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## Level 3 – 23rd September, 2021

## Philippine boxing legend to run for president

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#### THE ARTICLE

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210923-boxing-legend.html

Philippine boxing legend Manny Pacquiao, 42, has said he will run for president in the 2022 elections. Mr Pacquiao has served as a senator of the Philippines since 2016. He said he wants to run for president because the Filipino people need a new government. He believes his career in boxing has helped him in politics and would give him the skills he needs to be a good president. He said in a speech: "I'm a fighter, and I will always be a fighter inside and outside the ring." He added: "We need government to serve our people." Other sporting heroes have become leaders of their country, like Pakistan's cricketing hero Imran Khan and Liberia's soccer icon George Weah.

Emmanuel Pacquiao is one of the greatest professional boxers of all time. He is the only boxer in history to be world champion at eight different levels and won twelve major world titles. He is the only boxer to hold world championships across four decades, from the 1990s to the 2020s. In 2019, he became the oldest welterweight world champion ever at the age of 40. Pacquiao has had other successes outside of his boxing and political careers. He was the head coach and a player for a Philippine Basketball Association team. He has also starred in movies, presented TV shows, and as a singer, has released best-selling albums and songs. He is also a preacher, philanthropist and YouTube personality.

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#### **WARM-UPS**

- **1. BOXING:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about boxing. 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?

boxing / legend / president / senator / career / politics / fighter / heroes / icon / history / professional / levels / titles / oldest / successes / albums / YouTube

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

- **3. BOXERS:** Students A **strongly** believe boxers would make better presidents than TV celebrities; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.
- **4. HEROES:** Who are your heroes? Why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Who?	Why?
Sporting hero		
Business hero		
Environmental hero		
Music hero		
Political hero		
Technology hero		

- **5. LEGEND:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "legend". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.
- **6. BEST PRESIDENT:** Rank these with your partner. Put who would be the best president at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.
  - a boxer
  - a CEO
  - a nurse
  - a teacher

- an engineer
- a soldier
- · a chat show host
- a homeless person

#### **VOCABULARY MATCHING**

#### Paragraph 1

- legend a. Be someone other people can vote for in an election.
- 2. run b. A job done for a long period of a person's life.
- 3. served c. A person or thing thought of as something great.
- 4. career d. Performed duties or services for other people.
- 5. politics e. The group of people with the power to control a country or city.
- 6. government f. An extremely great and famous person.
- 7. icon g. The activities of governments about the relations between people and countries.

#### Paragraph 2

- 8. professional h. Important, serious, or significant.
- 9. major i. The position of being the champion of a major sports competition.
- 10. title j. A person who tries to make the lives of other people better, especially giving money.
- 11. success k. Acted in a movie, play, or other show as a main character.
- 12. starred I. The completing of an aim or purpose.
- 13. preacher m. Being someone who gets paid for what they do as a job.
- 14. philanthropist n. A person who talks to other people in churches, in the streets, etc. about religion or God.

### **BEFORE READING / LISTENING**

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210923-boxing-legend.html

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

- 1. Manny Pacquiao has been a senator in the Philippines. **T / F**
- 2. Manny believes his career as a boxer will help him be a good president. T / F
- 3. Manny said he won't always be a fighter. **T/F**
- 4. Manny said he would be the first sporting hero to be a president. **T/F**
- 5. Manny has been world champion at eight different levels. **T/F**
- 6. Manny was first a world champion in the 1990s. **T/F**
- 7. The article says Manny is the youngest ever boxing world champion. **T / F**
- 8. Manny has also had a career as a singer. **T/F**

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

- 1. legend
- 2. run
- 3. believes
- 4. helped
- 5. need
- 6. greatest
- 7. hold
- 8. successes
- 9. coach
- 10. personality

- a. triumphs
- b. thinks
- c. character
- d. require
- e. possess
- f. superstar
- g. trainer
- h. stand for
- i. best
- j. assisted

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

- 1. he will run for president
- 2. Mr Pacquiao has served as
- 3. give him the skills
- 4. I will always be a fighter inside and outside
- 5. Other sporting heroes have become leaders
- 6. one of the greatest professional
- 7. He is the only boxer in history to
- 8. hold world championships across four
- 9. He was the head
- 10. released best-selling

