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2021 not as bad as 2020, says think tank

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THE ARTICLE

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The CFR asserted that 2021 did bring some good news. It said: "For a moment in early summer, it seemed that COVID-19 was in the rearview mirror." On the brighter side, more than 9 billion covid-19 vaccinations were administered globally. Many notable achievements occurred in 2021. NASA's Perseverance rover successfully "drilled, extracted and stored a sample of Martian rock" for the very first time. In health news, "after decades of targeted and sustained action," the WHO declared China free of malaria. There was also good news regarding sustainability as United Airlines flew the first passenger aircraft with 100 per cent sustainable fuel. And... cheese lovers were guaranteed there is "no evidence that cheese causes weight gain".

Sources: <https://www.cfr.org/blog/ten-most-significant-world-events-2021>
<https://www.wired.com/story/2021-positive-news/>
<https://www.theweek.co.uk/news/world-news/955150/best-good-news-stories-from-2021>

WARM-UPS

1. THE YEAR 2021: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about the year 2021. 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?

think tank / 2021 / foreign relations / experts / international affairs / code red / crisis
good news / summer / vaccinations / health / malaria / sustainability / fuel / cheese

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

3. BETTER: Students A **strongly** believe the year 2022 will be better than 2021; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. 2021: What was good and bad about 2021? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good	Bad
Environment		
Sport		
School		
Hobbies		
My English		
Politics		

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

6. 2022: Rank these with your partner. Put the things you want most for 2022 at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Better English
- More clothes
- Good health
- More exercise
- Healthier diet
- Saving money
- More restaurants
- New friends

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. influential | a. An organized group of people with a common purpose or function. |
| 2. body | b. Causing or involving great suffering, fear, or unhappiness; extremely bad or serious. |
| 3. centenary | c. Excited, confused, or disorderly. |
| 4. tumultuous | d. The hundredth anniversary of a significant event. |
| 5. dreadful | e. Having the power to change or affect someone or something. |
| 6. mutating | f. Movement of people to a new area or country in order to find work or better living conditions. |
| 7. migration | g. Changing in form or nature. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8. asserted | h. Continuing for an extended period or without interruption. |
| 9. administered | i. Stated a fact or belief confidently and forcefully. |
| 10. notable | j. Obtained a substance or resource from something by a special method. |
| 11. rover | k. The available body of facts or information indicating whether something is true. |
| 12. extracted | l. Worthy of attention or notice; remarkable. |
| 13. sustained | m. A vehicle for driving over rough terrain, especially on other planets or the Moon. |
| 14. evidence | n. Gave, applied or injected a medicine or vaccine. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220103-2021-in-review.html>

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

1. A Canadian not-for-profit body said 2021 was better than 2020. **T / F**
2. The Council on Foreign Relations is 100 years old. **T / F**
3. Failures over climate change topped the list of bad news. **T / F**
4. The USA declared a code red for humanity. **T / F**
5. A non-profit body said the pandemic was over last summer. **T / F**
6. NASA managed to get rock samples from Mars last year. **T / F**
7. The article says malaria was finally eradicated in Africa. **T / F**
8. The article suggested cheese lovers might have been happy with 2021. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. influential | a. given |
| 2. body | b. terrible |
| 3. tumultuous | c. promised |
| 4. dreadful | d. organization |
| 5. crisis | e. declared |
| 6. asserted | f. important |
| 7. administered | g. proof |
| 8. sample | h. catastrophe |
| 9. guaranteed | i. stormy |
| 10. evidence | j. specimen |

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

- | | |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. a United States not-for-profit body | a. causes weight gain |
| 2. 2021 wasn't | b. of the coronavirus |
| 3. there was still plenty of | c. sustained action |
| 4. the mutating | d. of experts |
| 5. the supply | e. side |
| 6. For a moment | f. as tumultuous |
| 7. On the brighter | g. in early summer |
| 8. extracted and stored a sample | h. chain crisis |
| 9. after decades of targeted and | i. of Martian rock |
| 10. no evidence that cheese | j. dreadful news |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220103-2021-in-review.html>

An (1) _____ think tank has suggested that the year 2021 wasn't as bad as 2020. The Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) is a United States not-for-profit body of (2) _____ specializing in U.S. foreign policy and international affairs. It celebrated its centenary in 2021. It stated that 2021 "wasn't as (3) _____ as 2020, which put in a (4) _____ to be the worst year ever". However, there was still plenty of dreadful news. Number one on the bad news (5) _____ was the world's failure to properly (6) _____ the climate change challenge. This led to UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres declaring "a (7) _____ red for humanity". Other top-ten stories included the mutating of the coronavirus, (8) _____ migration, the supply chain crisis, and the Taliban returning to power.

