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**ELEMENTARY: QUESTIONS**

1. Which country has Syria's transport minister reportedly accused of 'air piracy'?
2. What was forced to land in Ankara?
3. What escorted the plane to the runway?
4. What type of equipment was the plane suspected of carrying to President Assad's regime in Syria?
5. What happened after the cargo was seized? *The plane was \_\_\_\_\_*
6. What has Syria stopped buying from Turkey?
7. Which verb means 'to rise'?
  
8. What has Africa tackled more successfully than South Asia over the past decade (i.e. 10 years) according to a new report?
9. What is the name of the index?
10. Which adjective is used to describe India's record?
11. Which word do you hear in front of 'wars in Africa'?
12. What is the name of the anti-poverty charity which Tom Arnold works for?
13. What has average annual economic growth stood at in Africa since the year 2000?
14. What have benefitted from the increase in the price of some commodities?
  
15. Who has insisted he 'did his best' to tackle cheating? *the former \_\_\_\_\_ doping \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ de France*
16. Which cyclist ran 'a sophisticated doping programme', according to a new report?
17. What did Martin Brown say about the findings of the US Anti-Doping Agency? *He said they were '\_\_\_\_\_'*
18. What have Lance Armstrong's lawyers called the report's findings? *a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ hatchet \_\_\_\_\_*
  
19. What did the Anglo-Dutch oil giant Shell allegedly pollute?
20. Who say leaks from Shell's pipelines have ruined their crops?
  
21. How many people visited the UK to attend the Olympic Games in July and August?
22. How much did total visitor numbers fall by in August?
23. How much did tourism spending rise by in August?



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**Turkey**
2. What was forced to land in Ankara? **a Syrian passenger plane**
3. What escorted the plane to the runway? **Turkish fighter jets**
4. What type of equipment was the plane suspected of carrying to President Assad's regime in Syria? **military equipment**
5. What happened after the cargo was seized? **The plane was allowed to leave.**
6. What has Syria stopped buying from Turkey? **electricity**
7. Which verb means 'to rise'? **'to mount'**
  
8. What has Africa tackled more successfully than South Asia over the past decade (i.e. 10 years) according to a new report? **hunger**
9. What is the name of the index? **The Global Hunger Index**
10. Which adjective is used to describe India's record? **'disappointing'**
11. Which word do you hear in front of 'wars in Africa'? **'fewer'**
12. What is the name of the anti-poverty charity which Tom Arnold works for?  
**Concern**
13. What has average annual economic growth stood at in Africa since the year 2000?  
**between 7 and 8%**
14. What have benefitted from the increase in the price of some commodities?  
**African countries**
  
15. Who has insisted he 'did his best' to tackle cheating? **the former chief doping inspector of the Tour de France**
16. Which cyclist ran 'a sophisticated doping programme', according to a new report?  
**Lance Armstrong**
17. What did Martin Brown say about the findings of the US Anti-Doping Agency? **He said they were 'terrible for the sport'.**
18. What have Lance Armstrong's lawyers called the report's findings? **a one-sided hatchet job**
  
19. What did the Anglo-Dutch oil giant Shell allegedly pollute? **villages in Nigeria**
20. Who say leaks from Shell's pipelines have ruined their crops? **farmers from the Niger Delta region**
  
21. How many people visited the UK to attend the Olympic Games in July and August?  
**590,000**
22. How much did total visitor numbers fall by in August? **5%**
23. How much did tourism spending rise by in August? **9%**



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**INTERMEDIATE: TRUE/FALSE**

1. Syria's prime minister has reportedly accused Turkey of 'air piracy'.
2. This follows an incident where a Syrian passenger plane was forced to land in the Turkish capital.
3. The plane was suspected of carrying military equipment from Russia to President Assad's regime.
4. The Turks did not remove the cargo from the plane before allowing it to leave.
5. Syria has stopped selling electricity to Turkey.
6. Tensions between Turkey and Syria are continuing to mount.
  
7. A new report says Africa has fared better than South Asia in tackling hunger over the past 10 years.
8. According to the Global Anger Index, India has a disappointing record.
9. This is despite India's rapid economic growth.
10. The report says fuel wars in Africa and government health campaigns have had a positive impact.
11. Tom Arnold works for the anti-poverty charity Concern.
12. He says for the last 12 years economic growth in Africa has been running at less than 5%.
13. The prices of some commodities have fallen significantly.
  
