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## Level 3 – 8th August 2024

### Filipino gymnast wins Olympic gold and free ramen

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# THE ARTICLE

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A gymnast from the Philippines has won two gold medals at the Paris Olympics. He becomes only the second Filipino ever to win gold. Carlos Yulo, 24, won gold in the men's floor exercise and vault events. Mr Yulo will get more than medals. He will return to the Philippines as a hero. He has been promised many gifts. A real estate company will give him a fully-furnished two-bedroom apartment in Manila. The Philippine government will give him 10 million Philippine pesos\*. He will be showered with other gifts. These include free ramen, macaroni and cheese, and grilled chicken for life. And, if all that fast food gives him stomach problems, a medical clinic has offered him free colonoscopies for life.

Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. congratulated Mr Yulo. He wrote: "No words can express how proud we are of you, Carlos. You have achieved gold for the Philippines not once, but twice. Filipinos all over the world stood united, cheering and rooting for you." Yulo told reporters he was surprised at winning two gold medals. After he won his first medal, he said: "I was just hoping to perform well. I didn't really expect a medal." He was even more surprised at his second success. He stated: "It really felt like a bonus for me. I was so hyped because I had won that gold medal the day before." He added: "I dedicate this to all the Filipino people who supported me."

\*\$173,300

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# WARM-UPS

**1. THE PARIS OLYMPICS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about the Paris Olympics. 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?

gymnast / gold medals / vault / hero / gifts / real estate / ramen / stomach problems  
congratulate / proud / cheering / surprised / success / bonus / dedicate / Philippines

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

**3. RAMEN:** Students A **strongly** believe free ramen noodles is better than free grilled chicken; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. GLOBAL SPORTING EVENTS:** What do you know about these events? How can they be better? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	How They Can Be Better
The Olympics (summer)		
The Olympics (winter)		
Le Tour de France		
FIFA Soccer World Cup		
Formula 1		
Grand Slam Tennis		

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

**6. OLYMPIC EVENTS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best events at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Gymnastics
- Skateboarding
- Athletics
- Equestrian
- Cycling
- Boxing
- Golf
- Rowing

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 1. ever        | a. A medical test where a doctor looks inside the large intestine.                      |
| 2. vault       | b. Go back to a place, go back home, or give something back.                            |
| 3. return      | c. A place with furniture in it.  |
| 4. real estate | d. At any time (in history).  |
| 5. furnished   | e. Given lots and lots and lots of things.  |
| 6. showered    | f. A things used in gymnastics that people run up to, bounce off and perform exercises. |
| 7. colonoscopy | g. Property, especially buildings and land.   |

## Paragraph 2

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. express      | h. Think something will happen.                               |
| 9. proud        | i. Do very well (or win) at something.                        |
| 10. rooting for | j. Told someone your efforts were for them.                   |
| 11. expect      | k. Feel pleased about something you or someone else has done. |
| 12. success     | l. Very excited about something.                              |
| 13. hyped       | m. Cheering and supporting someone or a team.                 |
| 14. dedicate    | n. Show or tell your thoughts or feelings.                    |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2408/240808-2024-paris-olympics.html>

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

1. Carlos is only the second Filipino in history to win Olympic gold. **T / F**
2. One of Carlos' medals was for the parallel bars. **T / F**
3. The Philippines government will give Carlos \$10 million. **T / F**
4. Carlos can get free macaroni and cheese for the rest of his life. **T / F**
5. The Philippines' president said it was difficult to say how proud he was. **T / F**
6. The president said Filipinos worldwide were rooting for Carlos. **T / F**
7. Carlos said he hopped because he won a gold medal. **T / F**
8. Carlos dedicated his medals to all gymnasts worldwide. **T / F**

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

- |                         |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. <b>won</b>           | a. backed       |
| 2. <b>events</b>        | b. totally      |
| 3. <b>fully</b>         | c. praised      |
| 4. <b>gifts</b>         | d. competitions |
| 5. <b>problems</b>      | e. blessing     |
| 6. <b>congratulated</b> | f. victory      |
| 7. <b>perform</b>       | g. picked up    |
| 8. <b>success</b>       | h. presents     |
| 9. <b>bonus</b>         | i. difficulties |
| 10. <b>supported</b>    | j. do           |

