiative aimed
- () of cycling track, a park that will be quadruple the size of New York's Central Park, and hundreds of art
- () of thousands of jobs, boost leisure and tourism, and transform Riyadh into "one of the world's most livable
- () The plan is set to be the envy of other world capitals, which can only dream of being awarded such vast
- () makeover for its capital city, Riyadh. The huge investment is part of a project to beautify the city, create hundreds
- () gardens. Work will begin in the second half of the year. It will create 70,000 jobs and take up to a decade to complete.
- () installations. Riyadh will be a greener city as the amount of green space per person will be
- () amounts of money. It aims to improve the quality of life for the capital's 5 million residents. A focus
- () increased by 16-fold. This will be achieved by planting 7.5 million trees and creating dozens of community
- () at diversifying the kingdom's revenue sources and reducing its reliance on oil.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190405-riyadh.html>

1. in a \$23bn makeover . a whopping massive Invest
2. beautify the city . Part to project a of
3. cities . livable world's most of the One
4. huge will funding investment . finance sector Private help
5. at diversifying sources . Initiatives revenue aimed the kingdom's
6. Be envy world of capitals . the other
7. improve aims life . to the It of quality
8. construction of track . cycling 130km over The of
9. increased . person space amount per of green The
10. half in second Begin the the year . of

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190405-riyadh.html>

Saudi Arabia's government has *announced* / *announcing* it will invest a whopping \$23 billion in a *massive* / *missive* makeover for its capital city, Riyadh. The huge investment is part of a project to *beautiful* / *beautify* the city, create hundreds of thousands of jobs, *boast* / *boost* leisure and tourism, and transform Riyadh into "one of the world's most livable cities". In *addition* / *plus* to the government's cash *injection* / *syringe*, a further \$15 billion in private sector *finding* / *funding* will help finance huge investment opportunities *for* / *on* businesses. Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman will head the committee overseeing the *ambition* / *ambitious* project. It is part of the Crown Prince's Vision 2030 initiative aimed at diversifying the kingdom's revenue sources and reducing its *reliance* / *relevance* on oil.

The plan is set to be the *envious* / *envy* of other world capitals, which can only dream of being awarded such *waste* / *vast* amounts of money. It aims to improve the quality of life for the capital's 5 million *residence* / *residents*. A focus on leisure is *integer* / *integral* to making people happier. The plan includes the *construction* / *construct* of over 130km of cycling track, a park that will be *quadruplet* / *quadruple* the size of New York's Central Park, and hundreds of art installations. Riyadh will be a greener city as the amount of green space *per* / *par* person will be increased by 16-fold. This will be *attribute* / *achieved* by planting 7.5 million trees and creating dozens of community gardens. Work will begin in the second *halve* / *half* of the year. It will create 70,000 jobs and take up to a *decade* / *decadence* to complete.

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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S__ d_ A r_b__ 's g_v_r n m_n t h_s _n n__ n c_d _t
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190405-riyadh.html>

saudi arabias government has announced it will invest a whopping 23 billion in a massive makeover for its capital city riyadh the huge investment is part of a project to beautify the city create hundreds of thousands of jobs boost leisure and tourism and transform riyadh into one of the worlds most livable cities in addition to the governments cash injection a further 15 billion in private sector funding will help finance huge investment opportunities for businesses crown prince mohammed bin salman will head the committee overseeing the ambitious project it is part of the crown princes vision 2030 initiative aimed at diversifying the kingdoms revenue sources and reducing its reliance on oil

the plan is set to be the envy of other world capitals which can only dream of being awarded such vast amounts of money it aims to improve the quality of life for the capitals 5 million residents a focus on leisure is integral to making people happier the plan includes the construction of over 130km of cycling track a park that will be quadruple the size of new yorks central park and hundreds of art installations riyadh will be a greener city as the amount of green space per person will be increased by 16fold this will be achieved by planting 75 million trees and creating dozens of community gardens work will begin in the second half of the year it will create 70000 jobs and take up to a decade to complete.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMWORK

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. CAPITAL CITIES: Make a poster about capital cities. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. WORLD CAPITAL: Write a magazine article about creating a capital city of the world. 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 capital cities. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on them. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|--------------|-------------------|
| 1. announced | a. declared |
| 2. makeover | b. transformation |
| 3. beautify | c. enhance |
| 4. injection | d. infusion |
| 5. reliance | e. dependence |
| 6. vast | f. huge |
| 7. integral | g. fundamental |
| 8. increased | h. grown |
| 9. achieved | i. attained |
| 10. complete | j. finish |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. The Saudi government
2. Leisure and tourism
3. \$15 billion
4. Saudi's Crown Prince
5. Oil
6. Envious
7. Five million
8. Hundreds
9. Sixteen
10. Up to a decade

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Invest a whopping \$23bn in a massive makeover.
2. Part of a project to beautify the city.
3. One of the world's most livable cities.
4. Private sector funding will help finance huge investment.
5. Initiatives aimed at diversifying the kingdom's revenue sources.
6. Be the envy of other world capitals.
7. It aims to improve the quality of life.
8. The construction of over 130km of cycling track.
9. The amount of green space per person increased.
10. Begin in the second half of the year.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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