claim
influential
code
list
mass
tumultuous
experts
address

The CFR (9) _____ that 2021 did bring some good news. It said: "For a moment in early summer, it seemed that COVID-19 was in the (10) _____ mirror." On the brighter side, more than 9 billion covid-19 vaccinations were administered globally. Many (11) _____ achievements occurred in 2021. NASA's Perseverance rover successfully "drilled, (12) _____ and stored a sample of Martian rock" for the very first time. In health news, "after (13) _____ of targeted and sustained action," the WHO declared China free of malaria. There was also good news (14) _____ sustainability as United Airlines flew the first passenger aircraft with 100 per cent sustainable fuel. And... cheese (15) _____ were guaranteed there is "no evidence that cheese causes weight (16) _____".

notable
decades
asserted
extracted
lovers
rearview
gain
regarding

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220103-2021-in-review.html>

- 1) The Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) is a United States not-for-profit _____
 - a. body of expats
 - b. body of expects
 - c. body of experts
 - d. body of egg spurts
- 2) specializing in U.S. foreign policy and _____
 - a. international as fares
 - b. international afters
 - c. international affects
 - d. international affairs
- 3) However, there was still plenty _____
 - a. of dreadful news
 - b. of dread full news
 - c. of dead full news
 - d. of dread fuel news
- 4) This led to UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres declaring "a code _____
 - a. read for humanity
 - b. red for humanity
 - c. lead for humanity
 - d. reed for humanity
- 5) Other top-ten stories included the mutating of the coronavirus, _____
 - a. amass emigration
 - b. mass migration
 - c. massed migration
 - d. mass immigration
- 6) For a moment in early summer, it seemed that COVID-19 was in _____
 - a. the roar view mirror
 - b. the review mirror
 - c. the rare view mirror
 - d. the rearview mirror
- 7) drilled, extracted and stored a sample _____
 - a. of Martian rock
 - b. of marsh an rock
 - c. of Marsh shamrock
 - d. of Mars shamrock
- 8) after decades of targeted and sustained action, the WHO declared China _____
 - a. freer malaria
 - b. free off malaria
 - c. free oft malaria
 - d. free of malaria
- 9) United Airlines flew the first passenger aircraft with 100 per cent _____
 - a. sustain a ball fuel
 - b. suss stain a ball full
 - c. sustainable fuel
 - d. sustainable full
- 10) And... cheese lovers were guaranteed there _____
 - a. is no evidence
 - b. is now evidence
 - c. is non evidence
 - d. is new evidence

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220103-2021-in-review.html>

1. What is the name of the think tank?
2. How old is the think tank mentioned in the article?
3. What was number one on the bad news list?
4. What did the UN declare?
5. Who does the article say returned to power?
6. When did it seem that COVID-19 was "in the rearview mirror"?
7. What did NASA extract a sample of?
8. Which country was declared malaria-free?
9. What did an aircraft fly with 100 per cent of?
10. What food was dissociated with weight gain?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220103-2021-in-review.html>

- 1) What is the name of the think tank?
 - a) World Thoughts
 - b) Foreign Relations Thinking
 - c) The Council on World Thinking
 - d) The Council on Foreign Relations
- 2) How old is the think tank mentioned in the article?
 - a) 200 years old
 - b) 100 years old
 - c) 75 years old
 - d) 50 years old
- 3) What was number one on the bad news list?
 - a) wars
 - b) cybercrime
 - c) climate change failures
 - d) the coronavirus pandemic
- 4) What did the UN declare?
 - a) a code red for humanity
 - b) record profits
 - c) record losses
 - d) a code green for climate
- 5) Who does the article say returned to power?
 - a) Jo Biden
 - b) Antonio Guterres
 - c) the Taliban
 - d) the head of the WHO
- 6) When did it seem that COVID-19 was "in the rearview mirror"?
 - a) late summer
 - b) early summer
 - c) mid-spring
 - d) mid-to-late summer
- 7) What did NASA extract a sample of?
 - a) space dust
 - b) space sound
 - c) Saturn
 - d) Martian rock
- 8) Which country was declared malaria-free?
 - a) China
 - b) Namibia
 - c) Afghanistan
 - d) Peru
- 9) What did an aircraft fly with 100 per cent of?
 - a) recyclable aluminium
 - b) passengers
 - c) sustainable fuel
 - d) reusable plastics
- 10) What food was dissociated with weight gain?
 - a) hamburgers
 - b) cheese
 - c) pizza
 - d) French fries

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Better English

You think better English is the most important thing to get in 2022. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least desirable of these (and why): more exercise, healthier diet or new friends.

Role B – More Exercise

You think more exercise is the most important thing to get in 2022. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least desirable of these (and why): better English, healthier diet or new friends.

