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Donald Trump interested in buying Greenland

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THE ARTICLE

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Greenland is an autonomous territory of Denmark. The Prime Minister of Denmark, Mette Frederiksen, told reporters that Greenland would not be sold. She said: "Greenland is not for sale. Greenland is not Danish. Greenland belongs to Greenland. I strongly hope that this is not meant seriously." She added: "It's an absurd discussion, and Greenland's Prime Minister Kim Kielsen has of course made it clear that Greenland is not for sale. That's where the conversation ends." The USA has a history of being interested in Greenland. In 1946, President Harry Truman offered Denmark \$100 million for the island but Denmark said no. In 1867, President Andrew Johnson paid Russia \$7.2 million for Alaska.

Sources: https://www.bbc.com/news/world/middle_east
<https://edition.cnn.com/2019/08/18/politics/us-buy-greenland-danish-prime-minister/index.html>
<https://www.thelocal.dk/20190816/does-donald-trump-really-want-to-buy-greenland-from-denmark>

WARM-UPS

1. GREENLAND: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Greenland. 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?

interested / Greenland / island / property / real estate / minerals / concept / priority / prime minister / for sale / hope / discussion / conversation / history / no / Alaska

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

3. INDEPENDENT: Students A **strongly** believe Greenland should become independent; Students B **strongly** believe it shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

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

	What We Know	What We Want To Know
Greenland		
Iceland		
Ireland		
Thailand		
Switzerland		
Poland		

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

6. U.S. TERRITORY: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important U.S. territory at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Guam
- Puerto Rico
- Hawaii
- Alaska
- U.S. Virgin Islands
- American Samoa
- N. Mariana Islands
- Midway Atoll

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------|--|
| 1. purchase | a. Things (small rocks and other hard things) in the ground that people get by mining. |
| 2. property | b. A thing or things belonging to someone; possessions. |
| 3. deal | c. Worth a lot of money. |
| 4. valuable | d. The action of buying something. |
| 5. concept | e. A thing that is thought of as more important than another; the most important thing you have to do or want. |
| 6. minerals | f. An agreement between two or more people, companies or countries, especially for business or politics. |
| 7. priority | g. An idea. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 8. autonomous | h. Crazy, ridiculous and stupid. |
| 9. territory | i. Be the property of someone. |
| 10. belong | j. Presented something for someone to say yes or no to. |
| 11. absurd | k. Of a country or region having self-government. |
| 12. clear | l. An area of land under the control of a leader or country. |
| 13. offered | m. Gave money to someone to buy something. |
| 14. paid | n. Very easy to see or understand. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190821-greenland.html>

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

- a. Greenland is the world's second largest island. **T / F**
- b. President Trump likened buying Greenland to a real estate deal. **T / F**
- c. President Trump says the USA protects large portions of the world. **T / F**
- d. President Trump said buying Greenland was a top priority. **T / F**
- e. Greenland does not have a prime minister. **T / F**
- f. Denmark's prime minister said Greenland could be for sale. **T / F**
- g. The USA tried to buy Denmark in 1946. **T / F**
- h. Russia tried to buy Alaska from the USA in 1867. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. buying | a. top concern |
| 2. territory | b. background |
| 3. deal | c. useful |
| 4. valuable | d. land |
| 5. priority | e. journalists |
| 6. autonomous | f. obvious |
| 7. reporters | g. purchasing |
| 8. absurd | h. self-governing |
| 9. clear | i. silly |
| 10. history | j. agreement |

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

- | | |
|---|----------------------|
| 1. he is interested in buying the territory | a. minerals |
| 2. the world's second | b. to Greenland |
| 3. it was essentially a large real | c. priority |
| 4. a lot of valuable | d. sale |
| 5. buying Greenland was not his top | e. ends |
| 6. Greenland is an autonomous territory | f. largest island |
| 7. Greenland is not for | g. absurd discussion |
| 8. Greenland belongs | h. of Denmark |
| 9. It's an | i. of Greenland |
| 10. That's where the conversation | j. estate deal |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190821-greenland.html>