- a. boxers of all time
- b. the ring
- c. coach
- d. albums and songs
- e. he needs
- f. decades
- g. in the 2022 elections
- h. of their country
- i. be world champion
- j. a senator

## **GAP FILL**

Philippine boxing legend Manny Pacquiao, 42, has said he will run	icon
for president in the 2022 (1) Mr Pacquiao has	career
served as a (2) of the Philippines since 2016.	senator
He said he wants to run for president because the Filipino people	
(3) a new government. He believes his	speech
(4) in boxing has helped him in politics and	elections
would give him the skills he needs to be a good president. He said	leaders
in a (5): "I'm a fighter, and I will always be a	serve
fighter inside and outside the ring." He added: "We need	
government to (6) our people." Other sporting	need
heroes have become (7) of their country, like	
Pakistan's cricketing hero Imran Khan and Liberia's soccer	
(8) George Weah.	
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all (9) He is the only boxer in history to be	starred
world champion at eight different (10) and won	ever
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political careers. He was the head coach and a player for a	augassas.
Philippine Basketball Association team. He has also	successes
(14) in movies, presented TV shows, and as a	
singer, has (15) best-selling albums and	
songs. He is also a preacher, philanthropist and YouTube	
(16)•	

## **LISTENING** — Guess the answers. Listen to check.

1)	Manny Pacquiao, 42, has said he will run for president in  a. the 2022 erections b. the 2022 editions c. the 2022 elections d. the 2022 electrons
2)	his career in boxing has helped him in politics and would give him the a. skills he needs b. skills he need c. skills he needy d. skills he kneads
3)	I'm a fighter, and I will always be a fighter inside and  a. outside a ring b. outside a wring c. outside the wiring d. outside the ring
4)	He added we need government to  a. save our people  b. sieve our people  c. suave our people  d. serve our people
5)	like Pakistan's cricketing hero Imran Khan and Liberia's soccer a. eye con George Weah b. eye can George Weah c. icon George Weah d. hike con George Weah
6)	Emmanuel Pacquiao is one of the greatest professional boxers  a. offal time b. off all time c. of all time d. on all time
7)	He is the only boxer in history to be world champion at a. eights different levels b. eight difference levels c. eight different level d. eight different levels
8)	He is the only boxer to hold world championships a. ache cross four decades b. arc cross four decades c. across four decades d. a cross four decades
9)	Pacquiao has had other successes outside of his boxing a. and political careens b. and political carers c. and political car rears d. and political careers
10	) He is also a preacher, philanthropist and
	a. YouTube personality
	<ul><li>b. YouTube personalities</li><li>c. YouTube personal a tee</li></ul>
	d. YouTube personal a tea

## **LISTENING** – Listen and fill in the gaps

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## **COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS**

1.	How old is Manny Pacquiao?
2.	Who does Manny Pacquiao say needs a new government?
3.	What does Manny Pacquiao believe will help him be a good president?
4.	What will Manny Pacquiao always be in and out of the ring?
5.	What other kinds of heroes does the article say have become leaders?
6.	At how many levels has Manny Pacquiao been world champion?
7.	Over how many decades has Manny Pacquiao been a world champion?
8.	What world title did Manny Pacquiao win at the age of 40?
9.	In what other sport was Manny Pacquiao a head coach?
10.	What does the article say Manny Pacquiao has released?

