**LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check**

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| 1) | one of the \_\_\_\_\_\_ contests in U.S. history |
|   | a.  closedb.  closetedc.  classiestd.  closest |
| 2) | It was a nail-biting … |
|   | a.  finisherb.  fishc.  finishd.  furnishing |
| 3) | Pre-election polls and TV stations said \_\_\_\_\_\_ man could have won |
|   | a.  either orb.  etherc.  neitherd.  either |
| 4) | It all depended on \_\_\_\_\_\_ swing states |
|   | a.  severalb.  severityc.  severed.  seven |
| 5) | Obama knew he had another … |
|   | a.  four years in the White House.b.  fight on his hands.c.  round of election campaigning.d.  problem to deal with. |
| 6) | Many Americans felt … |
|   | a.  griefb.  beliefc.  reliefd.  mischief |
| 7) | voters complained that the ads were … |
|   | a.  not informative enough.b.  full of lies.c.  not entertaining.d.  overly negative. |
| 8) | … voters once again put their … |
|   | a.  faith in Mr Obama.b.  money on Mr Obama.c.  voting cards with Mr Obama.d.  questions to Mr Obama. |
| 9) | No one can know for sure what \_\_\_\_\_\_ tipped this election. |
|   | a.  emotionally-complex chemicalb.  emotional chemistry complexc.  chemistry complex emotiond.  complex emotional chemistry |
| 10) | Obama was trying his hardest to … |
|   | a.  fix what ails the country.b.  fax what sells the country.c.  mix what seals the concrete.d.  tax what helps the country. |

**Listening**

**GAP FILL:** Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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| Americans voted to re-elect (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ president Barack Obama on Tuesday in one of the closest contests in U.S. history. President Obama (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ off the challenge of Republican opponent Mitt Romney, who asked the nation to pray for Mr Obama in his goal to (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the American economy. It was a nail-(4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ finish to what was a long, exhausting, (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and expensive election campaign. Pre-election polls and TV stations said either man could have won the presidency. It all (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on several swing states, the winner of which would (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the 270 electoral votes needed to guarantee (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Once the state of Ohio went to the Democrats, Obama knew he had another four years in the White House.  |   | *dependedsawvictorybitterincumbentre-ignitesecurebiting* |
| Many Americans felt (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that the election has now been decided. They had to (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dozens of nightly advertisements in what was the most expensive campaign in history. Most voters complained that the ads were (11) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ negative and simply attacked the other side rather than (12) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ policy promises. Despite the poor state of the American economy, voters once again put their (13) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Mr Obama. Many believe Obama won against all the (14) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Thomas L Friedman of the New York Times wrote: "No one can know for sure what complex emotional (15) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tipped this election Obama's way…It came down to a majority of Americans believing that…Obama was trying his hardest to fix what (16) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the country." |   | *oddsendureailsrelieffaithoverlychemistryoutlining* |

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

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| a. | The election was one of the closest in U.S. history. | T / F |
| b. | Mitt Romney asked Americans to pray Obama re-ignites. | T / F |
| c. | Most opinion polls predicted Obama would win. | T / F |
| d. | The winner needed 270 electoral votes to secure victory. | T / F |
| e. | Americans ensured dozens of advertisements every night. | T / F |
| f. | None of the parties spent a long time on their policies in their ads. | T / F |
| g. | A New York journalist said Obama's emotional chemistry helped him. | T / F |
| h. | The journalist said more people believed Obama could fix America. | T / F |

**COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS**

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| **1.** | What adjective in the first sentence described President Obama? |
| **2.** | What did Obama see off? |
| **3.** | What kind of election finish was it? |
| **4.** | Which state did Obama win that saw him over the victory line? |
| **5.** | What did the pre-election polls say? |
| **6.** | What did Americans feel after the election? |
| **7.** | How many ads did Americans have to look at every night? |
| **8.** | What did the overly negative ads attack? |
| **9.** | What kind of chemistry did a New York Times journalist mention? |
| **10.** | What do Americans believe Obama is trying his hardest to fix? |

**MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ**

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| 1) What kind of president is Barack       Obama? | 6) What did Americans feel after the      election? |
|   | a) An incurable one.b) An incursive one.c) An incumbent one.d) An incubating one. |   | a) amazementb) reliefc) shockd) ecstasy |
| 2) What did Romney ask the nation pray      for? | 7) Why didn't voters like the campaign      ads? |
|   | a) For Obama to fix the economy.b) For him and his family.c) For mercy and forgiveness.d) For election success in 2016. |   | a) They were way too loud.b) They were far too expensive.c) They were far too long.d) They were way too negative. |
| 3) What kind of finish was the election? | 8) What did the ads not do? |
|   | a) head-bangingb) foot-tappingc) stomach-churningd) nail-biting |   | a) lieb) outline policy promisesc) tell the whole truthd) make people laugh |
| 4) What does 270 electoral votes       secure? | 9) What did many Americans believe      about Obama's victory? |
|   | a) a split Senateb) victoryc) a re-rund) a swing state |   | a) He won against all the odds.b) He bought votes in Ohio.c) It was fate.d) It was the most historic in U.S. history. |
| 5) When did Obama know he won? | 10) What did a reporter say tipped the       balance for Obama to win? |
|   | a) Just after he voted.b) Three weeks ago.c) After he got Ohio.d) When Mitt Romney accepted defeat. |   | a) chemically-emotional complexityb) chemical complex emotionsc) emotional chemical complexesd) complex emotional chemistry |

