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Level 1 – 26th October 2023

Iceland's prime minister and women go on strike

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Women in Iceland went on strike on Tuesday for greater gender equality. The prime minister also took part in the strike. She told reporters about the "Women's Day Off". She said: "We have not yet reached our goals of full gender equality and we are still tackling the gender-based wage gap, which is unacceptable in 2023." Women in Iceland stopped work to show how important they are to society."

The strike was the seventh in Iceland's history and the first in 50 years. The last strike was in 1975. A year later, Iceland passed an equal pay law. In 1980, Iceland became the first European country to have a woman leader. Iceland has had the smallest gender gap in the world for 14 years. However, the prime minister wants to lower gender-based violence. She said it was a top goal for her government.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Women in Iceland went | a. in 2023 |
| 2. greater gender | b. part |
| 3. The prime minister also took | c. are to society |
| 4. We have not yet reached | d. stopped work |
| 5. we are still tackling the gender- | e. on strike |
| 6. unacceptable | f. based wage gap |
| 7. Women in Iceland | g. our goals |
| 8. how important they | h. equality |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The strike was the seventh | a. an equal pay law |
| 2. the first in | b. later |
| 3. The last strike was | c. in the world |
| 4. a year | d. 50 years |
| 5. Iceland passed | e. violence |
| 6. the first European country to have | f. in Iceland's history |
| 7. the smallest gender gap | g. a woman leader |
| 8. lower gender-based | h. in 1975 |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Women in Iceland (1) _____ on Tuesday for greater gender equality. The prime minister (2) _____ in the strike. She told reporters about the "Women's Day Off". She said: "We have not yet reached (3) _____ full gender equality and (4) _____ tackling the gender-based wage gap, (5) _____ in 2023." Women in Iceland stopped work to show how important (6) _____ society."

The strike (7) _____ in Iceland's history and the first in 50 years. The last strike was in 1975. (8) _____, Iceland passed an equal pay law. In 1980, Iceland (9) _____ European country to have a woman leader. Iceland (10) _____ smallest gender gap in the world for 14 years. However, the prime minister (11) _____ gender-based violence. She said it was a (12) _____ her government.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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GENDER EQUALITY SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2310/231026-womens-day-off-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about gender equality 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **gender equality** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