Role C – Healthier Diet

You think a healthier diet is the most important thing to get in 2022. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least desirable of these (and why): more exercise, better English or new friends.

Role D – New Friends

You think new friends is the most important thing to get in 2022. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least desirable of these (and why): more exercise, healthier diet or better English.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220103-2021-in-review.html>

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

think	tank

- 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">• influential• experts• centenary• worst• code• crisis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• good• side• notable• health• aircraft• lovers
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THE YEAR 2021 SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the year 2021 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.

THE YEAR 2021 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 'year'?
3. What do you know about think tanks?
4. What did you think of 2021?
5. How does last year compare to 2020?
6. What was good and bad about 2021 for you?
7. What do you know about code red for humanity?
8. How has your government handled the coronavirus?
9. Has mass migration affected your country?
10. What do you think of the Taliban returning to power?

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THE YEAR 2021 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 'review'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What did you think of 2020?
15. What good news was there in 2021?
16. What do you think of the exploration of Mars?
17. What do you know about malaria?
18. What do you think 2022 will be like?
19. What do you think of cheese?
20. What questions would you like to ask the think tank?

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) suggested | (b) suggestive | (c) suggesting | (d) suggest |
| 2. | (a) head | (b) arm | (c) body | (d) leg |
| 3. | (a) aside | (b) on | (c) in | (d) down |
| 4. | (a) label | (b) solution | (c) list | (d) address |
| 5. | (a) node | (b) lode | (c) code | (d) mode |
| 6. | (a) amass | (b) mass | (c) massed | (d) masses |
| 7. | (a) asset | (b) asserted | (c) assist | (d) accosted |
| 8. | (a) shinier | (b) brighter | (c) sparkling | (d) flashy |
| 9. | (a) memo | (b) dictation | (c) notable | (d) messaging |
| 10. | (a) freely | (b) freedom | (c) frees | (d) free |
| 11. | (a) love-ins | (b) luvvies | (c) loves | (d) lovers |
| 12. | (a) gai | (b) against | (c) again | (d) gain |

SPELLING

Paragraph 1

1. not-for-profit body of xsteper
2. 2021 wasn't as utmsuulotu as 2020
3. plenty of edurafld news
4. declaring a code red for tumnyiah
5. the muttgina of the coronavirus
6. mass trgomanii

Paragraph 2

7. The CFR rsestaet that
8. naisvnoiactc were administered globally
9. the WHO declared China free of raailam
10. good news regarding ialtisbnatuiys
11. cheese lovers were grnedateau
12. there is no edceienv

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () news. Number one on the bad news list was the world's failure to properly address the climate change
- () Foreign Relations (CFR) is a United States not-for-profit body of experts specializing in U.S. foreign policy
- () tumultuous as 2020, which put in a claim to be the worst year ever". However, there was still plenty of dreadful
- () challenge. This led to UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres declaring "a code red for humanity". Other top-ten stories
- () were administered globally. Many notable achievements occurred in 2021. NASA's Perseverance rover
- () regarding targeted and sustained action," the WHO declared China free of malaria. There was also good news with
- () and international affairs. It celebrated its centenary in 2021. It stated that 2021 "wasn't as
- () summer, it seemed that COVID-19 was in the rearview mirror." On the brighter side, more than 9 billion covid-19 vaccinations
- () sustainability as United Airlines flew the first passenger aircraft with 100 per cent sustainable
- () included the mutating of the coronavirus, mass migration, the supply chain crisis, and the Taliban returning to power.
- () successfully "drilled, extracted and stored a sample of Martian rock" for the very first time. In health news, "after decades
- () fuel. And... cheese lovers were guaranteed there is "no evidence that cheese causes weight gain".
- () The CFR asserted that 2021 did bring some good news. It said: "For a moment in early
- (**1**) An influential think tank has suggested that the year 2021 wasn't as bad as 2020. The Council on

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. has influential tank An that . think suggested
2. worst claim the to year ever . be A
3. climate world's failure address The change . to properly
4. for declared a red code humanity . The UN
5. the coronavirus . the stories included Other mutating of top-ten
6. seemed the was in rearview It mirror . COVID-19
7. China of WHO free The malaria . declared
8. was news good also sustainability . There regarding
9. aircraft passenger first sustainable 100% with fuel . The
10. that evidence cheese weight There's causes gain . no

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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An influential think tank has *suggesting* / *suggested* that the year 2021 wasn't as bad as 2020. The Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) is a United States not-for-profit *head* / *body* of experts specializing in U.S. foreign policy and international *affair* / *affairs*. It celebrated its *centenary* / *century* in 2021. It stated that 2021 "wasn't as *tumultuous* / *tumult* as 2020, which put in a *disclaim* / *claim* to be the worst year ever". However, there was still plenty of *dreadful* / *dread* news. Number one on the bad news list was the world's *failure* / *fails* to properly address the climate change challenge. This led to UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres declaring "a code red for *humane* / *humanity*". Other top-ten stories included the mutating of the coronavirus, mass migration, the supply chain *crisis* / *critics*, and the Taliban returning to power.

