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**Level 6 – 15th April, 2020**

## **U.K. leader thanks nurses for saving his life**

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200415-boris-johnson.html>

The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Boris Johnson, has thanked his country's National Health Service for saving his life. Mr Johnson, 55, tested positive for COVID-19 on March the 27th. He self-isolated in his apartment in Downing Street, London and continued to lead the country and its response to the coronavirus pandemic. However, his symptoms persisted and his condition took a turn for the worse. On April the 5th, he was admitted to a London hospital for tests. A day later he was moved to the hospital's intensive care unit as his condition worsened. Downing Street said this was a "precautionary move". He remained conscious and was able to breathe without needing a ventilator.

Mr Johnson said the care he received from nurses, doctors and other carers was "exemplary". He said: "I can't thank them enough. I owe them my life." He is now out of intensive care and is on a recovery ward in the hospital. Downing Street said he was making "very good progress" and had been doing Sudoku puzzles and watching films in his hospital bed. His biographer Andrew Gimson said: "Boris never used to believe in illness. He neither admitted to sickness himself....He believed he was strong enough to keep going regardless of any symptoms from which he might be suffering. His strong inclination was to overwork, not to put his feet up. In the light of his experiences one hopes he will change his outlook."

Sources: <https://news.sky.com/story/boris-johnson-i-owe-doctors-and-nurses-my-life-after-coronavirus-treatment-11972103>  
<https://www.theguardian.com/focus/2020/apr/11/boris-johnsons-darkest-hour-one-week-that-shook-the-nation>  
<https://edition.cnn.com/2020/04/11/uk/boris-johnson-brother-max-coronavirus-intl-gbr/index.html>

# WARM-UPS

**1. NURSES:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about nurses. 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?

thanks / health service / life / self-isolating / pandemic / symptom / hospital / breathe nurses / intensive care / progress / puzzles / sickness / overwork / experience / light

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

**3. HEALTH SERVICE:** Students A **strongly** believe a country's health service is its most important service; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. THANK YOU:** How much do we need to thank these people? What is the best way to thank them Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How Much We Need to Say Thank You	How to Do That
Nurses		
Police officers		
Teachers		
Cleaners		
Parents		
Friends		

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

**6. HOSPITALS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the most important people in hospitals at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Nurses
- Doctors
- Surgeons
- Anaesthetists
- Cleaners
- Nutritionists
- Managers
- Admin staff

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| 1. self-isolated  | a. Special medical treatment in which a patient who is dangerously ill is kept under constant observation. |
| 2. pandemic       | b. The signs and physical and mental features of an illness or disease.                                    |
| 3. symptoms       | c. A disease that has spread over a whole country or the world.  |
| 4. persisted      | d. Aware of and responding to one's surroundings; awake.   |
| 5. intensive care | e. Put yourself in a place out of contact with other people.   |
| 6. precautionary  | f. Continued to exist; be prolonged.   |
| 7. conscious      | g. A measure taken in advance to stop something dangerous, unpleasant, or inconvenient from happening.     |

## Paragraph 2

- |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. exemplary    | h. A person who writes an account of someone's life.                                       |
| 9. owe          | i. A person's natural urge to act or feel in a particular way.                             |
| 10. ward        | j. Without paying attention to the present situation.                                      |
| 11. biographer  | k. Have a duty to pay or repay something in return for something received.                 |
| 12. regardless  | l. A person's point of view or general attitude to life.                                   |
| 13. inclination | m. Being the very best of its kind.  |
| 14. outlook     | n. A separate room in a hospital, typically one allocated to a particular type of patient. |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200415-boris-johnson.html>

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

- a. Mr Johnson contracted COVID-19 in early April. **T / F**
- b. Mr Johnson stopped leading the coronavirus task force immediately. **T / F**
- c. Mr Johnson was taken to an intensive care unit a day after he had tests. **T / F**
- d. Mr Johnson spent a day on a ventilator. **T / F**
- e. Mr Johnson said the care he received from nurses was exemplary. **T / F**
- f. Mr Johnson said he owes his life to the National Health Service. **T / F**
- g. A biographer said Mr Johnson didn't use to believe in illness. **T / F**
- h. A biographer said Mr Johnson liked to put his feet up. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. <b>apartment</b>          | a. perfect        |
| 2. <b>persisted</b>          | b. tendency       |
| 3. <b>condition</b>          | c. requiring      |
| 4. <b>conscious</b>          | d. be indebted to |
| 5. <b>needing</b>            | e. flat           |
| 6. <b>exemplary</b>          | f. health         |
| 7. <b>owe</b>                | g. acknowledged   |
| 8. <b>admitted to</b>        | h. awake          |
| 9. <b>inclination</b>        | i. relax          |
| 10. <b>put one's feet up</b> | j. continued      |