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

- |  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. He becomes only the second Filipino         | a. two-bedroom apartment |
| 2. He will return to the Philippines           | b. hyped                 |
| 3. a fully-furnished                           | c. colonoscopies         |
| 4. He will be showered                         | d. perform well          |
| 5. a medical clinic has offered him free       | e. with other gifts      |
| 6. No words can express how                    | f. as a hero             |
| 7. Filipinos all over the world                | g. who supported me      |
| 8. I was just hoping to                        | h. stood united          |
| 9. I was so                                    | i. ever to win gold      |
| 10. I dedicate this to all the Filipino people | j. proud we are of you   |

# GAP FILL

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*return*  
*showered*  
*ever*  
*clinic*  
*won*  
*events*  
*grilled*  
*furnished*

Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. congratulated Mr Yulo. He wrote: "No words can (9) \_\_\_\_\_ how proud we are of you, Carlos. You have (10) \_\_\_\_\_ gold for the Philippines not once, but twice. Filipinos all over the world stood united, (11) \_\_\_\_\_ and rooting for you." Yulo told reporters he was surprised at winning two gold medals. After he won his first medal, he said: "I was just (12) \_\_\_\_\_ to perform well. I didn't really expect a medal." He was even more surprised at his second (13) \_\_\_\_\_. He stated: "It really felt like a (14) \_\_\_\_\_ for me. I was so (15) \_\_\_\_\_ because I had won that gold medal the day before." He added: "I (16) \_\_\_\_\_ this to all the Filipino people who supported me."

*dedicate*  
*achieved*  
*bonus*  
*hoping*  
*hyped*  
*express*  
*cheering*  
*success*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2408/240808-2024-paris-olympics.html>

- 1) He becomes only the second Filipino \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. never to win
  - b. even for win
  - c. ever to win
  - d. ever for win
- 2) Carlos Yulo, 24, won gold in the men's floor exercise \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. end vault events
  - b. sand fault events
  - c. and vault events
  - d. and fault events
- 3) Mr Yulo will get more than medals. He will return to the Philippines \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. was a hero
  - b. as a hero
  - c. has a hero
  - d. is a hero
- 4) A real estate company will give him a fully-furnished \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. two-bedrooms apartment
  - b. too-bedroom apartment
  - c. two-bedroom apartment
  - d. two-bedroom apartments
- 5) if all that fast food gives \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. him stomach probe him
  - b. him stomach probe them
  - c. him stomach problem
  - d. him stomach problems
- 6) No words can \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. express how proud
  - b. express how proudly
  - c. express how pride
  - d. express how prod
- 7) You have achieved gold for the Philippines not \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. once, but twos
  - b. only, but twice
  - c. once, but thrice
  - d. once, but twice
- 8) Filipinos all over the world stood united, cheering and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. root tin for you
  - b. rooting for you
  - c. route in for you
  - d. routing for you
- 9) I was just hoping to perform well. I didn't really \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. expat a medal
  - b. expect a medal
  - c. expects a medal
  - d. export a medal
- 10) I dedicate this to all the Filipino people \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. who support it me
  - b. who sported me
  - c. who supported me
  - d. who sport it me

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2408/240808-2024-paris-olympics.html>

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2408/240808-2024-paris-olympics.html>

1. How many Filipinos have won gold medals at an Olympics Games?
2. What event did Carlos Yulo win gold for besides the vault?
3. What kind of apartment will Carlos get for free?
4. How much money will the Philippines government give Carlos?
5. What grilled food will Carlos get for free for life?
6. Who congratulated Carlos?
7. How did Ferdinand Marcos Jr. feel about Carlos?
8. Who was rooting for Carlos?
9. How did Carlos feel when he won his first medal?
10. Who did Carlos dedicate his medals to?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2408/240808-2024-paris-olympics.html>

