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**Level 6 – 27th May, 2019**

## Alabama state sued over abortion bill

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190527-alabama-abortion.html>

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Passions are running high in Alabama over the abortion bill. One of the biggest points of disagreement with the bill is that it contains no exceptions for incest and rape. President Donald Trump said he did not support the ban because of the lack of exceptions. The Alabama House of Representatives and the state Senate overwhelmingly rejected attempts to include those exceptions in the law. Alabama's governor said even after incest and rape, life is of the utmost importance. She said: "This legislation stands as a powerful testament...that every life is precious and that every life is a sacred gift from God." The two groups pushing for the law to be reversed said it was a "manmade public health emergency".

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# WARM-UPS

**1. ABORTION:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about abortion. 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?

high profile / lawsuit / challenge / non-profit / constitutional / freedom / imprisoned / passion / disagreement / exceptions / governor / legislation / precious / life / health

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

**3. WOMEN ONLY:** Students A **strongly** believe only women should decide laws on abortion; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. BAN:** Should these things be banned? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Ban?	Why?
Abortion		
Guns		
Drugs		
Public protests		
Words		
Ivory		

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

**6. LIFE:** Rank these with your partner. Put the most difficult stage of life at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- in the womb
- the first week
- one year
- seven years
- 15
- 30
- 55
- 80

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 1. filed        | a. Ended or reverse a previous system, decision, situation, etc.                        |
| 2. ban          | b. A surgical operation.  |
| 3. overturned   | c. Submitted a legal document, application, or charge to be placed on record.           |
| 4. reproductive | d. An official or legal prohibition.  |
| 5. right        | e. Related to the creating of babies or young.  |
| 6. procedure    | f. A moral or legal entitlement to have or obtain something or to act in a certain way. |
| 7. imprisoned   | g. Put or kept in prison.   |

## Paragraph 2

- |                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| 8. exception       | h. Something that serves as a sign or evidence of a specified fact, event, or quality.    |
| 9. lack            | i. A person or thing that is excluded from a general statement or does not follow a rule. |
| 10. overwhelmingly | j. Most extreme; greatest.  |
| 11. utmost         | k. Greatly loved or treasured.  |
| 12. testament      | l. The state of being without or not having enough of something.                          |
| 13. precious       | m. Regarded with great respect by a particular religion, group, or individual.            |
| 14. sacred         | n. To a very great degree.  |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190527-alabama-abortion.html>

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

- a. Three groups in the USA have filed lawsuits against an abortion bill. **T / F**
- b. The ACLU said it would not sue the state of Alabama. **T / F**
- c. Abortion in Alabama is now a Class B crime. **T / F**
- d. A doctor in Alabama could get 99 years in prison for performing abortions. **T / F**
- e. People disagree over what exceptions there are to abortion. **T / F**
- f. President Trump said he supported the bill. **T / F**
- g. Alabama's governor said every life was precious. **T / F**
- h. Two groups called the bill a "manmade public health emergency". **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- |                        |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. <b>high-profile</b> | a. unavoidable       |
| 2. <b>sue</b>          | b. demonstration     |
| 3. <b>necessary</b>    | c. carry out         |
| 4. <b>procedure</b>    | d. take legal action |
| 5. <b>perform</b>      | e. back              |
| 6. <b>exceptions</b>   | f. prominent         |
| 7. <b>support</b>      | g. greatest          |
| 8. <b>utmost</b>       | h. overturned        |
| 9. <b>testament</b>    | i. operation         |
| 10. <b>reversed</b>    | j. special cases     |

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

- |                                    |                          |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. filed a                         | a. profit organization   |
| 2. non-                            | b. health emergency      |
| 3. reproductive                    | c. a serious health risk |
| 4. in order to prevent             | d. high                  |
| 5. could be imprisoned             | e. freedom               |
| 6. Passions are running            | f. rejected attempts     |
| 7. it contains no exceptions       | g. lawsuit               |
| 8. the state Senate overwhelmingly | h. gift from God         |
| 9. every life is a sacred          | i. for up to 99 years    |
| 10. a manmade public               | j. for incest and rape   |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190527-alabama-abortion.html>

Two high-profile groups in the USA have (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a lawsuit to challenge the near-total abortion ban in the state of Alabama. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), and the non-(2) \_\_\_\_\_ organization Planned Parenthood want the law (3) \_\_\_\_\_. The ACLU tweeted: "We've been clear. If you attack our constitutional right to reproductive freedom, we will (4) \_\_\_\_\_." The bill is called the "Human Life Protection Act". It bans all abortions in the state, except when it "is (5) \_\_\_\_\_ in order to prevent a serious health (6) \_\_\_\_\_ " to the mother. The bill criminalizes the procedure and reclassifies abortion as a Class A (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Doctors who perform an abortion could be (8) \_\_\_\_\_ for up to 99 years.