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

- |                                   |                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Mr Johnson, 55, tested         | a. the worse             |
| 2. turn for                       | b. needing a ventilator  |
| 3. he was moved to the hospital's | c. progress              |
| 4. his condition                  | d. my life               |
| 5. able to breathe without        | e. experiences           |
| 6. I owe them                     | f. worsened              |
| 7. in a recovery                  | g. positive for COVID-19 |
| 8. making very good               | h. of any symptoms       |
| 9. keep going regardless          | i. intensive care unit   |
| 10. In the light of his           | j. ward in the hospital  |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200415-boris-johnson.html>

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*persisted*

*move*

*thanked*

*ventilator*

*admitted*

*isolated*

*unit*

*response*

Mr Johnson said the care he received from nurses, doctors and other carers was "(9) \_\_\_\_\_". He said: "I can't thank them enough. I (10) \_\_\_\_\_ them my life." He is now out of intensive care and is on a recovery (11) \_\_\_\_\_ in the hospital. Downing Street said he was making "very good progress" and had been doing Sudoku (12) \_\_\_\_\_ and watching films in his hospital bed. His (13) \_\_\_\_\_ Andrew Gimson said: "Boris never used to believe in illness. He neither admitted to sickness himself...He believed he was strong enough to keep going (14) \_\_\_\_\_ of any symptoms from which he might be suffering. His strong (15) \_\_\_\_\_ was to overwork, not to put his feet up. In the light of his experiences one hopes he will change his (16) \_\_\_\_\_."

*owe*

*puzzles*

*inclination*

*exemplary*

*regardless*

*outlook*

*ward*

*biographer*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200415-boris-johnson.html>

- 1) positive for COVID-19 on March the 27th. He self-\_\_\_\_\_ apartment
  - a. isolated in this
  - b. isolate it in his
  - c. isolate din his
  - d. isolated in his
- 2) However, his symptoms persisted and his condition took a \_\_\_\_\_ worse
  - a. turning for the
  - b. turn for the
  - c. turner for the
  - d. tern for the
- 3) A day later he was moved to the hospital's intensive care unit \_\_\_\_\_ worsened
  - a. at his condition
  - b. as his condition
  - c. as this condition
  - d. as his conditional
- 4) Downing Street said this was \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a precaution airy move
  - b. a precaution airy moved
  - c. a precautionary move
  - d. a precautionary moved
- 5) He remained conscious and was able to breathe without \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. needing all ventilator
  - b. needing the ventilator
  - c. needing a ventilators
  - d. needing a ventilator
- 6) Mr Johnson said the care he received from nurses, doctors and other \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. carers was extemporary
  - b. carers was example really
  - c. carers was example airy
  - d. carers was exemplary
- 7) He is now out of intensive care and is on \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a recover reward
  - b. a recover rewind
  - c. a recovery wood
  - d. a recovery ward
- 8) He believed he was strong enough to keep going regardless \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. of any sin tunes
  - b. of any sumptuous
  - c. of any symptoms
  - d. of any suction
- 9) His strong inclination was to overwork, not to put \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. his fee up
  - b. this feet up
  - c. this fee top
  - d. his feet up
- 10) In the light of his experiences one hopes he will \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. change his outlook
  - b. change his overlook
  - c. change his cluck
  - d. change his pluck

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200415-boris-johnson.html>

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Mr Johnson said the care he received from nurses, doctors and other (1) \_\_\_\_\_. He said: "I can't thank them enough. I owe them my life." He is now out of intensive care and is on (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in the hospital. Downing Street said he was making "(3) \_\_\_\_\_" and had been doing Sudoku puzzles and watching films in his hospital bed. His biographer Andrew Gimson said: "Boris never used to (4) \_\_\_\_\_. He neither admitted to sickness himself....He believed he was strong enough to keep going regardless (5) \_\_\_\_\_ from which he might be suffering. His strong inclination was to overwork, not to put his feet up. In the light of his experiences one hopes he will (6) \_\_\_\_\_."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200415-boris-johnson.html>

1. When did Mr Johnson test positive for COVID-19?
2. Where did Mr Johnson self-isolate?
3. What happened to Mr Johnson's condition after symptoms persisted?
4. When was Mr Johnson admitted to hospital for tests?
5. What did Mr Johnson not need to breathe?
6. What did Mr Johnson call the care he received from nurses?
7. What did Mr Johnson say he owed those who cared for him?
8. What kind of puzzles did Mr Johnson do in his bed?
9. Who is Andrew Gimson?
10. What did Mr Gimson say Boris Johnson did not want to put up?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200415-boris-johnson.html>