## **MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ**

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210923-boxing-legend.html

- 1) How old is Manny Pacquiao?
- a) 41
- b) 42
- c) 40
- d) 51
- 2) Who does Manny Pacquiao say needs a new government?
- a) Filipino workers
- b) the world
- c) the poor
- d) the Filipino people
- 3) What does Manny Pacquiao believe will help him be a good president?
- a) his team
- b) his intelligence
- c) his career in boxing
- d) support from the people
- 4) What will Manny Pacquiao always be in and out of the ring?
- a) a fighter
- b) popular
- c) successful
- d) true
- 5) What other kinds of heroes does the article say have become leaders?
- a) business heroes
- b) sporting heroes
- c) personal heroes
- d) good heroes

- 6) At how many levels has Manny Pacquiao been world champion?
- a) 8
- b) 10
- c) 7
- d) 12
- 7) Over how many decades has Manny Pacquiao been a world champion?
- a) 5
- b) 3
- c) 4
- d) 2
- 8) What world title did Manny Pacquiao win at the age of 40?
- a) the welterweight title
- b) the lightweight title
- c) the middleweight title
- d) the heavyweight title
- 9) In what other sport was Manny Pacquiao a head coach?
- a) cricket
- b) soccer
- c) baseball
- d) basketball
- 10) What does the article say Manny Pacquiao has released?
- a) prisoners
- b) his memoirs
- c) best-selling albums and songs
- d) funds

#### **ROLE PLAY**

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#### Role A – A Boxer

You think a boxer would be the best president. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their people. Also, tell the others which of these would be the worst president (and why): a nurse, an engineer or a chat show host.

#### Role B - A Nurse

You think a nurse would be the best president. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their people. Also, tell the others which of these would be the worst president (and why): a boxer, an engineer or a chat show host.

#### Role C - An Engineer

You think an engineer would be the best president. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their people. Also, tell the others which of these would be the worst president (and why): a nurse, a boxer or a chat show host.

#### Role D – A Chat Show Host

You think a chat show host would be the best president. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their people. Also, tell the others which of these would be the worst president (and why): a nurse, an engineer or a boxer.

## AFTER READING / LISTENING

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210923-boxing-legend.html

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

boxing	legend

- 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:

• 2022	• time
• 2016	• eight
• new	• only
• skills	• 2019
• ring	• coach
• icon	• songs

#### **BOXING SURVEY**

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Write five GOOD questions about boxing 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.

## **BOXING 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 'boxing'?
- 3. What do you know about Manny Pacquiao?
- 4. Do you think Manny would be a good president?
- 5. Would you be a good president?
- 6. How can boxing skills help someone be a good president?
- 7. Should a president be a fighter?
- 8. Are you a fighter?
- 9. Are sporting heroes or TV celebrities better presidents?
- 10. What do you think of your government?

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#### **BOXING 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 'legend'?
- 13. What do you think about what you read?
- 14. What do you think of boxing?
- 15. What do you think of Manny's record as a boxer?
- 16. What do you think of Manny's other successes?
- 17. Do you think Manny Pacquiao would be a good president?
- 18. What advice would you give Manny?
- 19. Who is your favorite YouTube personality?
- 20. What questions would you like to ask Manny Pacquiao?

## **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

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

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## **LANGUAGE - CLOZE**

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2.	(a)	serviced	(b)	served	(c)	saved	(d)	sieved
3.	(a)	as	(b)	at	(c)	on .	(d)	in
4. -	(a)	square	(b)	ring 	(c)	octagon 	(d)	cube
5.	(a)	hero	(b)	heroics	(c)	heroism	(d)	heroes
6. _	(a)	canny 	(b)	cone	(c)	icon	(d)	acorn
7.	(a)	all	(b)	every	(c)	whole	(d)	entire
8.	(a)	is	(b)	to	(c)	at	(d)	by
9.	(a)	jab	(b)	southpaw	(c)	punch	(d)	hold
10.	(a)	successes	(b)	successful	(c)	successfully	(d)	succeed
11.	(a)	starred	(b)	storied	(c)	stirred	(d)	stored
12.	(a)	personality	(b)	complex	(c)	role	(d)	puncher

#### **SPELLING**

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#### Paragraph 1

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#### Paragraph 2

- 7. twelve jamro world titles
- 8. across four dedeasc
- 9. Pacquiao has had other <u>susescesc</u>
- 10. He has also rtaerds in movies
- 11. He is also a <u>cearerhp</u>
- 12. YouTube <u>plsitorayen</u>

## **PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER**

From <a href="https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210923-boxing-legend.html">https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210923-boxing-legend.html</a>