- 1) How many Filipinos have won gold medals at an Olympics Games?
  - a) 1
  - b) 2
  - c) 3
  - d) 4
- 2) What event did Carlos Yulo win gold for besides the vault?
  - a) the horizontal bar
  - b) the parallel bars
  - c) the beam
  - d) the floor
- 3) What kind of apartment will Carlos get for free?
  - a) a small one
  - b) a luxury one
  - c) a fully-furnished one
  - d) a huge one
- 4) How much money will the Philippines government give Carlos?
  - a) 10 million pesos
  - b) 20 million pesos
  - c) 30 million pesos
  - d) 40 million pesos
- 5) What grilled food will Carlos get for free for life?
  - a) fish
  - b) chicken
  - c) sausages
  - d) tofu
- 6) Who congratulated Carlos?
  - a) the Philippines' president
  - b) other gymnasts
  - c) Carlos' mother
  - d) the Olympics boss
- 7) How did Ferdinand Marcos Jr. feel about Carlos?
  - a) happy
  - b) good
  - c) proud
  - d) fatherly
- 8) Who was rooting for Carlos?
  - a) Filipinos all over the world
  - b) other gymnasts
  - c) his family
  - d) the Olympics boss
- 9) How did Carlos feel when he won his first medal?
  - a) happy
  - b) numb
  - c) shocked
  - d) surprised
- 10) Who did Carlos dedicate his medals to?
  - a) other gymnasts
  - b) his partner
  - c) the Filipino people
  - d) his family

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Gymnastics**

You think gymnastics is the best Olympics event. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their events. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): skateboarding, boxing or golf.

## **Role B – Skateboarding**

You think skateboarding is the best Olympics event. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their events. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): gymnastics, boxing or golf.

## **Role C – Boxing**

You think boxing is the best Olympics event. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their events. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): skateboarding, gymnastics or golf.

## **Role D – Golf**

You think golf is the best Olympics event. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their events. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): skateboarding, boxing or gymnastics.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2408/240808-2024-paris-olympics.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'gold' and 'medal'.

<b>gold</b>	<b>medal</b>
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- 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>• ever</li><li>• events</li><li>• return</li><li>• fully</li><li>• gifts</li><li>• include</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• express</li><li>• stood</li><li>• well</li><li>• second</li><li>• felt</li><li>• all</li></ul>
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# THE PARIS OLYMPICS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2408/240808-2024-paris-olympics.html>

Write five GOOD questions about the Paris Olympics 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 PARIS OLYMPICS 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 'Olympics'?
3. What do you think of the Olympics?
4. How is your country doing at the Olympics?
5. What is your favourite Olympics event?
6. Who is your favourite Olympic athlete?
7. What sports are you good at?
8. What do you think of the gifts Carlos Yulo will receive?
9. Would you prefer free ramen or free colonoscopies for life?
10. What advice do you have for Carlos Yulo?

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# THE PARIS OLYMPICS 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 'medal'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How proud are you of your country's actions?
15. Who are you proud of?
16. How do you feel when you hear your national anthem at the Olympics?
17. When was the last time you were hyped about something?
18. What Olympic sport would you like to take part in?
19. What do you think of the Paris Olympics?
20. What questions would you like to ask Carlos Yulo?

# 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/2408/240808-2024-paris-olympics.html>

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

- |     |             |             |               |                |
|-----|-------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) seconds | (b) second  | (c) secondly  | (d) seconder   |
| 2.  | (a) actions | (b) events  | (c) abilities | (d) things     |
| 3.  | (a) fill    | (b) filled  | (c) filling   | (d) fully      |
| 4.  | (a) othered | (b) other   | (c) another   | (d) others     |
| 5.  | (a) whole   | (b) all     | (c) entire    | (d) every      |
| 6.  | (a) it      | (b) them    | (c) him       | (d) all        |
| 7.  | (a) what    | (b) which   | (c) how       | (d) thus       |
| 8.  | (a) never   | (b) nor     | (c) not       | (d) no         |
| 9.  | (a) as      | (b) on      | (c) at        | (d) for        |
| 10. | (a) hoping  | (b) hopping | (c) hooping   | (d) whooping   |
| 11. | (a) for     | (b) at      | (c) up        | (d) on         |
| 12. | (a) him     | (b) medal   | (c) this      | (d) gymnastics |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. won gold in the men's floor sreeixec
2. He has been poeisdmr many gifts
3. a fully-freiushnd two-bedroom apartment
4. These udleicn free ramen
5. shtmoca problems
6. a medical liccin

## Paragraph 2

7. You have ecdhviae gold for the Philippines
8. Filipinos all over the world stood inetud
9. I didn't really xectpe a medal
10. even more surprised at his second uscscs
11. I eitcdeda this to all
12. the Filipino people who ouptdsrep me