The CFR *assertion* / *asserted* that 2021 did bring some good news. It said: "For a *moment* / *momentum* in early summer, it seemed that COVID-19 was in the rearview *vanity* / *mirror*." On the brighter side, more than 9 billion covid-19 vaccinations were administered *worldly* / *globally*. Many notable achievements occurred in 2021. NASA's Perseverance rover successfully "drilled, *distracted* / *extracted* and stored a sample of Martian rock" for the very first time. In health news, "after *decadence* / *decades* of targeted and sustained action," the WHO declared China *freedom* / *free* of malaria. There was also good news regarding sustainability *has* / *as* United Airlines flew the first *passengers* / *passenger* aircraft with 100 per cent sustainable fuel. And... cheese lovers were guaranteed there is "no evidence that cheese causes weight *again* / *gain*".

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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_____n _____nfl_____nt_____l th_nk t_nk h_s s_gg_st_d th_t th_y__r 2021 w_sn't _s b_d _s 2020. Th_ C__nc_l _n F_r__gn R_l_t__ns (CFR) _s _ _n_t_d St_t_s n_t-f_r-pr_f_t b_dy _f _xp_rts sp_c__l_z_ng _n __.S. f_r__gn p_l_cy _nd _nt_rn_t__n_l _ff__rs. _t c_l_br_t_d _ts c_nt_n_ry _n 2021. _t st_t_d th_t 2021 "w_sn't _s t_m_lt____s _s 2020, wh_ch p_t _n _ cl__m t_ b_ th_w_rst y__r _v_r". H_w_v_r, th_r_ w_s st_ll plnty _f dr__df_l n_ws. N_mb_r _n_ _n th_ b_d n_ws l_st w_s th_ w_rld's f__l_r_ t_ pr_p_rly _ddr_ss th_ cl_m_t_ch_ng_ ch_ll_ng_. Th_s l_d t_ _N S_cr_t_ry G_n_r_l _nt_n__ G_t_rr_s d_cl_r_ng "_ c_d_r_d f_r h_m_n_ty". _th_r t_p-t_n st_r__s _ncl_d_d th_ m_t_t_ng _f th_c_r_n_v_r_s, m_ss m_gr_t__n, th_ s_pply ch__n cr_s_s, _nd th_ T_l_b_n r_t_rn_ng t_ p_w_r.

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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an influential think tank has suggested that the year 2021 wasnt as bad as 2020 the council on foreign relations cfr is a united states notforprofit body of experts specializing in us foreign policy and international affairs it celebrated its centenary in 2021 it stated that 2021 wasnt as tumultuous as 2020 which put in a claim to be the worst year ever however there was still plenty of dreadful news number one on the bad news list was the worlds failure to properly address the climate change challenge this led to un secretary general antonio guterres declaring a code red for humanity other topten stories included the mutating of the coronavirus mass migration the supply chain crisis and the taliban returning to power

the cfr asserted that 2021 did bring some good news it said for a moment in early summer it seemed that covid19 was in the rearview mirror on the brighter side more than 9 billion covid19 vaccinations were administered globally many notable achievements occurred in 2021 nasas perseverance rover successfully drilled extracted and stored a sample of martian rock for the very first time in health news after decades of targeted and sustained action the who declared china free of malaria there was also good news regarding sustainability as united airlines flew the first passenger aircraft with 100 per cent sustainable fuel and cheese lovers were guaranteed there is no evidence that cheese causes weight gain

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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. THE YEAR 2021: Make a poster about the year 2021. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. 2022: Write a magazine article about the year 2022 being a great year. Include imaginary interviews with people who believe this and people who do not.

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 the year 2021. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on 2021. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 T 3 T 4 F 5 F 6 T 7 F 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- The Council on Foreign Relations
- 100 years old
- Climate change failures
- A code red for humanity
- The Taliban
- In early summer
- Martian rock
- China
- Sustainable fuel
- Cheese

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- An influential think tank has suggested that.
- A claim to be the worst year ever.
- The world's failure to properly address climate change.
- The UN declared a code red for humanity.
- Other top-ten stories included the mutating of the coronavirus.
- It seemed COVID-19 was in the rearview mirror.
- The WHO declared China free of malaria.
- There was also good news regarding sustainability.
- The first passenger aircraft with 100% sustainable fuel.
- There's no evidence that cheese causes weight gain.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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