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Greece is the world's best place to retire

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 2 (they are easier).

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251204-retiring-in-greece.html>

More and more people are choosing to spend their retirement overseas. The magazine International Living looked at the countries people most wanted to retire to. The researchers said Greece is the best place for 2026. The magazine has released its Annual Global Retirement Index. This looked at the things that were important for older people who wanted to live in another country in their golden years. These included climate, the cost of living, healthcare, and housing. It is the first time Greece has been the number-one choice for retirees. Spain and Portugal were usually the most popular choices. Panama, Costa Rica, and Thailand were also in the top-ten list for 2026.

Jennifer Stevens, executive editor of International Living, said Greece had what many people were looking for. She said the country was "beautiful, welcoming, and affordable". She added that it offered "a lifestyle that feels rich in every sense". The Greek Reporter website found many expats choose Greece because of its beauty. It reported that retirees can benefit from thousands of kilometres of spectacular coastline, endless sunshine, diverse countryside, picturesque islands, and dramatic mountains. One retiree, Leena Horner, left the USA four years ago to live in Greece. She loves the Greek attitude of taking life slowly and the "daily connection with nature".

Sources: <https://greekreporter.com/2025/12/01/greece-named-world-number-one-retirement-destination/>
<https://www.newsweek.com/greece-worlds-top-retirement-destination-how-americans-can-move-there-11124134>
<https://edition.cnn.com/2025/12/01/travel/worlds-best-retirement-destinations-2026>

WARM-UPS

1. RETIREMENT: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about retirement. 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?

retirement / overseas / magazine / older people / cost of living / healthcare / housing
editor / beautiful / lifestyle / coastline / sunshine / mountains / taking life slowly

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

3. THE BEST TIME: Students A **strongly** believe retirement is the best time of anyone's life; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. PLACES TO RETIRE: What are the pros and cons of retiring in the places in the table? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Pros	Cons
The beach		
The mountains		
A forest		
Next to a lake		
A countryside village		
A capital city		

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

6. RETIREMENT ACTIVITIES: Rank these with your partner. Put the best retirement activities at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Travel
- Be with family
- Learn a language
- Go hiking
- Write a book
- DIY projects
- Voluntary work
- Run marathons

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------------|---|
| 1. retirement | a. In or to another country, far away. |
| 2. overseas | b. The later time of our life, usually after stopping work. |
| 3. magazine | c. Happening once every year. |
| 4. annual (adjective) | d. A book or paper with news, stories, and pictures, usually published every week or month. |
| 5. golden years | e. The time in life when an older person retires (stops working forever). |
| 6. climate | f. People who have stopped working because of old age. |
| 7. retirees | g. The usual weather of a place. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------|--|
| 8. editor | h. The edge of land next to the sea. |
| 9. affordable | i. A person who prepares and corrects text for a book, newspaper, or magazine. |
| 10. in every sense | j. Very beautiful, impressive, or exciting. |
| 11. benefit (verb) | k. The way a person thinks or feels about something. |
| 12. spectacular | l. In all ways. |
| 13. coastline | m. Get something good from a situation or activity. |
| 14. attitude | n. Not too expensive; something you can pay for. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251204-retiring-in-greece.html>

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

1. Fewer and fewer people want to retire in other countries. **T / F**
2. The article said Greece is the best place to retire to in 2025. **T / F**
3. Greece has been the best country to retire in many times. **T / F**
4. Costa Rica is on the top-ten list of popular places to retire. **T / F**
5. The International Living magazine said Greece was affordable. **T / F**
6. The magazine said only rich people can have a nice lifestyle in Greece. **T / F**
7. The article suggests Greece has never-ending sunshine. **T / F**
8. An American said there was a fast pace of life in Greece. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. choosing | a. link |
| 2. released | b. reasonably priced |
| 3. climate | c. well liked |
| 4. cost | d. pretty |
| 5. popular | e. issued |
| 6. affordable | f. way of thinking |
| 7. expat | g. deciding |
| 8. picturesque | h. migrant |
| 9. attitude | i. weather patterns |
| 10. connection | j. price |

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

- | | |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. more people are choosing to spend their | a. for older people |
| 2. things that were important | b. ten list for 2026 |
| 3. in their golden | c. years |
| 4. the first time Greece has been the number- | d. with nature |
| 5. Costa Rica and Thailand were also in the top- | e. and affordable |
| 6. Greece had what many people were | f. retirement overseas |
| 7. the country was beautiful, welcoming, | g. life slowly |
| 8. thousands of kilometres of | h. looking for |
| 9. She loves the Greek attitude of taking | i. one choice for retirees |
| 10. the daily connection | j. spectacular coastline |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251204-retiring-in-greece.html>

More and more people are (1) _____ to spend their retirement overseas. The magazine International Living looked at the countries people most wanted to (2) _____ to. The researchers said Greece is the best place for 2026. The magazine has (3) _____ its Annual Global Retirement Index. This looked at the things that were (4) _____ for older people who wanted to live in another country in their (5) _____ years. These included climate, the cost of (6) _____, healthcare, and housing. It is the first time Greece has been the (7) _____ -one choice for retirees. Spain and Portugal were usually the most popular choices. Panama, Costa Rica, and Thailand were also in the top-ten (8) _____ for 2026.