14. The former chief doping inspector of the Tour de France has insisted he did everything he could to help tackle cheating.
15. A report recently accused the cyclist Lance Armstrong of running 'the most sophisticated doping programme ever seen in sport'.
16. Martin Brown says the findings are 'terrible for the sport'.
17. The cyclist's lawyers have called the findings 'a short-sighted hatchet job'.
  
18. A court in The Netherlands will this morning hear allegations that the Anglo-Dutch oil giant Shell polluted towns and cities in Nigeria.
19. Farmers from the Niger Delta region say leaks from Shell's pipelines have ruined their health.
20. Shell blames the leaks on sabotage.
  
21. According to official figures, 590,000 people visited the UK to attend the Olympic Games in July and August.
22. However, the total number of visitors in August was down by 5%.
23. This led to a 9% fall in tourism spending.



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1. Syria's prime minister has reportedly accused Turkey of 'air piracy'. (F 'Syria's transport minister')  
2. This follows an incident where a Syrian passenger plane was forced to land in the Turkish capital. (T **Ankara is the capital of Turkey.**)  
3. The plane was suspected of carrying military equipment from Russia to President Assad's regime. (T)  
4. The Turks did not remove the cargo from the plane before allowing it to leave. (F 'Cargo was seized...' i.e. **It was removed from the plane.**)  
5. Syria has stopped selling electricity to Turkey. (F 'Syria has stopped purchasing electricity from Turkey...')  
6. Tensions between Turkey and Syria are continuing to mount. (T 'as tensions between the two countries continue to mount')
  
7. A new report says Africa has fared better than South Asia in tackling hunger over the past 10 years. (T **a decade = 10 years**)  
8. According to the Global Hunger Index, India has a disappointing record. (F 'the Global Hunger Index')  
9. This is despite India's rapid economic growth. (T)  
10. The report says fuel wars in Africa and government health campaigns have had a positive impact. (F 'fewer wars in Africa')  
11. Tom Arnold works for the anti-poverty charity Concern. (T)  
12. He says for the last 12 years economic growth in Africa has been running at less than 5%. (F '**an average growth rate of between 7 and 8%**')  
13. The prices of some commodities have fallen significantly. (F '**the price of commodities has significantly increased**')  
  
14. The former chief doping inspector of the Tour de France has insisted he did everything he could to help tackle cheating. (T '**did his best**' = **did everything he could**)  
15. A report recently accused the cyclist Lance Armstrong of running 'the most sophisticated doping programme ever seen in sport'. (F **Lance Armstrong**)  
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18. A court in The Netherlands will this morning hear allegations that the Anglo-Dutch oil giant Shell polluted towns and cities in Nigeria. (F '**villages**', not towns and cities)  
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20. Shell blames the leaks on sabotage. (T '**Shell says the leaks were caused by sabotage.**')  
  
21. According to official figures, 590,000 people visited the UK to attend the Olympic Games in July and August. (T)  
22. However, the total number of visitors in August was down by 5%. (T '**fell by 5%**')  
23. This led to a 9% fall in tourism spending. (F '**even though tourism spending went up by 9%**')



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5. Cargo was \_\_\_\_\_ before the plane was \_\_\_\_\_ to leave.
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7. Tensions between Syria and Turkey are continuing to \_\_\_\_\_.
  
8. A new report says Africa has fared \_\_\_\_\_ than South \_\_\_\_\_ in tackling \_\_\_\_\_ since 2002.
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ said India's record was '\_\_\_\_\_', \_\_\_\_\_ the country's rapid economic growth.
10. The report says \_\_\_\_\_ wars in Africa and government \_\_\_\_\_ campaigns have had a \_\_\_\_\_.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ works for the anti-poverty charity \_\_\_\_\_.
12. He says since the year \_\_\_\_\_, the average economic \_\_\_\_\_ rate in Africa has stood at between 7% and 8% per annum.
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ of some commodities has increased \_\_\_\_\_, which has \_\_\_\_\_ African countries.
  
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21. Official figures show that \_\_\_\_\_ people visited the \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Olympic Games in July and August.
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23. Despite this, \_\_\_\_\_ spending rose by \_\_\_\_\_%.



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