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2408/240808-2024-paris-olympics.html>

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

- ( ) than medals. He will return to the Philippines as a hero. He has been promised many gifts. A real
- ( ) we are of you, Carlos. You have achieved gold for the Philippines not once, but
- ( ) twice. Filipinos all over the world stood united, cheering and rooting for you." Yulo told reporters he was surprised
- ( ) well. I didn't really expect a medal." He was even more surprised at his second
- ( ) success. He stated: "It really felt like a bonus for me. I was so hyped because I had won that gold medal the day
- ( ) Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. congratulated Mr Yulo. He wrote: "No words can express how proud
- ( ) ramen, macaroni and cheese, and grilled chicken for life. And, if all that fast food gives him stomach
- ( **1** ) A gymnast from the Philippines has won two gold medals at the Paris Olympics. He becomes only the second Filipino ever
- ( ) at winning two gold medals. After he won his first medal, he said: "I was just hoping to perform
- ( ) estate company will give him a fully-furnished two-bedroom apartment in Manila. The Philippine government will give
- ( ) before." He added: "I dedicate this to all the Filipino people who supported me."
- ( ) problems, a medical clinic has offered him free colonoscopies for life.
- ( ) him 10 million Philippine pesos. He will be showered with other gifts. These include free
- ( ) to win gold. Carlos Yulo, 24, won gold in the men's floor exercise and vault events. Mr Yulo will get more

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2408/240808-2024-paris-olympics.html>

1. Only the Filipino gold . ever win to second
2. a to return He'll as hero . Philippines the
3. will with gifts . He be showered other
4. stomach food him that fast problems . gives All
5. free clinic A medical him colonoscopies . offered has
6. are . can proud express we how words No
7. stood the united . Filipinos all world over
8. surprised was two winning medals . He gold at
9. at surprised success . He was more second his
10. all I Filipino this to the dedicate people .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2408/240808-2024-paris-olympics.html>

A gymnast from the Philippines has won *two / twice* gold medals at the Paris Olympics. He becomes only the *seconder / second* Filipino ever to win gold. Carlos Yulo, 24, won gold in the men's floor exercise and vault *eventually / events*. Mr Yulo will get more than *medal / medals*. He will return to the Philippines as a hero. He has been promised many gifts. A *real / really* estate company will give him a fully-furnished two-bedroom apartment in Manila. The Philippine government will *spend / give* him 10 million Philippine pesos. He will be *showered / bathed* with other gifts. These include free ramen, macaroni and cheese, and grilled chicken for *living / life*. And, if all that fast food *makes / gives* him stomach problems, a medical clinic has *offered / requested* him free colonoscopies for life.

Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. *congratulations / congratulated* Mr Yulo. He wrote: "No words can express how *proud / pride* we are of you, Carlos. You have achieved *golden / gold* for the Philippines not *once / only*, but twice. Filipinos all over the world stood united, cheering and *booting / rooting* for you." Yulo told reporters he was surprised *to / at* winning two gold medals. After he won his first medal, he said: "I was just *hopping / hoping* to perform well. I didn't really expect a medal." He was even more *surprised / surprising* at his second success. He stated: "It really felt like a bonus for me. I was so *hoped / hyped* because I had won that gold medal the day before." He added: "I dedicate this to all the Filipino people who supported *him / me*."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# 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 PARIS OLYMPICS:** Make a poster about the Paris Olympics. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. GIFTS FOR LIFE:** Write a magazine article about awarding all Olympics gold medal winners free gifts for life. 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 the Olympics. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make the Olympics better. 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. f    3. b    4. g    5. c    6. e    7. a  
8. n    9. k    10. m    11. h    12. i    13. l    14. j

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Two
- The floor exercise
- A fully-furnished one
- 10 million pesos
- Grilled chicken
- Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.
- Proud
- Filipinos all over the world
- Surprised
- The Filipino people

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Only the second Filipino ever to win gold.
- He'll return to the Philippines as a hero.
- He will be showered with other gifts.
- All that fast food gives him stomach problems.
- A medical clinic has offered him free colonoscopies.
- No words can express how proud we are.
- Filipinos all over the world stood united.
- He was surprised at winning two gold medals.
- He was more surprised at his second success.
- I dedicate this to all the Filipino people.

## 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 ;-)