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

(	)	in movies, presented TV shows, and as a singer, has released best-selling
(	)	albums and songs. He is also a preacher, philanthropist and YouTube personality.
(	)	four decades, from the 1990s to the 2020s. In 2019, he became the oldest welterweight world
(	)	Pakistan's cricketing hero Imran Khan and Liberia's soccer icon George Weah.
(	1 )	Philippine boxing legend Manny Pacquiao, 42, has said he will run for president in the 2022
(	)	champion at eight different levels and won twelve major world titles. He is the only boxer to hold world championships across
(	)	run for president because the Filipino people need a new government. He believes his career
(	)	coach and a player for a Philippine Basketball Association team. He has also starred
(	)	in boxing has helped him in politics and would give him the skills he needs to be a good president. He said in a
(	)	Emmanuel Pacquiao is one of the greatest professional boxers of all time . He is the only boxer in history to be world
(	)	speech: "I'm a fighter, and I will always be a fighter inside and outside the ring." He added: "We need government to serve our
(	)	champion ever at the age of 40. Pacquiao has had other successes outside of his boxing and political careers. He was the head
(	)	people." Other sporting heroes have become leaders of their country, like
(	)	elections. Mr Pacquiao has served as a senator of the Philippines since 2016. He said he wants to

#### PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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- 1. the in run for He'll president 2022 elections .
- 2. president . he He to run wants for said
- 3. helped believes his He career him . boxing has
- 4. a I fighter, always will be . and I'm
- 5. of heroes sporting leaders become Other countries . have
- 6. boxers all of time . greatest the One of
- 7. world the ever . became oldest He champion welterweight
- 8. other successes boxing . had has of outside Pacquiao
- 9. for player and a Head basketball coach team .
- 10. songs . released has albums best-selling and He

## **CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)**

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210923-boxing-legend.html

Philippine boxing legend Manny Pacquiao, 42, has said he will run for president in the 2022 elections. Mr Pacquiao has served / saved as a senator of the Philippines since 2016. He said he wants to run for president because the Filipino people need anew / a new government. He believes his career on / in boxing has helped him in politics and would give him the skillful / skills he needs to be a good / well president. He said in a speech / speak: "I'm a fighter, and I will always be a fight / fighter inside and outside the ring." He added: "We need government to serve your / our people." Other sporting heroes have become leaders / leadership of their country, like Pakistan's cricketing hero Imran Khan and Liberia's soccer icon / iconic George Weah.

Emmanuel Pacquiao is *one / once* of the greatest professional boxers of all time. He is *the / an* only boxer in history to be world champion *to / at* eight different levels and won twelve major world *title / titles*. He is the only boxer to hold world championships *across / above* four decades, from the 1990s to the 2020s. In 2019, he became the oldest welterweight world champion ever *on / at* the age of 40. Pacquiao has had other successes outside of his boxing and political *carers / careers*. He was the head coach and a player for a Philippine Basketball Association team. He has also *starred / stared* in movies, presented TV shows, and as a singer, *has / have* released best-selling albums and songs. He is also a preacher, philanthropist and YouTube *personality / person*.

