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THE ARTICLE

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A businessman who sells bottled water is now the richest man in China. The business magazine Bloomberg named Mr Zhong Shanshan as China's richest man in its latest Billionaires Index. The magazine said Mr Zhong is worth over \$58 billion. This makes him \$2 billion richer than the previous number one, Jack Ma. Mr Ma founded the retail Internet giant Alibaba. Mr Zhong made his wealth from his Nongfu Spring bottled water company. He then branched out into making vaccines. He is the chairman of a vaccine manufacturer called the Beijing Wantai Biological Pharmacy. Mr Zhong is now 17th on the global rich list. It seems that he will move up that list in the future.

Zhong Shanshan, 66, was a construction worker before he got into business. He started his Nongfu Spring company in 1996. This was just as China's market for bottled water was emerging. Bottled water is now a huge industry in China. Most people who live in China prefer drinking bottled water to tap water for health reasons. They prefer not to trust tap water. Zhong's pharmaceutical company is also helping in the fight against COVID-19. It is developing a nasal-spray vaccine with the help of researchers from a top university. Chinese media call Mr Zhong a "lone wolf" because he is rarely seen in public. He rarely gives interviews and he likes to keep himself to himself.

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WARM-UPS

1. BEING RICH: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about being rich. 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?

businessman / bottled water / magazine / billion / retail / Internet / giant / vaccine / construction worker / market / industry / trust / tap water / fight / wolf / interview

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

3. HAPPINESS: Students A **strongly** believe you need money to be happy; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. BILLIONAIRE: How would you change the things below if you were a multi-billionaire? How much happier would you be? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Change?	How Much Happier?
Job		
House		
Food		
Friends		
Hobbies		
English		

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

6. WEALTH: Rank these with your partner. Put the things that can make you wealthy at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Art
- Investments
- Hard work
- The lottery
- Gambling
- Property
- Gold
- Love

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------|--|
| 1. magazine | a. Being or happening before in time or order. |
| 2. latest | b. Something for people to read that is printed and comes out every week or every month and contains articles about a particular topic or hobby (cars, fashion, food, business, etc.). |
| 3. worth | c. Has the value of. |
| 4. previous | d. A very, very, very large company. |
| 5. retail | e. Different things or names written or printed (in order) consecutively, usually one below the other. |
| 6. giant | f. Most recent. |
| 7. list | g. The sale of goods to the public in small quantities for use or rather than for resale, |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. construction | h. Like better. |
| 9. emerging | i. Not often; seldom. |
| 10. huge | j. Something that makes a virus go away and makes us better, or protects us from a virus. |
| 11. prefer | k. Very, very, very big. |
| 12. tap | l. The thing you turn on from which water comes out (in a bathroom, kitchen, toilet, etc.). |
| 13. vaccine | m. The building of something, usually buildings and roads. |
| 14. rarely | n. Becoming known or important. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200926-richest-man.html>

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

- a. The Forbes business magazine names the man the richest in China. **T / F**
- b. The man (Mr Zhong) is worth over \$60 billion. **T / F**
- c. Mr Zhong is worth \$2 billion more than China's second wealthiest man. **T / F**
- d. Mr Zhong also has a pharmaceutical company. **T / F**
- e. Mr Zhong worked as a construction worker before. **T / F**
- f. Mr Zhong got into China's bottled water business just as it was starting. **T / F**
- g. Mr Zhong's company is trying to develop a vaccine for COVID-19. **T / F**
- h. Mr Zhong is a very sociable person who loves the spotlight. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. businessman | a. enormous |
| 2. latest | b. riches |
| 3. previous | c. building |
| 4. wealth | d. past |
| 5. seems | e. appearing |
| 6. construction | f. battle |
| 7. emerging | g. entrepreneur |
| 8. huge | h. appears |
| 9. fight | i. seldom |
| 10. rarely | j. most recent |

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

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. A businessman who | a. to himself |
| 2. richer than the previous number | b. manufacturer |
| 3. the retail Internet | c. sells bottled water |
| 4. a vaccine | d. trust tap water |
| 5. he will move up that | e. worker |
| 6. construction | f. one |
| 7. prefer drinking bottled water | g. in public |
| 8. They prefer not to | h. giant Alibaba |
| 9. he is rarely seen | i. to tap water |
| 10. he likes to keep himself | j. list in the future |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200926-richest-man.html>

