

# 1 Worksheet on Listening Comprehension

Text: "Obama's Visit to India", *Voice of America* (Washington, D.C.: voanews.com, 16 Nov. 2010), hosted by *EnglishAddicts* <<http://www.englishaddicts.com/A348400--Obama-s-Visit-to-India.html>>.

## A BACKGROUND INFORMATION

From 6th to 9th November 2010, U.S. President Barack Obama went on a state visit to India. He visited New Delhi and Mumbai and also did some sightseeing with his family. The focus of the visit was on the talks with Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. The audio file you are about to listen to is a report about the last day of this visit.

## B INSTRUCTIONS

You will find the report about Barack Obama's visit to India at [www.englishaddicts.com](http://www.englishaddicts.com).

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and follow the instructions below.

Before listening, read the questions in (C) carefully. Then listen to the whole report twice by clicking on "Audio Preview" and make notes while listening. After the second listening (from the beginning), take 10 minutes to answer the following questions in full sentences, where required, and complete the tasks with the help of the notes you have made.

## C QUESTIONS AND TASKS

### 1. What did Barack Obama begin that day with?

- ☐ slaying a breeze at the site where a leader was debated
- ☐ playing a reed pipe in memory of Mahatma Gandhi
- ☐ laying a wreath at the site where Gandhi's body was burned
- ☐ praying a creed in honour of a revered leader

### 2. What does Barack Obama mean by contrasting "emerging" and "emerged"? Answer in one or two sentences.

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### 3. Which of the following statements is true (1 option only)?

- ☐ Obama announced support for US firms.
- ☐ Obama said the US would speak strongly in favour of a seat for India in the UN security council.
- ☐ Obama promised that India would certainly get permanent membership in the UN security council.
- ☐ Obama announced firm US support for India's reformed membership.

### 4. What did the US President say about Afghanistan and Pakistan (1 option only)?

- ☐ We must recognize that everybody is interested in Afghanistan and Pakistan.
- ☐ India must be interested in harmony with its neighbours.
- ☐ It is interesting that both Afghanistan and Pakistan is a stable.
- ☐ Everybody, including India, is interested in Afghanistan and Pakistan becoming stable and successful democracies.

**5. In his comment about Prime Minister Singh, Obama said (fill in the blanks):**

"I think Prime Minister Singh is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in  
his \_\_\_\_\_ for peace."

**6. What did Prime Minister Singh say (1 option only)?**

- ☐ You cannot talk about peace and at the same time allow terror attacks to go on.
- ☐ You cannot simultaneously be talking because of the noise of the machine.
- ☐ Talks are difficult if you do not have enough machines.
- ☐ As actively as ever before, we will be talking about everything.

*(Peter Ringeisen)*