*risk*  
*sue*  
*filed*  
*crime*  
*overturned*  
*imprisoned*  
*profit*  
*necessary*

Passions are running (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in Alabama over the abortion bill. One of the biggest (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of disagreement with the bill is that it contains no exceptions for incest and rape. President Donald Trump said he did not support the ban because of the (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of exceptions. The Alabama House of Representatives and the state Senate overwhelmingly (12) \_\_\_\_\_ attempts to include those exceptions in the law. Alabama's governor said even after incest and rape, life is of the utmost (13) \_\_\_\_\_. She said: "This legislation stands as a powerful testament...that every life is (14) \_\_\_\_\_ and that every life is a (15) \_\_\_\_\_ gift from God." The two groups pushing for the law to be reversed said it was a "(16) \_\_\_\_\_ public health emergency".

*lack*  
*precious*  
*rejected*  
*manmade*  
*points*  
*sacred*  
*high*  
*importance*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190527-alabama-abortion.html>

- 1) groups in the USA have filed a lawsuit to challenge the near-\_\_\_\_\_
  - a. total abortion ban
  - b. totally abortion ban
  - c. totals abortion ban
  - d. totaled abortion ban
- 2) If you attack our constitutional right to reproductive freedom, \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. we will so
  - b. we will sow
  - c. we will sew
  - d. we will sue
- 3) except when it is necessary in order to prevent a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. seriously health risk
  - b. serious health risk
  - c. serious healthy risk
  - d. serious health risky
- 4) The bill criminalizes the procedure and reclassifies abortion as \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a Class A grime
  - b. a Class A chime
  - c. a Class A crime
  - d. a Class A cline
- 5) Doctors who perform an abortion could \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. be in prisoned
  - b. be imprison
  - c. be imp risen
  - d. be imprisoned
- 6) One of the biggest points of disagreement \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. within the bill
  - b. wither the bill
  - c. wither bill
  - d. with the bill
- 7) the state Senate overwhelmingly rejected attempts to include \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. those exception
  - b. those exceptions
  - c. them exceptions
  - d. them exception
- 8) Alabama's governor said even after incest and rape, life is of \_\_\_\_\_ importance
  - a. the utmost
  - b. the at most
  - c. the at must
  - d. the at mostly
- 9) that every life is precious and that every life is a \_\_\_\_\_ God
  - a. scared gift from
  - b. sacred gift from
  - c. scarred gift from
  - d. sack rid gift from
- 10) the law to be reversed said it was a "manmade public \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. health emergent see
  - b. health emerging sea
  - c. healthy emergent sea
  - d. health emergency

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190527-alabama-abortion.html>

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Passions (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in Alabama over the abortion bill. One of the biggest points of disagreement with the bill is that it contains no exceptions for incest and rape. President Donald Trump said he did not support the ban because of the (8) \_\_\_\_\_. The Alabama House of Representatives and the state Senate overwhelmingly (9) \_\_\_\_\_ include those exceptions in the law. Alabama's governor said even after incest and rape, life is of (10) \_\_\_\_\_. She said: "This legislation stands as a powerful testament...that every life is precious and that every life is a (11) \_\_\_\_\_ God." The two groups pushing for the law to be reversed said it was a "(12) \_\_\_\_\_ emergency".



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190527-alabama-abortion.html>

1. How many groups in the USA filed a lawsuit challenging an abortion bill?
2. What do the groups want regarding the law?
3. What did the groups say was a constitutional right?
4. What does the article say the bill does to the procedure of abortion?
5. For how long could a doctor be imprisoned for performing an abortion?
6. What did the article say was running high in Alabama?
7. Why did Donald Trump say he didn't support the bill?
8. What rejected the exceptions besides Alabama's state Senate?
9. What did Alabama's state governor say every life was?
10. What kind of emergency did the groups call the law?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190527-alabama-abortion.html>

- 1) How many groups in the USA filed a lawsuit challenging an abortion bill?
  - a) 4
  - b) 2
  - c) 3
  - d) 1
- 2) What do the groups want regarding the law?
  - a) they want it amended
  - b) they want it discussed more
  - c) they want it strengthened
  - d) they want it overturned
- 3) What did the groups say was a constitutional right?
  - a) pro-choice
  - b) pro-life
  - c) reproductive freedom
  - d) contraception
- 4) What does the article say the bill does to the procedure of abortion?
  - a) criminalizes it
  - b) makes it safer
  - c) makes it more dangerous
  - d) standardizes it
- 5) For how long could a doctor be imprisoned for performing an abortion?
  - a) 10 years
  - b) up to 99 years
  - c) 5-10 years
  - d) 25 years
- 6) What did the article say was running high in Alabama?
  - a) passions
  - b) blood pressure
  - c) temperatures
  - d) debates
- 7) Why did Donald Trump say he didn't support the bill?
  - a) he has to be impartial
  - b) it wasn't clear enough
  - c) it lacked exceptions
  - d) it's not his job
- 8) What rejected the exceptions besides Alabama's state Senate?
  - a) the House of Representatives
  - b) the parliament
  - c) the government
  - d) the judiciary
- 9) What did Alabama's state governor say every life was?
  - a) so. so precious
  - b) worth saving
  - c) a member of society
  - d) a sacred gift from God
- 10) What kind of emergency did the groups call the law?
  - a) a life emergency
  - b) a population emergency
  - c) a manmade public health emergency
  - d) a philosophical emergency