A businessman who sells bottled water is now the richest man in China. The business (1) _____ Bloomberg named Mr Zhong Shanshan as China's richest man in its (2) _____ Billionaires Index. The magazine said Mr Zhong is (3) _____ over \$58 billion. This makes him \$2 billion richer than the (4) _____ number one, Jack Ma. Mr Ma founded the retail Internet (5) _____ Alibaba. Mr Zhong made his wealth from his Nongfu Spring bottled water company. He then (6) _____ out into making vaccines. He is the chairman of a (7) _____ manufacturer called the Beijing Wantai Biological Pharmacy. Mr Zhong is now 17th on the global rich (8) _____. It seems that he will move up that list in the future.

latest
previous
vaccine
giant
magazine
list
worth
branched

Zhong Shanshan, 66, was a construction worker before he got into business. He started his Nongfu Spring company in 1996. This was just as China's (9) _____ for bottled water was emerging. Bottled water is now a huge (10) _____ in China. Most people who live in China prefer drinking bottled water to (11) _____ water for health reasons. They prefer not to (12) _____ tap water. Zhong's pharmaceutical company is also helping in the fight against COVID-19. It is developing a nasal-spray (13) _____ with the help of researchers from a top university. Chinese (14) _____ call Mr Zhong a "lone wolf" because he is (15) _____ seen in public. He rarely gives (16) _____ and he likes to keep himself to himself.

vaccine
industry
interviews
market
rarely
trust
media
tap

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200926-richest-man.html>

- 1) A businessman who sells bottled water is now the richest _____
 - a. men in China
 - b. man's in China
 - c. many in China
 - d. man in China
- 2) named Mr Zhong Shanshan as China's richest man in its _____
 - a. latest Billionaires Index
 - b. latex Billionaires Index
 - c. last test Billionaires Index
 - d. late test Billionaires Index
- 3) This makes him \$2 billion richer than _____
 - a. the previous number
 - b. the impervious number
 - c. the previously number
 - d. the previews number
- 4) from his Nongfu Spring bottled water company. He _____
 - a. then branched out
 - b. then brunched tout
 - c. then bunched out
 - d. then branch tout
- 5) It seems that he will move up that _____ future
 - a. list on the
 - b. last at the
 - c. list in the
 - d. last in the
- 6) Zhong Shanshan, 66, was a construction worker before he _____
 - a. get into business
 - b. gets into business
 - c. getting into business
 - d. got into business
- 7) This was just as China's market for bottled _____
 - a. waters were emerging
 - b. waters was emerging
 - c. water were emerging
 - d. water was emerging
- 8) Most people who live in China prefer drinking bottled water _____
 - a. to tap water
 - b. to tip water
 - c. to top water
 - d. to tape water
- 9) a nasal-spray vaccine with the help of researchers from _____
 - a. at top university
 - b. a stop university
 - c. atop a university
 - d. a top university
- 10) He rarely gives interviews and he likes to keep _____
 - a. himself to herself
 - b. himself to themselves
 - c. himself to itself
 - d. himself to himself

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Zhong Shanshan, 66, was (7) _____ before he got into business. He started his Nongfu Spring company in 1996. This was just as China's market for bottled water was emerging. Bottled water is now (8) _____ in China. Most people who live in China prefer drinking bottled water to tap water (9) _____. They prefer not to trust tap water. Zhong's pharmaceutical company is also helping in the fight against COVID-19. It is developing a (10) _____ with the help of researchers from a top university. Chinese media call Mr Zhong a "lone wolf" because he is rarely (11) _____. He rarely gives interviews and he likes to keep (12) _____.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200926-richest-man.html>

1. What is the name of the magazine that made the Billionaires Index?
2. How much is Zhong Shanshan worth?
3. How much more is Zhong Shanshan than Jack Ma?
4. What did Zhong Shanshan branch out into?
5. Where is Zhong Shanshan on the global rich list?
6. What did Zhong Shanshan once work as?
7. When did Zhong Shanshan start his bottled water company?
8. What do people in China prefer bottled water to?
9. What kind of spray is Zhong Shanshan's company developing?
10. What did Chinese media call Zhong Shanshan?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200926-richest-man.html>