U.S. President Donald Trump has said he is interested in buying the (1) _____ of Greenland. President Trump said any purchase of the world's (2) _____ largest island would be like buying property. He said it was, "essentially a large real (3) _____ deal... They've got a lot of valuable minerals". He added: "Denmark owns it. We're very good (4) _____ with Denmark. We protect Denmark like we protect large (5) _____ of the world. So the concept came up and I said, 'Certainly I'd be [interested].' Strategically, it's interesting and we'd be interested but we'll talk to them a little (6) _____." Mr Trump said buying Greenland was not his top (7) _____ at the moment. He said: "It's not (8) _____ one on the burner, I can tell you that."

estate
number
territory
portions
priority
second
allies
bit

Greenland is an (9) _____ territory of Denmark. The Prime Minister of Denmark, Mette Frederiksen, told reporters that Greenland would not be (10) _____. She said: "Greenland is not for sale. Greenland is not Danish. Greenland (11) _____ to Greenland. I strongly hope that this is not meant (12) _____." She added: "It's an absurd discussion, and Greenland's Prime Minister Kim Kielsen has of course made it clear that Greenland is not for (13) _____. That's where the conversation ends." The USA has a (14) _____ of being interested in Greenland. In 1946, President Harry Truman (15) _____ Denmark \$100 million for the island but Denmark said no. In 1867, President Andrew Johnson (16) _____ Russia \$7.2 million for Alaska.

belongs
history
autonomous
sale
sold
paid
seriously
offered

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190821-greenland.html>

- 1) any purchase of the world's second largest island would be _____
 - a. like buying properly
 - b. like buying property
 - c. like buying proper tea
 - d. like buying prop party
- 2) it was essentially a large real estate deal... They've got a lot of _____
 - a. valuably minerals
 - b. valuables minerals
 - c. value able minerals
 - d. valuable minerals
- 3) Strategically, it's interesting and we'd be interested but we'll talk to them _____
 - a. a little bit
 - b. a little bite
 - c. a little byte
 - d. a little bitten
- 4) Mr Trump said buying Greenland was not his top priority _____
 - a. at a moment
 - b. at the momentum
 - c. at the moment
 - d. as the moment
- 5) It's not number one on the burner, I can _____
 - a. tell you that's
 - b. tell you that
 - c. tell you what's
 - d. tell you which
- 6) Mette Frederiksen, told reporters that Greenland would _____
 - a. not being sold
 - b. not been sold
 - c. not bee sold
 - d. not be sold
- 7) this is not meant seriously." She added: "It's an _____
 - a. absurd discussion
 - b. absurdly discussion
 - c. absurd discussing
 - d. absurdly discussing
- 8) Greenland is not for sale. That's where the _____
 - a. conversation end
 - b. conversations ends
 - c. conversation ends
 - d. conversations end
- 9) Harry Truman offered Denmark \$100 million for the island but _____
 - a. Denmark said none
 - b. Denmark said nope
 - c. Denmark said no
 - d. Denmark said now
- 10) In 1867, President Andrew Johnson paid Russia \$7.2 _____
 - a. millions for Alaska
 - b. million to Alaska
 - c. million for Alaska
 - d. millions from Alaska

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190821-greenland.html>

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Greenland (7) _____ territory of Denmark. The Prime Minister of Denmark, Mette Frederiksen, told reporters that Greenland would not be sold. She said: "Greenland is (8) _____. Greenland is not Danish. Greenland belongs to Greenland. I strongly hope that this is not meant seriously." She added: "It's (9) _____, and Greenland's Prime Minister Kim Kielsen has of course made it clear that Greenland is not for sale. That's where (10) _____." The USA has a history of (11) _____ Greenland. In 1946, President Harry Truman offered Denmark \$100 million (12) _____ but Denmark said no. In 1867, President Andrew Johnson paid Russia \$7.2 million for Alaska.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190821-greenland.html>