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190527-alabama-abortion.html>

## **Role A – In The Womb**

You think being in the womb is the most difficult stage of life. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ages aren't as difficult. Also, tell the others which is the least difficult of these (and why): 15 years old, 55 years old or 80 years old.

## **Role B – Fifteen Years Old**

You think 15 years old is the most difficult stage of life. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ages aren't as difficult. Also, tell the others which is the least difficult of these (and why): being in the womb, 55 years old or 80 years old.

## **Role C – Fifty-Five Years Old**

You think 55 years old is the most difficult stage of life. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ages aren't as difficult. Also, tell the others which is the least difficult of these (and why): 15 years old, being in the womb or 80 years old.

## **Role D – Eighty Years Old**

You think 80 years old is the most difficult stage of life. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ages aren't as difficult. Also, tell the others which is the least difficult of these (and why): 15 years old, 55 years old or being in the womb.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190527-alabama-abortion.html>

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

human	life

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• filed</li><li>• overturned</li><li>• clear</li><li>• freedom</li><li>• order</li><li>• 99</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• biggest</li><li>• support</li><li>• attempts</li><li>• utmost</li><li>• God</li><li>• health</li></ul>
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# ABORTION SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190527-alabama-abortion.html>

Write five GOOD questions about abortion 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.

# ABORTION 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 'human'?
3. What do you know about the Alabama abortion bill?
4. Why are the groups filing a lawsuit?
5. Should reproductive freedom be protected?
6. What do you think of the Alabama abortion bill?
7. Do you agree with the law regarding abortion in your country?
8. Do you think abortion should be criminalized?
9. Should men or women create abortion laws?
10. Should doctors be imprisoned for performing abortions?

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# ABORTION 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 'life'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Should abortion be allowed in cases of rape and incest?
15. Is 'life is a sacred gift from God'?
16. Is abortion murder?
17. Should women have the right to choose?
18. Is the abortion law a 'manmade public health emergency'?
19. What advice do you have for the lawmakers?
20. What questions would you like to ask the lawmakers?

# 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/1905/190527-alabama-abortion.html>

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Passions are (7) \_\_\_\_\_ high in Alabama over the abortion bill. One of the biggest points of disagreement with the bill is that it contains no (8) \_\_\_\_\_ for incest and rape. President Donald Trump said he did not support the ban because of the lack of exceptions. The Alabama House of Representatives and the state Senate overwhelmingly rejected attempts (9) \_\_\_\_\_ include those exceptions in the law. Alabama's governor said even after incest and rape, life is of the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ importance. She said: "This legislation stands as a powerful testament...that every life is precious and that every life is a (11) \_\_\_\_\_ gift from God." The two groups (12) \_\_\_\_\_ for the law to be reversed said it was a "manmade public health emergency".

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

- |     |                |               |               |              |
|-----|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) failed     | (b) filled    | (c) foiled    | (d) filed    |
| 2.  | (a) at         | (b) from      | (c) off       | (d) of       |
| 3.  | (a) clarity    | (b) clear     | (c) clearness | (d) clearly  |
| 4.  | (a) suit       | (b) sew       | (c) sue       | (d) sow      |
| 5.  | (a) order      | (b) demand    | (c) tell      | (d) sequence |
| 6.  | (a) perform    | (b) function  | (c) appear    | (d) behave   |
| 7.  | (a) darting    | (b) sprinting | (c) jogging   | (d) running  |
| 8.  | (a) exceptions | (b) excerpts  | (c) except    | (d) excepts  |
| 9.  | (a) at         | (b) to        | (c) on        | (d) in       |
| 10. | (a) mostly     | (b) utterly   | (c) utmost    | (d) most     |
| 11. | (a) scared     | (b) scarred   | (c) sacred    | (d) sacredly |
| 12. | (a) poking     | (b) pushing   | (c) forcing   | (d) elbowing |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190527-alabama-abortion.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. ncelehagl the near-total abortion ban
2. want the law eouvrdrnet
3. attack our inlsuatntiotco right
4. urdcrpiovtee freedom
5. The bill criminalizes the dropereuc
6. could be dompeirsni for up to 99 years