- 1) What is the name of the magazine that made the Billionaires Index?
 - a) Newsweek
 - b) Forbes
 - c) Bloomberg
 - d) TIME
- 2) How much is Zhong Shanshan worth?
 - a) over \$58 billion
 - b) exactly \$58 billion
 - c) around \$58 billion
 - d) just under \$58 billion
- 3) How much more is Zhong Shanshan than Jack Ma?
 - a) \$2 billion
 - b) \$12 billion
 - c) \$200,000
 - d) \$20 billion
- 4) What did Zhong Shanshan branch out into?
 - a) trees
 - b) vaccines
 - c) IT
 - d) car manufacturing
- 5) Where is Zhong Shanshan on the global rich list?
 - a) 11th
 - b) 15th
 - c) 15th
 - d) 17th
- 6) What did Zhong Shanshan once work as?
 - a) a soccer referee
 - b) a construction worker
 - c) a doctor
 - d) a train driver
- 7) When did Zhong Shanshan start his bottled water company?
 - a) 1996
 - b) 1997
 - c) 1998
 - d) 1999
- 8) What do people in China prefer bottled water to?
 - a) fruit juice
 - b) Coca Cola
 - c) tap water
 - d) bottled tea
- 9) What kind of spray is Zhong Shanshan's company developing?
 - a) a perfume spray
 - b) an alcohol spray
 - c) a hair spray
 - d) a nasal spray
- 10) What did Chinese media call Zhong Shanshan?
 - a) a lone wolf
 - b) himself
 - c) a legend
 - d) an innovator

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Property

You think property is the thing that can make you the richest. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things can't make you as rich. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): hard work, gambling or love.

Role B – Hard Work

You think hard work is the thing that can make you the richest. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things can't make you as rich. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): property, gambling or love.

Role C – Gambling

You think gambling is the thing that can make you the richest. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things can't make you as rich. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): hard work, property or love.

Role D – Love

You think love is the thing that can make you the richest. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things can't make you as rich. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): hard work, gambling or property.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200926-richest-man.html>

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

bottle	water

- 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">• now• latest• 2• branched• chairman• future	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• worker• market• prefer• trust• help• himself
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BEING RICH SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about being rich 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.

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 'water'?
3. What do you think of water?
4. What do you think of bottled water?
5. Do you prefer reading magazines or the Internet?
6. What would it be like to be super rich?
7. How can we become rich?
8. How happy are you with your level of wealth?
9. What company would you like to be chairperson of?
10. What advice do you have for Mr Zhong?

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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 'rich'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of tap water?
15. How easy is it to start a company?
16. Do you prefer tap water or bottled water?
17. Is it OK to put water in plastic bottles?
18. How will the world change if we find a vaccine for COVID-19?
19. Do you like to keep yourself to yourself?
20. What questions would you like to ask Mr Zhong?

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/2009/200926-richest-man.html>

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Zhong Shanshan, 66, was a construction worker before he got into business. He started his Nongfu Spring company in 1996. This was (7) _____ as China's market for bottled water was emerging. Bottled water is now a (8) _____ industry in China. Most people who live in China prefer drinking bottled water to tap water for health reasons. They prefer not to (9) _____ tap water. Zhong's pharmaceutical company is also helping in the fight against COVID-19. It is developing a (10) _____ -spray vaccine with the help of researchers from a top university. Chinese media call Mr Zhong a "(11) _____ wolf" because he is rarely seen in public. He rarely gives interviews and he likes to keep himself to (12) _____.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) whom | (b) whomever | (c) who | (d) whose |
| 2. | (a) latest | (b) lest | (c) lasting | (d) lasts |
| 3. | (a) worth | (b) value | (c) money | (d) price |
| 4. | (a) made | (b) did | (c) was | (d) done |
| 5. | (a) in | (b) out | (c) root | (d) of |
| 6. | (a) to | (b) at | (c) on | (d) in |
| 7. | (a) justice | (b) justly | (c) just | (d) adjust |
| 8. | (a) hug | (b) hugger | (c) hugging | (d) huge |
| 9. | (a) trust | (b) thirst | (c) puddle | (d) faucet |
| 10. | (a) nosy | (b) nasal | (c) nosed | (d) nosedive |
| 11. | (a) loneliness | (b) lone | (c) alone | (d) loner |
| 12. | (a) itself | (b) themselves | (c) himself | (d) herself |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200926-richest-man.html>

Paragraph 1

1. The business agmzanie
2. the epivrous number one
3. Ma founded the eratil Internet giant
4. He then rnbhcaed out
5. a vaccine anumautcrfer
6. the logabl rich list

Paragraph 2

7. a scutrcoitnon worker
8. ...market for bottled water was reegmnig
9. a huge nuitsdry in China
10. developing a sanla spray
11. he is rarely seen in uplbic
12. He rarely gives ntriiveews