Jennifer Stevens, executive (9) _____ of International Living, said Greece had what many people were looking for. She said the country was "beautiful, (10) _____, and affordable". She added that it offered "a lifestyle that feels rich in every (11) _____". The Greek Reporter website found many (12) _____ choose Greece because of its beauty. It reported that retirees can benefit from (13) _____ of kilometres of spectacular coastline, endless sunshine, diverse countryside, picturesque (14) _____, and dramatic mountains. One retiree, Leena Horner, left the USA four years ago to live in Greece. She loves the Greek (15) _____ of taking life slowly and the "daily (16) _____ with nature".

released

number

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welcoming

expats

connection

editor

attitude

thousands

sense

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251204-retiring-in-greece.html>

- 1) More and more people are choosing to spend _____
 - a. their retirement over sea
 - b. there retirement overseas
 - c. their retirement overseas
 - d. their retires meant overseas
- 2) International Living looked at the countries people most _____
 - a. wanted to retire too
 - b. wanted to retire at
 - c. wanted to retire for
 - d. wanted to retire to
- 3) important for older people who wanted to live in another country in _____
 - a. their golden years
 - b. their golden year
 - c. their golden yearns
 - d. their golden yearly
- 4) the first time Greece has been the number-one _____
 - a. chose for retirees
 - b. choice for retirees
 - c. chosen for retirees
 - d. choices for retirees
- 5) Panama, Costa Rica, and Thailand were also in the top-ten _____
 - a. last for 2026
 - b. lust for 2026
 - c. list for 2026
 - d. lost for 2026
- 6) Greece had what many people _____
 - a. were looking four
 - b. were looking fore
 - c. were looking afore
 - d. were looking for
- 7) She added that it offered a lifestyle that feels rich _____
 - a. in every cents
 - b. in every tense
 - c. in every tents
 - d. in every sense
- 8) It reported that retirees can benefit from thousands of kilometres _____
 - a. of spectacular coastline
 - b. of spectacularly coastline
 - c. off spectacular coastline
 - d. of spectacular coast liner
- 9) endless sunshine, diverse countryside, picturesque islands, _____
 - a. and drama tick mountains
 - b. and dramatic mountain
 - c. end dramatic mountains
 - d. and dramatic mountains
- 10) She loves the Greek attitude of _____
 - a. tacking life slowly
 - b. taking live slowly
 - c. taking life slowly
 - d. taken life slowly

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251204-retiring-in-greece.html>

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251204-retiring-in-greece.html>

1. What is the name of the magazine mentioned in the article?
2. What phrase did the writer use instead of "old age"?
3. What was important for older people besides climate and housing?
4. What two countries were usually on the top-ten list?
5. What other countries were on the top-ten list besides Thailand?
6. What is the job of Jennifer Stevens at the magazine?
7. According to a Greek website, why do many expats choose Greece?
8. What does the magazine say is picturesque in Greece?
9. What Greek attitude does an American woman love?
10. What does the American woman in Greece connect with every day?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251204-retiring-in-greece.html>

- 1) What is the name of the magazine mentioned in the article?
 - a) Living in Greece
 - b) International Living
 - c) International Retirement
 - d) Overseas Retirement News
- 2) What phrase did the writer use instead of "old age"?
 - a) grey years
 - b) silver years
 - c) golden years
 - d) platinum years
- 3) What was important for older people besides climate and housing?
 - a) the cost of living and friends
 - b) healthcare and community
 - c) friends and community
 - d) the cost of living and healthcare
- 4) What two countries were usually on the top-ten list?
 - a) Spain and Costa Rica
 - b) Spain and Portugal
 - c) Costa Rica and Panama
 - d) Panama and Portugal
- 5) What other countries were on the top-ten list besides Thailand?
 - a) Panama and Costa Rica
 - b) Panama and Portugal
 - c) Spain and Portugal
 - d) Spain and Costa Rica
- 6) What is the job of Jennifer Stevens at the magazine?
 - a) She's executive editor.
 - b) She's a pensions adviser
 - c) She looks after the website.
 - d) She's a photographer.
- 7) According to a Greek website, why do many expats choose Greece?
 - a) for the Mediterranean Sea
 - b) for the friendly people
 - c) for its food
 - d) for its beauty
- 8) What does the magazine say is picturesque in Greece?
 - a) houses
 - b) village squares
 - c) islands
 - d) the international airports
- 9) What Greek attitude does an American woman love?
 - a) thinking positively
 - b) attitudes towards old people
 - c) attitudes towards women
 - d) taking life slowly
- 10) What does the American woman in Greece connect with every day?
 - a) the Internet
 - b) nature
 - c) her inner self
 - d) her bank