1. Where is Greenland on the list of the world's largest islands?
2. What valuable things did President Trump say Greenland has a lot of?
3. Who did President Trump say the USA was good allies with?
4. Where did President Trump say the USA protects, besides Denmark?
5. On what did Mr Trump say buying Greenland was not number one?
6. What is Greenland's relationship with Denmark?
7. Who did Denmark's prime minister say Greenland belonged to?
8. What adjective did Denmark's leader use to describe discussions?
9. How much did the USA want to buy Greenland for in 1946?
10. How much did Alaska cost the USA?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190821-greenland.html>

- 1) Where is Greenland on the list of the world's largest islands?
 - a) first
 - b) third
 - c) second
 - d) fourth
- 2) What valuable things did President Trump say Greenland has a lot of?
 - a) minerals
 - b) glaciers
 - c) icebergs
 - d) people
- 3) Who did President Trump say the USA was good allies with?
 - a) Mexico
 - b) the whole world
 - c) Greenland
 - d) Denmark
- 4) Where did President Trump say the USA protects, besides Denmark?
 - a) Norway
 - b) large portions of the world
 - c) Finland
 - d) countries in the Atlantic
- 5) On what did Mr Trump say buying Greenland was not number one?
 - a) a chart
 - b) a list
 - c) the burner
 - d) a poll
- 6) What is Greenland's relationship with Denmark?
 - a) off and on
 - b) it's an autonomous territory
 - c) healthy
 - d) good friends
- 7) Who did Denmark's prime minister say Greenland belonged to?
 - a) no one
 - b) Denmark
 - c) the world
 - d) Greenland
- 8) What adjective did Denmark's leader use to describe discussions?
 - a) promising
 - b) absurd
 - c) serious
 - d) difficult
- 9) How much did the USA want to buy Greenland for in 1946?
 - a) \$100 million
 - b) \$200 million
 - c) \$300 million
 - d) \$400 million
- 10) How much did Alaska cost the USA?
 - a) \$72 million
 - b) \$720 million
 - c) \$27 million
 - d) \$7.2 million

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Guam

You think Guam is the most important U.S. Territory. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their territories. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico.

Role B – Hawaii

You think Hawaii is the most important U.S. Territory. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their territories. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): Guam, Alaska or Puerto Rico.

Role C – Alaska

You think Alaska is the most important U.S. Territory. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their territories. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): Hawaii, Guam or Puerto Rico.

Role D – Puerto Rico

You think Puerto Rico is the most important U.S. Territory. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their territories. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): Hawaii, Alaska or Guam.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190821-greenland.html>

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

green	land

- 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">• buying• second• real• good• talk• number	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• reporters• strongly• seriously• course• history• no
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GREENLAND SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Greenland 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.

GREENLAND 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 'green'?
3. What do you know about Greenland?
4. Why do you think Greenland is called Greenland?
5. Why does Donald Trump want to buy Greenland?
6. Is it OK to buy a territory or country?
7. Do you think Donald Trump is good at property deals?
8. Would you like to go to Greenland?
9. Why is Greenland important strategically?
10. What is your top priority?

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GREENLAND 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 'land'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Should Greenland become an independent country?
15. What might Greenlanders think of Mr Trump's interest?
16. What do you think of the Danish prime minister's comments?
17. How would Greenland change if Donald Trump bought it?
18. Could Greenland become Trumpland if Mr Trump buys it?
19. Was the purchase of Alaska good for the USA and Russia?
20. What questions would you like to ask Donald Trump?

