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## **Putin will not hand Snowden to U.S.**

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# THE ARTICLE

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Sources: <http://uk.reuters.com/article/2013/06/25/uk-usa-security-flight-idUKBRE95M02J20130625>  
<http://www.themoscowtimes.com/news/article/putin-says-snowden-in-airport-shrugs-off-nonsense-us-accusations/482323.html#ixzz2XHAzh4tJ>

# WARM-UPS

**1. EDWARD SNOWDEN:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Edward Snowden. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

*escapade / whistleblower / CIA / in transit / give someone the slip / dismayed / asylum / diplomatic tensions / furious / extradition / accusations / ravings / treaty / behaviour*

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

**3. CRIMES AGAINST THE STATE:** Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How big a crime?	What punishment?
Selling state secrets		
Fighting for an enemy country		
Insulting the monarch / leader		
Spying for an enemy		
Disruption of nation's Internet		
Plotting / carrying out a coup		

**4. EXTRADITED:** Students A **strongly** believe Edward Snowden should be extradited to the USA; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. SPYING TOOLS:** Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the most useful at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- fake passports
- gun
- face disguise
- being multilingual
- laptop computer
- gloves
- ability to climb up buildings
- muscles

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

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130627-edward\\_snowden.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130627-edward_snowden.html)

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

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| a. Edward Snowden is not in a Russian airport.                       | T / F |
| b. Snowden has not crossed the border into Russia.                   | T / F |
| c. Many journalists got on a plane they thought Snowden was on.      | T / F |
| d. Ecuador has said it would take Snowden in.                        | T / F |
| e. The Snowden affair is creating tensions between China and Russia. | T / F |
| f. Putin said he would not sign an extradition treaty with the USA.  | T / F |
| g. Putin accused the USA of crazy talk over the Snowden affair.      | T / F |
| h. John Kerry suggested Russia should behave and hand Snowden over.  | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. escapades   | a. adding fuel to |
| 2. confirmed   | b. refuge         |
| 3. dismayed    | c. allegations    |
| 4. boarded     | d. adventures     |
| 5. asylum      | e. pact           |
| 6. stoking up  | f. repatriate     |
| 7. allowed     | g. got on         |
| 8. extradite   | h. verified       |
| 9. accusations | i. permitted      |
| 10. treaty     | j. horrified      |

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

- |                                      |                                 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. escapades of US whistleblower and | a. international media the slip |
| 2. seems to have given the           | b. treaty                       |
| 3. After discovering his             | c. diplomatic tensions          |
| 4. he had not boarded                | d. asylum                       |
| 5. granted him                       | e. fugitive Edward Snowden      |
| 6. stoking up                        | f. nations                      |
| 7. pressing hard for Russia          | g. the aircraft                 |
| 8. extradition                       | h. of behaviour                 |
| 9. standards                         | i. name on a flight list        |
| 10. sovereign                        | j. to extradite Snowden         |

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# GAP FILL

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*dismayed*

*slip*

*confirmed*

*granted*

*escapades*

*flight*

*boarded*

*proved*

The Snowden affair is (9) \_\_\_\_\_ up diplomatic tensions between the USA, and China and Russia. Washington is (10) \_\_\_\_\_ that China allowed Snowden to leave Hong Kong for Russia earlier this week. US Secretary of State John Kerry is now (11) \_\_\_\_\_ hard for Russia to (12) \_\_\_\_\_ Snowden back to the US. Mr Putin told reporters: "Mr Snowden has not crossed the state's (13) \_\_\_\_\_, and therefore does not need a visa. Furthermore, any (14) \_\_\_\_\_ against Russia of aiding him are ravings and rubbish." He explained that the US and Russia had not signed any extradition (15) \_\_\_\_\_ and that he would not hand Snowden over to the US. Mr Kerry acknowledged this but said, "there are (16) \_\_\_\_\_ of behaviour between sovereign nations".

*pressing*

*treaty*

*border*

*stoking*

*furios*

*standards*

*extradite*

*accusations*

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# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

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- 1) The escapades of US whistleblower and fugitive Edward \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Snowden continuation
  - b. Snowden continuing
  - c. Snowden continue
  - d. Snowden continues
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ worker was in the transit area of an airport in Moscow
  - a. the firmer CIA
  - b. the former CIA
  - c. the farmer CIA
  - d. the foreman CIA
- 3) Snowden seems to have given the international \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. media the slip
  - b. media a slip
  - c. media this slip
  - d. media that slip
- 4) around 30 journalists purchased last-minute tickets for the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. 16-hour flights
  - b. 16-hours flight
  - c. 16-hourly flights
  - d. 16-hour flight
- 5) Snowden is heading for Ecuador, which has \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. granted him a slum
  - b. granted him asylum
  - c. granted him a sigh lamb
  - d. granted him an asylum
- 6) The Snowden affair is stoking \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. up diplomatic tensions
  - b. upper-diplomatic tensions
  - c. un-diplomatic tensions
  - d. up diplomacy tensions
- 7) John Kerry is now pressing hard for Russia \_\_\_\_\_ back to the US
  - a. to extradited Snowden
  - b. to extradite Snowden
  - c. to extraditing Snowden
  - d. to extra date Snowden
- 8) any accusations against Russia of aiding him are \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. ravings and rubbish
  - b. ravings and garbage
  - c. ravings and trash
  - d. ravings and litter
- 9) He explained that the US and Russia had not signed any \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. extraditing treaty
  - b. extradition treaty
  - c. expedition treaty
  - d. extra-diction treaty
- 10) there are standards of behaviour between \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. sovereign nations
  - b. sovereignty nations
  - c. sobering nations
  - d. suffering nations