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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Ph\_l\_pp\_n\_ b\_x\_ng l\_g\_nd M\_nny P\_cq\_\_\_, 42, h\_s s\_\_d h\_ w\_ll r\_n f\_r pr\_s\_d\_nt \_n th\_ 2022 \_l\_ct\_\_ns. Ph\_l\_pp\_n\_s s\_nc\_ 2016. H\_ s\_\_d h\_ w\_nts t\_ r\_n f\_r pr\_s\_d\_nt b\_c\_\_s\_ th\_ F\_l\_p\_n\_ p\_\_pl\_ n\_\_d \_ n\_w g\_v\_rnm\_nt. H\_ b\_l\_\_v\_s h\_s c\_r\_\_r \_n b\_x\_ng h\_s h\_lp\_d h\_m \_n p\_l\_t\_cs \_nd w\_\_ld g\_v\_ h\_m th\_  $sk_lls h_n_ds t_b_g_d pr_s_d_nt. H_s_d_n$ \_ sp\_\_ch: "\_'m \_ f\_ght\_r, \_nd \_ w\_ll \_lw\_ys b\_ \_ f\_ght\_r \_ns\_d\_ \_nd \_\_ts\_d\_ th\_ r\_ng." H\_ \_dd\_d: "W\_ n\_\_d g\_v\_rnm\_nt t\_ s\_rv\_ \_\_r p\_\_pl\_." \_th\_r sp\_rt\_ng P\_k\_st\_n's cr\_ck\_t\_ng h\_r\_ \_mr\_n Kh\_n \_nd L\_b\_r\_\_'s  $s\_cc\_r\_c\_n$   $G\_\_rg\_$   $W\_\_h$ . \_mm\_n\_\_l P\_cq\_\_\_ \_s \_n\_ \_f th\_ gr\_\_t\_st pr\_f\_ss\_\_n\_l b\_x\_rs \_f \_ll t\_m\_. H\_ \_s th\_ \_nly b\_x\_r \_n h\_st\_ry t\_ b\_ w\_rld ch\_mp\_\_n \_t \_\_ght d\_ff\_r\_nt l\_v\_ls \_nd w\_n tw\_lv\_ m\_j\_r w\_rld t\_tl\_s. H\_ \_s th\_ \_nly b\_x\_r t\_ h\_ld w\_rld ch\_mp\_\_nsh\_ps \_cr\_ss f\_\_r  $d_c_d_s$ , fr\_m th\_ 1990s t\_ th\_ 2020s. \_n 2019, h\_ b\_c\_m\_ th\_ \_ld\_st w\_lt\_rw\_\_ght w\_rld ch\_mp\_\_n \_v\_r  $_{t}$  th  $_{g}$   $_{f}$  40. P\_cq\_\_\_ h\_s h\_d \_th\_r s\_cc\_ss\_s  $\_\_ts\_d\_\_f$  h\_s b\_x\_ng \_nd p\_l\_t\_c\_l c\_r\_\_rs. H\_ w\_s th\_ h\_\_d c\_\_ch \_\_nd \_\_ pl\_y\_r f\_r \_ Ph\_l\_pp\_n\_  $B_sk_tb_{ll}$   $_ss_c_t_n$   $t_m$ .  $H_s$   $_ls_s$   $st_rr_d$   $_n$ m\_v\_s, pr\_s\_nt\_d TV sh\_ws, \_nd \_s \_ s\_ng\_r, h\_s r\_l\_s\_d b\_st-s\_ll\_ng \_lb\_ms \_nd s\_ngs. H\_ \_s \_ls\_ \_ pr\_\_ch\_r, ph\_l\_nthr\_p\_st \_nd Y\_\_T\_b\_ p\_rs\_n\_l\_ty.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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## PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## **FREE WRITING**

Write about <b>boxi</b> i	<b>ng</b> for 10 minutes.	Comment on	your partner's pa	per.

## **ACADEMIC WRITING**

A former boxer would be a better president than a former TV star. Discuss.				

#### **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. BOXING:** Make a poster about boxing. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?
- **4. PRESIDENT:** Write a magazine article about encouraging more famous people to run for president of their country. 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 boxing. Ask him/her three questions about boxing. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

#### **ANSWERS**

#### **VOCABULARY (p.4)**

1. f 2. 3. d 4. b 5. g 6. е 7. С 8. 9. 10. 11. Ι 12. m h i k 13. n 14. i

### TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

#### **SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)**

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

#### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

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

1.	42	1.	He'll run for president in the 2022 elections.
2.	The Filipino people	2.	He said he wants to run for president.
3.	His career in boxing	3.	He believes his boxing career has helped him.
4.	A fighter	4.	I'm a fighter, and I will always be.
5.	Sporting heroes	5.	Other sporting heroes have become leaders of countries.
6.	Eight	6.	One of the greatest boxers of all time.
7.	Four	7.	He became the oldest welterweight world champion ever.
8.	The welterweight title	8.	Pacquiao has had other successes outside of boxing.
9.	Basketball	9.	Head coach and player for a basketball team.
10.	Best-selling albums and songs	10.	He has released best-selling albums and songs.

#### **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 ;-)