- 1) When did Mr Johnson test positive for COVID-19?
  - a) 26th March
  - b) 29th March
  - c) 28th March
  - d) 27th March
- 2) Where did Mr Johnson self-isolate?
  - a) Piccadilly
  - b) Downing Street
  - c) Oxford Street
  - d) Buckingham Palace
- 3) What happened to Mr Johnson's condition after symptoms persisted?
  - a) it turned around
  - b) it spiralled
  - c) it took a turn for the worse
  - d) it zigzagged up and down
- 4) When was Mr Johnson admitted to hospital for tests?
  - a) April 5
  - b) April 6
  - c) April 4
  - d) April 2
- 5) What did Mr Johnson not need to breathe?
  - a) a mask
  - b) a respirator
  - c) a ventilator
  - d) space
- 6) What did Mr Johnson call the care he received from nurses?
  - a) faultless
  - b) exemplary
  - c) impeccable
  - d) laudable
- 7) What did Mr Johnson say he owed those who cared for him?
  - a) an apology
  - b) a favour
  - c) money
  - d) his life
- 8) What kind of puzzles did Mr Johnson do in his bed?
  - a) Sudoku
  - b) jigsaw puzzles
  - c) crossword puzzles
  - d) word puzzles
- 9) Who is Andrew Gimson?
  - a) Mr Johnson's best friend
  - b) a doctor
  - c) Mr Johnson's biographer
  - d) an epidemiologist
- 10) What did Mr Gimson say Boris Johnson did not want to put up?
  - a) his arms
  - b) his feet
  - c) his hands
  - d) his prices

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200415-boris-johnson.html>

## **Role A – Nurses**

You think nurses are the most important workers in a hospital. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their staff aren't as important. Also, tell the others who are the least important of these (and why): surgeons, managers or admin staff.

## **Role B – Surgeons**

You think surgeons are the most important workers in a hospital. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their staff aren't as important. Also, tell the others who are the least important of these (and why): nurses, managers or admin staff.

## **Role C – Managers**

You think managers are the most important workers in a hospital. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their staff aren't as important. Also, tell the others who are the least important of these (and why): surgeons, nurses or admin staff.

## **Role D – Admin Staff**

You think admin staff are the most important workers in a hospital. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their staff aren't as important. Also, tell the others who are the least important of these (and why): surgeons, managers or nurses.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200415-boris-johnson.html>

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

<b>thank</b>	<b>nurse</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>• life</li><li>• apartment</li><li>• turn</li><li>• tests</li><li>• moved</li><li>• able</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• received</li><li>• owe</li><li>• ward</li><li>• bed</li><li>• strong</li><li>• light</li></ul>
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# NURSES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200415-boris-johnson.html>

Write five GOOD questions about nurses 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.

# NURSES 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 'nurse'?
3. What do you know about Boris Johnson?
4. What do you think of a world leading getting COVID-19?
5. How is your leader dealing with COVID-19?
6. How good is your country's health service?
7. What do you think of nurses in hospitals right now?
8. What do you know about the symptoms of COVID-19?
9. What can you do to stay safe in this pandemic?
10. What advice do you have for nurses?

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# NURSES 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 'leader'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What work does a nurse do?
15. Do you have what it takes to be a nurse?
16. How strong are you in fighting disease?
17. What three adjectives best describe nurses?
18. Should governments increase spending on health after the pandemic?
19. Will your outlook change after the pandemic is over?
20. What questions would you like to ask nurses on the front line?

# 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/2004/200415-boris-johnson.html>

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Mr Johnson said the care he received from nurses, doctors and other carers was "(7) \_\_\_\_\_". He said: "I can't thank them enough. I owe them my life." He is now out of intensive care and is on a recovery (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in the hospital. Downing Street said he was making "very good progress" and had been doing Sudoku puzzles and watching films in his hospital bed. His (9) \_\_\_\_\_ Andrew Gimson said: "Boris never used to believe in illness. He (10) \_\_\_\_\_ admitted to sickness himself....He believed he was strong enough to keep going regardless (11) \_\_\_\_\_ any symptoms from which he might be suffering. His strong inclination was to overwork, not to put his feet up. In the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of his experiences one hopes he will change his outlook."