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# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The Snowden (7) \_\_\_\_\_ tensions between the USA, and China and Russia. Washington is furious that China allowed Snowden to leave Hong Kong for Russia earlier this week. US Secretary of State John Kerry (8) \_\_\_\_\_ Russia to extradite Snowden back to the US. Mr Putin told reporters: "Mr Snowden has not crossed the state's border, and (9) \_\_\_\_\_ a visa. Furthermore, (10) \_\_\_\_\_ Russia of aiding him are ravings and rubbish." He explained that the US and Russia had not (11) \_\_\_\_\_ and that he would not hand Snowden over to the US. Mr Kerry (12) \_\_\_\_\_, "there are standards of behaviour between sovereign nations".

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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1. What did the article say is continuing regarding Edward Snowden?

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2. Which of Snowden's ex-employees was mentioned?

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3. What did the article say Snowden gave the media?

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4. How many journalists boarded a plane to Cuba?

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5. What dismayed the journalists?

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6. Why is the USA angry with China?

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7. What is John Kerry trying to do?

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8. What doesn't Snowden need (according to Vladimir Putin)?

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9. Why won't Putin hand Snowden over?

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10. Why does Kerry think Russia should hand over Snowden?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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1. What did the article say is continuing regarding Edward Snowden?
  - a) a drawn-out saga
  - b) escapades
  - c) an international manhunt
  - d) his travels around the world
2. Which of Snowden's ex-employers was mentioned?
  - a) the NSA
  - b) Britain's MI5
  - c) the KGB
  - d) the CIA
3. What did the article say Snowden gave the media?
  - a) his full story
  - b) a laptop computer
  - c) the slip
  - d) leaked documents
4. How many journalists boarded a plane to Cuba?
  - a) about 30
  - b) 16
  - c) a plane-load
  - d) 215
5. What dismayed the journalists?
  - a) the age of the plane
  - b) Snowden wasn't on the flight
  - c) there was no inflight food
  - d) the number of guns on the plane
6. Why is the USA angry with China?
  - a) China let Snowden fly to Moscow
  - b) China stole Snowden's secrets
  - c) China thinks Snowden is a hero
  - d) China disagrees with the USA
7. What is John Kerry trying to do?
  - a) sign an extradition treaty with Russia
  - b) go to Moscow airport
  - c) extradite Snowden
  - d) make friends with Russia and China
8. What doesn't Snowden need (according to Vladimir Putin)?
  - a) a Russian visa
  - b) an armed escort
  - c) a US passport
  - d) to worry
9. Why won't Putin hand Snowden over?
  - a) he believes Snowden is innocent
  - b) he wants Snowden's information
  - c) he dislikes the USA
  - d) there's no extradition treaty between the USA and Russia
10. Why does Kerry think Russia should hand over Snowden?
  - a) to help US-Russian relations
  - b) to protect American secrets
  - c) because of international standards of behaviour
  - d) because Snowden is dangerous

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# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Barack Obama**

You think every country in the world should help return Snowden to the USA. Tell the others three reasons why. It is the 21<sup>st</sup> century and nations need to cooperate. Snowden is a criminal. The fact that the USA accessed private e-mail accounts and phone calls doesn't matter.

## **Role B – Vladimir Putin**

You will not hand Snowden over to the USA. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell Obama you are tired of America telling other countries what to do. What America did in accessing mails and phone calls is worse than what Snowden did in telling the world about it. The USA must stop spying.

## **Role C – Edward Snowden**

You think you have done nothing wrong. Tell the others three reasons why. All countries spy, which is worse than what you did. You are shocked the USA could access private mails and e-mails on such a large scale. You are also concerned at the scale of Chinese hacking.

## **Role D – Xi Jinping**

Edward Snowden is not a criminal. Tell the others three reasons why. You see no reason to have stopped him going to Moscow. Ask Obama why he attacks China non-stop for hacking, but has a huge project to hack into people's e-mail. The US should end spying and pardon Snowden.

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# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

<b>transit</b>	<b>area</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>• continue</li><li>• area</li><li>• true</li><li>• slip</li><li>• 30</li><li>• granted</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• tensions</li><li>• hard</li><li>• border</li><li>• aiding</li><li>• signed</li><li>• nations</li></ul>
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# EDWARD SNOWDEN SURVEY

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130627-edward\\_snowden.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130627-edward_snowden.html)

Write five GOOD questions about Edward Snowden 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.