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) interested | (b) interests | (c) interesting | (d) interest |
| 2. | (a) buy | (b) size | (c) purchase | (d) land |
| 3. | (a) really | (b) unreal | (c) real | (d) reality |
| 4. | (a) wellies | (b) brollies | (c) bellies | (d) allies |
| 5. | (a) up | (b) on | (c) down | (d) at |
| 6. | (a) up | (b) top | (c) above | (d) over |
| 7. | (a) enlarged | (b) ginormous | (c) mouthy | (d) autonomous |
| 8. | (a) in | (b) for | (c) as | (d) at |
| 9. | (a) dent | (b) bent | (c) meant | (d) lent |
| 10. | (a) hazy | (b) opaque | (c) invisible | (d) clear |
| 11. | (a) stoppages | (b) lasts | (c) finals | (d) ends |
| 12. | (a) spent | (b) paid | (c) bought | (d) borrowed |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. the rtireytor of Greenland
2. any eurhsacp
3. a large real seetta deal
4. a lot of albaveul minerals
5. the ceoptcn came up
6. Greenland was not his top roiitypr

Paragraph 2

7. Greenland elgonbs to Greenland
8. this is not meant irsyeluos
9. It's an sduabr discussion
10. That's where the nivaoctnrose ends
11. a oihryts of being interested in Greenland
12. Truman eodffre Denmark \$100 million

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190821-greenland.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () said no. In 1867, President Andrew Johnson paid Russia \$7.2 million for Alaska.
- () 1946, President Harry Truman offered Denmark \$100 million for the island but Denmark
- () Danish. Greenland belongs to Greenland. I strongly hope that this is not meant seriously." She added: "It's an absurd
- () priority at the moment. He said: "It's not number one on the burner, I can tell you that."
- () be interested but we'll talk to them a little bit." Mr Trump said buying Greenland was not his top
- () up and I said, 'Certainly I'd be [interested].' Strategically, it's interesting and we'd
- (**1**) U.S. President Donald Trump has said he is interested in buying the territory of Greenland. President Trump said any purchase
- () estate deal... They've got a lot of valuable minerals". He added: "Denmark owns it. We're very good
- () reporters that Greenland would not be sold. She said: "Greenland is not for sale. Greenland is not
- () discussion, and Greenland's Prime Minister Kim Kielsen has of course made it clear that Greenland is not
- () Greenland is an autonomous territory of Denmark. The Prime Minister of Denmark, Mette Frederiksen, told
- () allies with Denmark. We protect Denmark like we protect large portions of the world. So the concept came
- () for sale. That's where the conversation ends." The USA has a history of being interested in Greenland. In
- () of the world's second largest island would be like buying property. He said it was, "essentially a large real

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190821-greenland.html>

1. buying is He interested the territory . in
2. was real essentially deal . a It large estate
3. the protect world . We large portions of
4. top Buying his Greenland not was priority .
5. one It's number the not burner . on
6. autonomous Greenland an is territory of Denmark .
7. Greenland said sale . not is She for
8. Greenland reporters Told would not be that sold .
9. it clear isn't Greenland Made for that sale .
10. history of The a being USA has interested .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190821-greenland.html>

U.S. President Donald Trump has said he is interested *in / on* buying the territory of Greenland. President Trump said any *purchased / purchase* of the world's second largest island would be *same / like* buying property. He said it was, "essentially a large real estate *deal / dealt*... They've got a lot of valuable *mineral / minerals*". He added: "Denmark *owning / owns* it. We're very good allies with Denmark. We protect Denmark like we protect large *portions / patterns* of the world. So the concept came *up / down* and I said, 'Certainly I'd be [interested].' Strategically, it's interesting and we'd be interested but we'll talk to them a little *part / bit*." Mr Trump said buying Greenland was not his top priority at the *monument / moment*. He said: "It's not number one on the burner, I can tell you that."