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251204-retiring-in-greece.html>

Role A – Go Travelling

You think going travelling is the best retirement activity. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their activities. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): writing a book, voluntary work or running marathons.

Role B – Write a Book

You think writing a book is the best retirement activity. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their activities. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): going travelling, voluntary work or running marathons.

Role C – Voluntary Work

You think voluntary work is the best retirement activity. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their activities. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): writing a book, going travelling or running marathons.

Role D – Run Marathons

You think running marathons is the best retirement activity. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their activities. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): writing a book, voluntary work or going travelling.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251204-retiring-in-greece.html>

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

Greece	retire
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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:

• more • countries • things • golden • first • list	• editor • offered • expats • benefit • left • daily
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RETIREMENT SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251204-retiring-in-greece.html>

Write five GOOD questions about retirement 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.

RETIREMENT 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 'Greece'?
3. What do you think of retirement?
4. What do you know about Greece?
5. Where would you like to spend your retirement?
6. Are you looking forward to retirement?
7. What do you think is important for older people?
8. What is more important – the climate or healthcare?
9. Where is it best to retire - Greece, Costa Rica, or Thailand?
10. What advice do you have for people who have retired?

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RETIREMENT 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 'retirement'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What is the best age to retire?
15. How welcoming and affordable is your country?
16. What is good for retirees in your country?
17. What do you want to do in your retirement?
18. What do you think of taking life slowly?
19. How important is a daily connection with nature?
20. What questions would you like to ask a retired person?

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) choosing | (b) chooses | (c) choices | (d) chose |
| 2. | (a) retry | (b) retrial | (c) retire | (d) tire |
| 3. | (a) These | (b) Them | (c) This | (d) We |
| 4. | (a) yearns | (b) year | (c) yearly | (d) years |
| 5. | (a) living | (b) live | (c) life | (d) livelihood |
| 6. | (a) popularity | (b) popular | (c) populate | (d) polar |
| 7. | (a) haves | (b) having | (c) have | (d) had |
| 8. | (a) up | (b) in | (c) to | (d) at |
| 9. | (a) retires | (b) retries | (c) retirees | (d) retire |
| 10. | (a) ending | (b) ended | (c) ends | (d) endless |
| 11. | (a) flew | (b) gone | (c) disappeared | (d) left |
| 12. | (a) taken | (b) taking | (c) took | (d) takes |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251204-retiring-in-greece.html>

Paragraph 1

1. spend their retirement soaevesr
2. The gnaeimza International Living
3. elasreed its Annual Global Retirement Index
4. These included tleicam, the cost of living
5. healthcare, and gniuohs
6. the most popular cshecio

Paragraph 2

7. viecxteue editor of International Living
8. beautiful, welcoming, and aalerooffdb
9. it offered a sletilyef that feels rich
10. eatspx choose Greece because of its beauty
11. rsviede countryside
12. the Greek tduatite of taking life slowly

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251204-retiring-in-greece.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () affordable". She added that it offered "a lifestyle that feels rich in every sense". The Greek Reporter
- () at the countries people most wanted to retire to. The researchers said Greece is the best
- () choices. Panama, Costa Rica, and Thailand were also in the top-ten list for 2026.
- () important for older people who wanted to live in another country in their golden
- () Jennifer Stevens, executive editor of International Living, said Greece had what many
- () live in Greece. She loves the Greek attitude of taking life slowly and the "daily connection with nature".
- (**1**) More and more people are choosing to spend their retirement overseas. The magazine International Living looked
- () of kilometres of spectacular coastline, endless sunshine, diverse countryside, picturesque islands,
- () people were looking for. She said the country was "beautiful, welcoming, and
- () place for 2026. The magazine has released its Annual Global Retirement Index. This looked at the things that were
- () time Greece has been the number-one choice for retirees. Spain and Portugal were usually the most popular
- () and dramatic mountains. One retiree, Leena Horner, left the USA four years ago to
- () website found many expats choose Greece because of its beauty. It reported that retirees can benefit from thousands
- () years. These included climate, the cost of living, healthcare, and housing. It is the first

