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Level 5

Bank of England staff to go on strike

5th July, 2017

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1707/170705-bank-of-england-5.html>

Workers at the Bank of England have voted for a four-day strike in support of a pay claim. It will be the first walkout by the Bank's staff in over five decades. Over 95 per cent of bankers who voted chose to strike. They say the Bank's pay rise offer is unacceptable. The Bank offered its workers a collective one per cent pay rise. The deal means that a third of staff could get no pay rise. The workers' union said: "The result of the Bank's unwillingness to negotiate fair pay will be that the Bank's sites...in the City of London will effectively be inoperable."

The Bank of England was established in 1694. It is the world's second oldest central bank. Public sector staff in the UK are suffering financially. They have had their annual salary increase capped at one per cent. This is below the 2.9 per cent level of inflation. The union said workers are taking action, "because of the bank's total refusal to accept that its workforce is struggling to meet their costs of living". It added that it was shameful that an "iconic symbol of financial services" is ignoring "the concerns of its dedicated and hardworking staff and impose this derisory pay deal."

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/business-40478754>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. voted for a four- | a. decades |
| 2. in support of a pay | b. negotiate fair pay |
| 3. in over five | c. chose to strike |
| 4. 95% of bankers who voted | d. no pay rise |
| 5. They say the Bank's pay rise | e. the City of London |
| 6. a third of staff could get | f. day strike |
| 7. the Bank's unwillingness to | g. offer is unacceptable |
| 8. the Bank's sites...in | h. claim |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The Bank of England was | a. increase capped |
| 2. It is the world's second | b. of living |
| 3. Public | c. inflation |
| 4. They have had their annual salary | d. hardworking staff |
| 5. below the 2.9 per cent level of | e. established in 1694 |
| 6. struggling to meet their costs | f. pay deal |
| 7. its dedicated and | g. oldest central bank |
| 8. this derisory | h. sector staff |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Workers at the Bank of England have voted (1) _____ strike in support of a pay claim. It will be the (2) _____ the Bank's staff in (3) _____. Over 95 per cent of bankers who voted chose to strike. They say the Bank's pay rise offer is unacceptable. The Bank (4) _____ a collective one per cent pay rise. The deal means that a third of staff could (5) _____. The workers' union said: "The result of the Bank's unwillingness (6) _____ pay will be that the Bank's sites...in the City of London will effectively be inoperable."

The Bank of England (7) _____ 1694. It is the world's second oldest central bank. Public sector staff in the UK are suffering financially. They have had their annual salary (8) _____ one per cent. This is below the 2.9 per cent level of inflation. The union said workers (9) _____, "because of the bank's total refusal to accept that its workforce is struggling to meet their (10) _____. It added that it was shameful that an "iconic symbol of financial services" is ignoring "(11) _____ dedicated and hardworking staff and impose this (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BANKS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1707/170705-bank-of-england-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about banks 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) _____