# EDWARD SNOWDEN DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'spy'?
- c) What do you know about what Edward Snowden did?
- d) Do you think Snowden is a hero or traitor?
- e) Is whistleblowing a good or bad thing?
- f) What do you think of the USA accessing millions of private e-mails and phone calls?
- g) Is Putin right to let Snowden leave Moscow?
- h) How do you think journalists felt when Snowden wasn't on the plane?
- i) Would Snowden's story make a good movie one day?
- j) What do you think Snowden is thinking right now?

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# EDWARD SNOWDEN DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Is the USA over-reacting to the Snowden affair?
- c) Should the USA have protested less to keep good diplomatic relations?
- d) Why don't the USA and Russia have an extradition treaty?
- e) How much damage has Snowden done to America's national security?
- f) Do you think Russia is helping Snowden evade capture by the USA?
- g) What do you think of Putin describing US talk as "ravings and rubbish"?
- h) What did Kerry mean when he said, "there are standards of behaviour between sovereign nations"?
- i) Has this affair damaged Barack Obama's presidency?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Edward Snowden?

# 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. \_\_\_\_\_

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - LANGUAGE

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

- |     |                 |                   |                 |                |
|-----|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) espadrilles | (b) escapism      | (c) escapades   | (d) eschew     |
| 2.  | (a) confirmed   | (b) contrasted    | (c) compared    | (d) consulted  |
| 3.  | (a) proved      | (b) proof         | (c) prove       | (d) proofread  |
| 4.  | (a) slip        | (b) slit          | (c) slid        | (d) slim       |
| 5.  | (a) disjointed  | (b) disrespected  | (c) dismayed    | (d) distilled  |
| 6.  | (a) vouched     | (b) pulsated      | (c) focused     | (d) granted    |
| 7.  | (a) stoking     | (b) stalking      | (c) striking    | (d) staking    |
| 8.  | (a) was allowed | (b) allowing      | (c) allowance   | (d) allowed    |
| 9.  | (a) extradite   | (b) vouchsafe     | (c) accompany   | (d) board      |
| 10. | (a) abiding     | (b) aiding        | (c) raiding     | (d) ailing     |
| 11. | (a) extradite   | (b) extradition   | (c) extraditing | (d) extradites |
| 12. | (a) sovereign   | (b) participatory | (c) dismayed    | (d) populous   |

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# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. US whistleblower and eiuiqftv Edward Snowden
2. oepvdr to be true
3. around 30 iuasotrjlns
4. rhpdecsau last-minute tickets
5. ..only to be edmdysai to find out...
6. granted him syalum

## Paragraph 2

7. stoking up ocmilaptdi tensions
8. Washington is ufusior
9. any onasatisucc against Russia
10. ixirnoeattd treaty
11. Mr Kerry ecakdwdlnego this
12. between visogrnee nations



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

- ( ) for the 16-hour flight to Cuba, only to be dismayed to find out after takeoff that he had not
- ( ) The Snowden affair is stoking up diplomatic tensions between the USA, and China and Russia. Washington is
- ( ) on a flight list to Havana, Cuba, around 30 journalists purchased last-minute tickets
- ( ) the state's border, and therefore does not need a visa. Furthermore, any accusations
- ( ) pressing hard for Russia to extradite Snowden back to the US. Mr Putin told reporters: "Mr Snowden has not crossed
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- ( ) boarded the aircraft. Reports are that Snowden is heading for Ecuador, which has granted him asylum.
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- ( ) earlier said Mr Snowden had not crossed any Russian borders, which proved to be true with Snowden being
- ( ) to the US. Mr Kerry acknowledged this but said, "there are standards of behaviour between sovereign nations".
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- ( ) in transit. Snowden seems to have given the international media the slip while in Moscow. After discovering his name
- ( ) Russia had not signed any extradition treaty and that he would not hand Snowden over

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# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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2. Moscow the the in Given media while international slip.

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3. purchased last Around - 30 minute journalists tickets.

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4. he that takeoff after out Find aircraft the boarded not had.

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8. him against are Russia ravings of aiding Accusations.

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10. sovereign standards nations of behaviour There between are.

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

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

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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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 Edward Snowden. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. WHISTLEBLOWERS:** Make a poster about whistleblowers. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. EDWARD SNOWDEN:** Write a magazine article about Edward Snowden. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against extraditing him to the USA.

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 Edward Snowden. Ask him three questions about his actions / future plans. Give him three pieces of advice on what to do from now. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F    b T    c T    d F    e F    f F    g T    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. escapades   | a. adventures     |
| 2. confirmed   | b. verified       |
| 3. dismayed    | c. horrified      |
| 4. boarded     | d. got on         |
| 5. asylum      | e. refuge         |
| 6. stoking up  | f. adding fuel to |
| 7. allowed     | g. permitted      |
| 8. extradite   | h. repatriate     |
| 9. accusations | i. allegations    |
| 10. treaty     | j. pact           |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Escapades
2. CIA
3. The slip
4. Around 30
5. Snowden wasn't on the flight
6. It let Snowden fly to Moscow
7. Have Snowden extradited
8. A (Russian) visa
9. There's no extradition treaty between the USA and Russia
10. Because of international standards of behaviour

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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.  
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