Greenland is an *autonomous / autonomy* territory of Denmark. The Prime Minister of Denmark, Mette Frederiksen, told reporters that Greenland would not be *sell / sold*. She said: "Greenland is not *for / from* sale. Greenland is not Danish. Greenland *belonging / belongs* to Greenland. I strongly hope that this is not *meant / mean* seriously." She added: "It's an absurd *discuss / discussion*, and Greenland's Prime Minister Kim Kielsen has of course made it *clearly / clear* that Greenland is not for sale. That's where the *conversion / conversation* ends." The USA has a history of being interested in Greenland. In 1946, President Harry Truman offered Denmark \$100 million for the island but Denmark said *no / not*. In 1867, President Andrew Johnson *paid / spent* Russia \$7.2 million for Alaska.

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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190821-greenland.html>

us president donald trump has said he is interested in buying the territory of greenland president trump said any purchase of the worlds second largest island would be like buying property he said it was essentially a large real estate deal theyve got a lot of valuable minerals he added denmark owns it were very good allies with denmark we protect denmark like we protect large portions of the world so the concept came up and i said certainly id be interested strategically its interesting and wed be interested but well talk to them a little bit mr trump said buying greenland was not his top priority at the moment he said its not number one on the burner i can tell you that

greenland is an autonomous territory of denmark the prime minister of denmark mette frederiksen told reporters that greenland would not be sold she said greenland is not for sale greenland is not danish greenland belongs to greenland i strongly hope that this is not meant seriously she added its an absurd discussion and greenlands prime minister kim kielsen has of course made it clear that greenland is not for sale thats where the conversation ends the usa has a history of being interested in greenland in 1946 president harry truman offered denmark 100 million for the island but denmark said no in 1867 president andrew johnson paid russia 72 million for alaska

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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U.S. President Donald Trump said he is interested in buying the territory of Greenland. President Trump said any purchase of the world's second largest island would be like buying property. He said it was, "essentially a large real estate deal... They've got a lot of valuable minerals". He added: "Denmark owns it. We're very good allies with Denmark. We protect Denmark like we protect large portions of the world. So the concept came up and I said, 'Certainly I'd be [interested]'. Strategically, it's interesting and we'd be interested but we'll talk to them a little bit." Mr Trump said buying Greenland was not his top priority at the moment. He said: "It's not number one on the burner, I can tell you that." Greenland is an autonomous territory of Denmark. The Prime Minister of Denmark, Mette Frederiksen, told reporters that Greenland would not be sold. She said: "Greenland is not for sale. Greenland is not Danish. Greenland belongs to Greenland. I strongly hope that this is not meant seriously." She added: "It's an absurd discussion, and Greenland's Prime Minister Kim Kielsen has of course made it clear that Greenland is not for sale. That's where the conversation ends." The USA has a history of being interested in Greenland. In 1946, President Harry Truman offered Denmark \$100 million for the island but Denmark said no. In 1867, President Andrew Johnson paid Russia \$7.2 million for Alaska.

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

4. REAL ESTATE: Write a magazine article about countries and territories being bought and sold like real estate. 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 Greenland. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on Donald Trump buying Greenland. 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 T b T c T d F e F f F g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|---------------|-------------------|
| 1. buying | a. purchasing |
| 2. territory | b. land |
| 3. deal | c. agreement |
| 4. valuable | d. useful |
| 5. priority | e. top concern |
| 6. autonomous | f. self-governing |
| 7. reporters | g. journalists |
| 8. absurd | h. silly |
| 9. clear | i. obvious |
| 10. history | j. background |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Second
- Minerals
- Denmark
- Large portions of the world
- The burner
- It's an autonomous territory
- Greenland
- Absurd
- \$100 million
- \$7.2 million

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- He is interested in buying the territory.
- It was essentially a large real estate deal.
- We protect large portions of the world.
- Buying Greenland was not his top priority.
- It's not number one on the burner.
- Greenland is an autonomous territory of Denmark.
- He said Greenland is not for sale.
- Told reporters that Greenland would not be sold.
- Made it clear that Greenland isn't for sale.
- The USA has a history of being interested.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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 ;-)