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Swiss vote no to free monthly income for all

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THE READING

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Swiss voters rejected a plan to introduce a guaranteed monthly income for all citizens. Almost 77 per cent of voters said no. The idea was for a minimum salary of around \$2,500 for those who have been a citizen for five years, whether they worked or not. Supporters said it was necessary to replace Switzerland's social welfare system, and fight poverty and inequality. It would also give more money to people who earned below the minimum wage.

Supporters argued that automation was reducing the number of jobs available. The campaign group Basic Income Switzerland said the money would not be for doing nothing. It said: "In Switzerland, over 50 per cent of total work that is done is unpaid. It's care work. It's at home. It's in different communities, so that work would be more valued with a basic income." Opponents said: "You would have billions of people who would try to move into Switzerland."

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-36454060>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Swiss voters rejected | a. citizens |
| 2. a guaranteed | b. was necessary |
| 3. for all | c. monthly income |
| 4. a minimum salary | d. and inequality |
| 5. Supporters said it | e. a plan |
| 6. replace Switzerland's social | f. the minimum wage |
| 7. fight poverty | g. welfare system |
| 8. people who earned below | h. of around \$2,500 |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. reducing the number | a. is done is unpaid |
| 2. campaign | b. for doing nothing |
| 3. the money would not be | c. people |
| 4. 50 per cent of total work that | d. communities |
| 5. It's care | e. of jobs available |
| 6. It's in different | f. valued |
| 7. be more | g. work |
| 8. billions of | h. group |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Swiss voters (1) _____ to introduce a guaranteed monthly income for all citizens. Almost 77 per cent of (2) _____.

The idea was for a (3) _____ of around \$2,500 for those who have been a citizen for five years, whether (4) _____.

Supporters said it was (5) _____ Switzerland's social welfare system, and fight poverty and inequality. It would also give more money to people who earned (6) _____ wage.

Supporters argued (7) _____ reducing the number of jobs available. The (8) _____ Basic Income Switzerland said the money would not be (9) _____. It said: "In Switzerland, over 50 per cent of total work that is (10) _____. It's care work. It's at home. It's in different communities, so that work would be more valued with (11) _____." Opponents said: "You would have billions of people who would (12) _____ Switzerland."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MONTHLY SALARY SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about monthly salary 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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