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251204-retiring-in-greece.html>

1. are People to choosing their spend overseas retirement .
2. The people countries wanted most retire to to .
3. things The were that for important people older .
4. Live another in in country golden their years .
5. has Greece the been choice number-one retirees for .
6. Greece what had people many looking were for .
7. lifestyle A feels that in rich sense every .
8. Benefit thousands from kilometres of spectacular of coastline .
9. retiree One the left four USA ago years .
10. She the loves of attitude life taking slowly .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251204-retiring-in-greece.html>

More and more people are *chosen* / *choosing* to spend their retirement overseas. The magazine International Living looked at the countries people most wanted *to* / *for* retire to. The researchers said Greece is the *most* / *best* place for 2026. The magazine has *released* / *releasing* its Annual Global Retirement Index. This looked *to* / *at* the things that were important for older people who wanted to live in *another* / *other* country in their golden *years* / *year*. These included climate, the cost of living, healthcare, and *housing* / *house*. It is the first time Greece has been the number-one choice for *retires* / *retirees*. Spain and Portugal were usually the most popular *choices* / *chooses*. Panama, Costa Rica, and Thailand were also in the top-ten list for 2026.

Jennifer Stevens, executive editor of International Living, said Greece had what many people were *looked* / *looking* for. She said the country was "*beautiful* / *beautifully*, welcoming, and *affordable* / *afford*". She added that it offered "a lifestyle that feels rich in every *cents* / *sense*". The Greek Reporter website found *many* / *much* expats choose Greece because of its beauty. It reported that retirees can benefit *to* / *from* thousands of kilometres of spectacular coastline, *ending* / *endless* sunshine, diverse countryside, picturesque islands, and *drama* / *dramatic* mountains. One retiree, Leena Horner, left the USA four years ago to *live* / *life* in Greece. She loves the Greek attitude of taking life slowly and the "daily connection *with* / *without* nature".

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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M_r_ _nd m_r_ p__pl_ _r_ ch__s_ng t_ sp_nd th__r
r_t_r_m_nt _v_rs__s. Th_ m_g_z_n_ _nt_rn_t__n_l
L_v_ng l__k_d _t th_ c__ntr__s p__pl_ m_st w_nt_d t_
r_t_r_ t_. Th_ r_s__rch_rs s__d Gr__c_ _s th_ b_st
pl_c_ f_r 2026. Th_ m_g_z_n_ h_s r_l__s_d _ts _nn__l
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l__k_ng f_r. Sh_ s__d th_ c__ntry w_s "b__t_f_l,
w_lc_m_ng, _nd _ff_rd_bl_". Sh_ _dd_d th_t _t _ff_rd
"_ l_fstyl_ th_t f__ls r_ch _n _v_ry s_n_s_". Th_
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251204-retiring-in-greece.html>

more and more people are choosing to spend their retirement overseas the magazine international living looked at the countries people most wanted to retire to the researchers said greece is the best place for 2026 the magazine has released its annual global retirement index this looked at the things that were important for older people who wanted to live in another country in their golden years these included climate the cost of living healthcare and housing it is the first time greece has been the number one choice for retirees spain and portugal were usually the most popular choices panama costa rica and thailand were also in the top ten list for 2026

jennifer stevens executive editor of international living said greece had what many people were looking for she said the country was beautiful welcoming and affordable she added that it offered a lifestyle that feels rich in every sense the greek reporter website found many expats choose greece because of its beauty it reported that retirees can benefit from thousands of kilometres of spectacular coastline endless sunshine diverse countryside picturesque islands and dramatic mountains one retiree leena horner left the usa four years ago to live in greece she loves the greek attitude of taking life slowly and the daily connection with nature

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251204-retiring-in-greece.html>

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

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ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251204-retiring-in-greece.html>

Retirement is the best time of our life. Discuss.

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

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

4. RETIREMENT: Write a magazine article about everybody retiring before the age of 50. 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 retirement. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on what you hope to do when you retire. 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 F 3 F 4 T 5 T 6 F 7 T 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. International Living
2. Golden years
3. The cost of living and healthcare
4. Spain and Portugal
5. Panama and Costa Rica
6. She's executive editor.
7. For its beauty
8. Islands
9. Taking life slowly
10. Nature

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. People are choosing to spend their retirement overseas.
2. The countries people most wanted to retire to.
3. The things that were important for older people.
4. Live in another country in their golden years.
5. Greece has been the number-one choice for retirees.
6. Greece had what many people were looking for.
7. A lifestyle that feels rich in every sense.
8. Benefit from thousands of kilometres of spectacular coastline.
9. One retiree left the USA four years ago.
10. She loves the attitude of taking life slowly.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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