**GAP FILL:** Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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| Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said his country is (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to send troops into Gaza if Hamas does not stop (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rockets into Israel. Despite growing (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Israel to end its strikes, Mr Netanyahu made it (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to world leaders that Israel would consider all options to defend itself from attacks from Gaza. He also stated his hopes for a ceasefire to (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an invasion of Gaza, which would likely lead to an escalated death toll. Netanyahu said any (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of air strikes would depend on Hamas ending its bombardment of Israel's cities. Sources say as many as 100 rockets a day are fired across the  (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, some reaching Tel Aviv. Air raid (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sounded in Jerusalem for the first time in decades.  |   | *cessationfiringclearsirenspreparedborderpressureavoid* |
| Israel said it still has hundreds of targets to hit and is (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ those associated with Hamas. It already destroyed the Hamas prime minister's office. The death (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the conflict has now (11) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the lives of more than 50 Palestinians and three Israelis. Dozens more have been injured, many of them (12) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. An Israeli military spokesperson said Israeli forces had targeted close to 1,000 sites in Gaza, while Hamas has (13) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ more than 400 missiles into Israel. The Israeli government also approved the call-up of 75,000 reservists in preparation for a ground (14) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Diplomatic efforts are in full (15) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as regional leaders are meeting in Cairo in an attempt to stop the situation from spiralling further out of  (16) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |   | *offensivecivilianstollcontroltargetinglaunchedclaimedswing* |

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

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| a. | Israel's prime minister is considering soldiers into Gaza. | T / F |
| b. | Mr Netenyahu has so far refused to speak with other world leaders. | T / F |
| c. | Netenyahu says a ceasefire could happen if Hamas stops firing rockets. | T / F |
| d. | Almost 100 rockets have reached Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. | T / F |
| e. | Israel said it still has around 100 more targets it wants to hit. | T / F |
| f. | Israeli forces have so far hit around 1,000 sites in Gaza. | T / F |
| g. | Israel has asked 7,500 reserve troops to prepare to enter Gaza. | T / F |
| h. | Leaders from neighboring country are talking in Cairo about solutions. | T / F |

**COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS**

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| **1.** | What is Israel's prime minister prepared to send into Gaza? |
| **2.** | To whom did Benjamin Netanyahu make his intention clear? |
| **3.** | What would Mr Netanyahu consider? |
| **4.** | What would an invasion of Gaza lead to a rise in? |
| **5.** | Where did air raid sirens sound for the first time in decades? |
| **6.** | How many more targets does Israel want to hit? |
| **7.** | How many sites has Israel already targeted? |
| **8.** | How many reserve troops has Israel called up? |
| **9.** | What is / are in full swing? |
| **10.** | Why are regional leaders meeting in Cairo? |

**MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ**

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| 1.  | What is Israel's leader prepared to send into Gaza?  | 6.  | How many more targets does Israel have to hit?  |
|   | a) Peace negotiatorsb) Troopsc) Aidd) Medical supplies |   | a) Hundredsb) Scoresc) Dozensd) Numerous |
| 2.  | What is growing for Israel?  | 7.  | What stands at more than 50?  |
|   | a) Anger among opposition politiciansb) Confidencec) Pressure to end its air strikesd) Fear among its citizens |   | a) The number of negotiators in Cairob) The number of missiles to reach Jerusalemc) The number of tanks positioned on Gaza's borderd) The death toll |
| 3.  | What would an invasion lead to?  | 8.  | How many missiles has Hamas launched into Israel?  |
|   | a) A regional conflictb) Peacec) A fall in the number of casualtiesd) An escalated death toll |   | a) More than 40b) More than 140c) More than 400d) More than 1,400 |
| 4.  | How many rockets a day are fired from Gaza into Israel?  | 9.  | How many reservists has Israel called up?  |
|   | a) Countless rockets every dayb) Around 100 a dayc) Up to 50 a dayd) Hundreds a day |   | a) 7,500b) 17,500c) 70,000d) 75,000 |
| 5.  | When was the last time air raid sirens were heard in Jerusalem?  | 10.  | What / who are leaders trying to stop spiralling out of control?  |
|   | a) Decades agob) Years agoc) Months agod) Days ago |   | a) Hamasb) The situationc) A peace conferenced) Benjamin Netanyahu |