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200926-richest-man.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () out into making vaccines. He is the chairman of a vaccine manufacturer called
- (**1**) A businessman who sells bottled water is now the richest man in China. The business magazine Bloomberg
- () Zhong Shanshan, 66, was a construction worker before he got into
- () named Mr Zhong Shanshan as China's richest man in its latest Billionaires Index. The magazine said Mr Zhong is worth
- () the Beijing Wantai Biological Pharmacy. Mr Zhong is now 17th on the global
- () over \$58 billion. This makes him \$2 billion richer than the previous number one, Jack Ma. Mr Ma founded
- () the retail Internet giant Alibaba. Mr Zhong made his wealth from his Nongfu Spring bottled water company. He then branched
- () tap water for health reasons. They prefer not to trust tap water. Zhong's pharmaceutical company is also helping
- () emerging. Bottled water is now a huge industry in China. Most people who live in China prefer drinking bottled water to
- () business. He started his Nongfu Spring company in 1996. This was just as China's market for bottled water was
- () in the fight against COVID-19. It is developing a nasal-spray vaccine with the help
- () rich list. It seems that he will move up that list in the future.
- () of researchers from a top university. Chinese media call Mr Zhong a "lone wolf" because he is rarely seen in
- () public. He rarely gives interviews and he likes to keep himself to himself.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200926-richest-man.html>

1. Chinese who A bottled sells businessman spring water .
2. than richer \$2 billion number previous one the .
3. branched He into out then making vaccines .
4. on 17th He's the now rich global list .
5. that It will he seems move up .
6. for market As bottled China's was water emerging .
7. live People China in who prefer bottled water .
8. is developing a It spray nasal vaccine .
9. call Chinese Zhong Mr media a lone wolf .
10. likes to keep He to himself himself .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200926-richest-man.html>

A businessman who sells bottled water is *known / now* the richest man in China. The business magazine Bloomberg named Mr Zhong Shanshan as China's richest man in its *latest / late* Billionaires Index. The magazine said Mr Zhong is *worthy / worth* over \$58 billion. This makes him \$2 billion richer than the *period / previous* number one, Jack Ma. Mr Ma founded the *tail / retail* Internet giant Alibaba. Mr Zhong made his *wealth / wealthy* from his Nongfu Spring bottled water company. He then *twigged / branched* out into making vaccines. He is the chairman *of / off* a vaccine manufacturer called the Beijing Wantai Biological Pharmacy. Mr Zhong is now 17th on the *global / globe* rich list. It seems that he will move up that list *on / in* the future.

Zhong Shanshan, 66, was a *construct / construction* worker before he got into business. He *started / starred* his Nongfu Spring company in 1996. This was *just / justice* as China's market for bottled water was *emerge / emerging*. Bottled water is now a *huge / hugging* industry in China. Most people who live in China prefer drinking bottled water to tap water for health *reason / reasons*. They prefer not to trust tap water. Zhong's pharmaceutical company is also helping in the fight *against / again* COVID-19. It is developing a nasal-spray vaccine with the help *to / of* researchers from a top university. Chinese media call Mr Zhong a "*bone / lone* wolf" because he is rarely seen in public. He rarely gives interviews and he likes to keep himself to *himself / him*.

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/2009/200926-richest-man.html>

A b_s_n_s s m_n w h_ s_l l s b_t t l_d w_t_r _s n_w
t h_ r_c h_s t m_n _n C h_n_. T h_ b_s_n_s s
m_g_z_n_ B l__ m b_r g n_m_d M r Z h_n g S h_n s
h_n _s C h_n_'s r_c h_s t m_n _n _t s l_t_s t B_l
l__ n__ r_s I n d_x . T h_ m_g_z_n_ s__ d M r Z h_n
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h_m \$ 2 b_l l__ n r_c h_r t h_n t h_ p_r_v__s
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w_l l m_v_ _p t h_t l_s t _n t h_ f_t_r_.

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200926-richest-man.html>

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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Write about **being rich** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

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Bottled water is better than tap water. Discuss.

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. BEING RICH: Make a poster about being rich. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. EQUALITY: Write a magazine article about everyone in the world being equally rich one day. Include imaginary interviews with people who think this will happen and with people who think it won't.

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 being rich. Ask him/her three questions about being rich. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to get rich. 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 F b F c T d T e T f T g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. j	3. d	4. b	5. h
6. c	7. e	8. a	9. f	10. i

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Bloomberg
2. Over \$58 billion
3. \$2 billion
4. Vaccines
5. Seventeenth
6. A construction worker
7. 1996
8. Tap water
9. A nasal spray (for COVID-19)
10. A lone wolf

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. A Chinese businessman who sells bottled spring water.
2. \$2 billion richer than the previous number one.
3. He then branched out into making vaccines.
4. He's now 17th on the global rich list.
5. It seems that he will move up.
6. As China's market for bottled water was emerging.
7. People who live in China prefer bottled water.
8. It is developing a nasal spray vaccine.
9. Chinese media call Mr Zhong a lone wolf.
10. He likes to keep himself to himself.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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