## Paragraph 2

7. it contains no eposcntexi
8. overwhelmingly rteecjed
9. This ilaslgtieon stands
10. a arcsed gift from God
11. pushing for the law to be evrreesd
12. a manmade public health eeegrnmcy

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190527-alabama-abortion.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) after incest and rape, life is of the utmost importance. She said: "This legislation stands
- ( **1** ) Two high-profile groups in the USA have filed a lawsuit to challenge the near-total abortion ban in the
- ( ) the law overturned. The ACLU tweeted: "We've been clear. If you attack our constitutional
- ( ) rejected attempts to include those exceptions in the law. Alabama's governor said even
- ( ) groups pushing for the law to be reversed said it was a "manmade public health emergency".
- ( ) abortions in the state, except when it "is necessary in order to prevent a serious health
- ( ) risk" to the mother. The bill criminalizes the procedure and reclassifies abortion as a Class A
- ( ) not support the ban because of the lack of exceptions. The Alabama House of Representatives and the state Senate overwhelmingly
- ( ) crime. Doctors who perform an abortion could be imprisoned for up to 99 years.
- ( ) Passions are running high in Alabama over the abortion bill. One of the biggest points of
- ( ) as a powerful testament...that every life is precious and that every life is a sacred gift from God." The two
- ( ) disagreement with the bill is that it contains no exceptions for incest and rape. President Donald Trump said he did
- ( ) right to reproductive freedom, we will sue." The bill is called the "Human Life Protection Act". It bans all
- ( ) state of Alabama. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), and the non-profit organization Planned Parenthood want

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190527-alabama-abortion.html>

1. lawsuit ban . A to challenge near-total the abortion
2. right attack reproductive our freedom . You constitutional to
3. bans It all the in state . abortions
4. health risk a the to mother . Prevent serious
5. who abortion perform could Doctors an be imprisoned .
6. over bill . Passions are running the abortion high
7. biggest the with The of points disagreement bill .
8. legislation testament . a This as stands powerful
9. sacred life a Every God . from gift is
10. health was public emergency . It a manmade

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190527-alabama-abortion.html>

Two high-profile groups in the USA have *flied* / *filed* a lawsuit to challenge the near-total abortion ban *on* / *in* the state of Alabama. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), and the non-profit organization Planned Parenthood want the law *overturned* / *overturning*. The ACLU tweeted: "We've been clear. If you attack *your* / *our* constitutional right to reproductive freedom, we will *sue* / *sew*." The bill is called the "Human Life Protection Act". It bans all abortions in the state, *accept* / *except* when it "is necessary in *sequence* / *order* to prevent a serious health risk" *at* / *to* the mother. The bill criminalizes the procedure and reclassifies abortion *was* / *as* a Class A crime. Doctors who perform an abortion could be imprisoned *for* / *from* up to 99 years.

Passions are *ruining* / *running* high in Alabama over the abortion bill. One of the biggest points of *disagreement* / *contraption* with the bill is that it contains no exceptions *from* / *for* incest and rape. President Donald Trump said he did not *support* / *suppose* the ban because of the lack of exceptions. The Alabama House of Representatives and the state Senate *overwhelming* / *overwhelmingly* rejected attempts to include those exceptions *in* / *on* the law. Alabama's governor said even after incest and rape, life is of the *most* / *utmost* importance. She said: "This legislation stands *was* / *as* a powerful testament...that every life is precious and that every life is a *sacred* / *scared* gift from God." The two groups pushing for the law to be reversed said it was a "manmade public health *emergent* / *emergency*".

**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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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

**3. ABORTION LAWS:** Make a poster about abortion laws around the world. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. WOMEN ONLY:** Write a magazine article about women only creating any legislation about abortion. 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 abortion. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

- |                 |                      |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1. high-profile | a. prominent         |
| 2. sue          | b. take legal action |
| 3. necessary    | c. unavoidable       |
| 4. procedure    | d. operation         |
| 5. perform      | e. carry out         |
| 6. exceptions   | f. special cases     |
| 7. support      | g. back              |
| 8. utmost       | h. greatest          |
| 9. testament    | i. demonstration     |
| 10. reversed    | j. overturned        |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Two
- They want it overturned
- Reproductive freedom
- Criminalizes it
- Up to 99 years
- Passions
- It lacked exceptions
- The House of Representatives
- A sacred gift from God
- A manmade public health emergency

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- A lawsuit to challenge the near-total abortion ban.
- You attack our constitutional right to reproductive freedom.
- It bans all abortions in the state.
- Prevent a serious health risk to the mother.
- Doctors who perform an abortion could be imprisoned.
- Passions are running high over the abortion bill.
- The biggest points of disagreement with the bill.
- This legislation stands as a powerful testament.
- Every life is a sacred gift from God.
- It was a manmade public health emergency.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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