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

- |     |                  |               |                |                |
|-----|------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) saving       | (b) saver     | (c) saves      | (d) saved      |
| 2.  | (a) semi         | (b) auto      | (c) self       | (d) pre        |
| 3.  | (a) respond      | (b) responder | (c) response   | (d) responsive |
| 4.  | (a) diversion    | (b) route     | (c) spiral     | (d) turn       |
| 5.  | (a) was          | (b) has       | (c) as         | (d) ease       |
| 6.  | (a) breathy      | (b) breathe   | (c) breathless | (d) breath     |
| 7.  | (a) compulsive   | (b) exemplary | (c) reclusive  | (d) ardent     |
| 8.  | (a) mall         | (b) ward      | (c) crevice    | (d) atrium     |
| 9.  | (a) cartographer | (b) graphics  | (c) biographer | (d) biologist  |
| 10. | (a) non          | (b) ne'er     | (c) nor        | (d) neither    |
| 11. | (a) on           | (b) as        | (c) to         | (d) of         |
| 12. | (a) dark         | (b) shade     | (c) dazzle     | (d) light      |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. He self-ildaest in his apartment
2. his omstpysm persisted
3. eniisntev care unit
4. this was a cyapnrtrieoua move
5. He remained cosncsoui
6. breathe without needing a vteotnirla

## Paragraph 2

7. ...and other carers was earmplyex
8. on a oycrveer ward
9. His erihagrbp Andrew Gimson
10. He neither eatimddt to sickness himself
11. keep going lrgdsersae
12. His strong clntioinian was to overwork

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200415-boris-johnson.html>

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

- ( ) to the hospital's intensive care unit as his condition worsened. Downing Street said this was a "precautionary
- ( ) overwork, not to put his feet up. In the light of his experiences one hopes he will change his outlook."
- ( ) move". He remained conscious and was able to breathe without needing a ventilator.
- ( ) puzzles and watching films in his hospital bed. His biographer Andrew Gimson said: "Boris never used to believe
- ( ) in illness. He neither admitted to sickness himself....He believed he was strong enough to keep going regardless
- ( ) to the coronavirus pandemic. However, his symptoms persisted and his condition took a turn for the
- ( ) ward in the hospital. Downing Street said he was making "very good progress" and had been doing Sudoku
- ( **1** ) The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Boris Johnson, has thanked his country's National Health Service for saving
- ( ) of any symptoms from which he might be suffering. His strong inclination was to
- ( ) apartment in Downing Street, London and continued to lead the country and its response
- ( ) enough. I owe them my life." He is now out of intensive care and is on a recovery
- ( ) Mr Johnson said the care he received from nurses, doctors and other carers was "exemplary". He said: "I can't thank them
- ( ) worse. On April the 5th, he was admitted to a London hospital for tests. A day later he was moved
- ( ) his life. Mr Johnson, 55, tested positive for COVID-19 on March the 27th. He self-isolated in his

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200415-boris-johnson.html>

1. country's the coronavirus to Lead his pandemic . response
2. took for turn the His worse . a condition
3. tests . was for hospital admitted to He a
4. the hospital's care intensive to unit . Moved
5. a breathe He was without able to ventilator .
6. was he received The exemplary . nurses care from
7. intensive out unit . of now care He's the
8. regardless . strong He to keep enough going was
9. be symptoms might Any he suffering . from which
10. change he will One hopes outlook . his

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200415-boris-johnson.html>

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Mr Johnson said the care he *receives / received* from nurses, doctors and other carers was "exemplary". He said: "I can't thank them *plenty / enough*. I owe them my life." He is now out of intensive care and is on a *recover / recovery* ward in the hospital. Downing Street said he was making "very good progress" and had been *done / doing* Sudoku puzzles and watching films in his hospital bed. His *autobiographer / biographer* Andrew Gimson said: "Boris never used to believe *in / on* illness. He neither admitted to sickness himself....He believed he was *strength / strong* enough to keep going regardless of any *symptomatic / symptoms* from which he might be suffering. His strong inclination was to *overwork / overtime*, not to put his feet up. In the light of his experiences one hopes he will *change / chance* his outlook."

**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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# 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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

**4. HUGE SALARY INCREASE:** Write a magazine article about nurses and care staff being given a huge salary increase. 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 nurses. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how we can thank our nurses and care workers. 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. c    3. b    4. f    5. a    6. g    7. d  
8. m    9. k    10. n    11. h    12. j    13. i    14. l

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. March the 27th
2. His apartment in Downing Street
3. It took a turn for the worse
4. April the 5th
5. A ventilator
6. Exemplary
7. His life
8. Sudoku
9. Boris Johnson's biographer
10. His feet

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Lead his country's response to the coronavirus pandemic.
2. His condition took a turn for the worse.
3. He was admitted to a hospital for tests.
4. Moved to the hospital's intensive care unit.
5. He was able to breathe without a ventilator.
6. The care he received from nurses was exemplary.
7. He's now out of the intensive care unit.
8. He was strong enough to keep going regardless.
9. Any symptoms from which he might be suffering.
10. One hopes he will change his outlook.

## 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 ;-)