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Level 3

Iceland leader quits over Panama Papers

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THE ARTICLE

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The prime minister of Iceland quit on Tuesday because of a new global financial scandal. Sigmundur Gunnlaugsson resigned because his name was in secret documents leaked from a Panama law firm. Journalists reported on the 11.5 million leaked e-mails and letters over the weekend. They contain information about how the world's richest and most famous people avoid paying tax. Thousands of the world's most powerful people appear in the documents. Iceland's leader is the first to resign because of the scandal. The Panama Papers name over 215,000 companies and 14,153 clients of the Panamanian law firm Mossack Fonseca, including many current and former world leaders.

Many governments and celebrities around the world are now trying to keep the scandal from hitting them. British prime minister David Cameron could be embarrassed because his father was one of the law firm's clients. Sports figures identified in the leaks include Lionel Messi and the new FIFA president Gianni Infantino. He is shocked that people are questioning his honesty. Mossack Fonseca could also be in trouble. Journalists say it worked with 33 people or companies that were part of international sanctions, including a cousin of the Syrian president Bashar al-Assad, and companies in North Korea. A British tax expert said there is up to \$32 trillion in untaxed financial wealth around the world.

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WARM-UPS

1. TAX: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about tax. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

Iceland / financial scandal / resigned / secret documents / tax / powerful / companies / celebrities / embarrassed / clients / leaks / honesty / journalists / sanctions / wealth

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. TAXES: What kind of taxes should these pay? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Tax?	Why?
Soldier		
Business person		
investor		
Bank		
Billionaire		
Pensioner		

4. TAX RATE: Students A **strongly** believe everyone should pay the same tax rate; Students B **strongly** believe this is unfair. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. SCANDALS: Rank these with your partner. Put the most interesting at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- financial
- political
- sporting
- family
- academic
- medical
- royal
- product safety

6. FINANCIAL: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "financial". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1604/160407-panama-papers.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. Iceland's prime minister quit because of an academic scandal. | T / F |
| b. Over 10 million documents were leaked from a law firm. | T / F |
| c. Ten thousand of the world's most powerful people are in the papers. | T / F |
| d. The Panama Papers name over 210,000 companies. | T / F |
| e. The British prime minister's father was one of the law firm's clients. | T / F |
| f. The soccer player Lionel Messi is one of those in the Panama Papers. | T / F |
| g. The law firm worked with 333 people under international sanctions. | T / F |
| h. There is \$32 million of untaxed wealth in the world. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|----------------|--------------------|
| 1. quit | a. keep away from |
| 2. documents | b. recognised |
| 3. contain | c. famous people |
| 4. avoid | d. resigned |
| 5. former | e. penalties |
| 6. celebrities | f. past |
| 7. identified | g. truthfulness |
| 8. honesty | h. official papers |
| 9. sanctions | i. specialist |
| 10. expert | j. include |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. a new global | a. questioning his honesty |
| 2. people avoid | b. Panamanian law firm |
| 3. the first to resign | c. financial wealth |
| 4. 14,153 clients of the | d. from hitting them |
| 5. many current and | e. because of the scandal |
| 6. trying to keep the scandal | f. sanctions |
| 7. sports | g. paying tax |
| 8. He is shocked that people are | h. former world leaders |
| 9. international | i. figures |
| 10. \$32 trillion in untaxed | j. financial scandal |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1604/160407-panama-papers.html>

The prime minister of Iceland quit on Tuesday because of a new global financial (1) _____. Sigmundur Gunnlaugsson resigned because his name was in (2) _____ documents leaked from a Panama law firm. Journalists reported on the 11.5 million (3) _____ e-mails and letters over the weekend. They contain information about how the world's richest and most famous people (4) _____ paying tax. Thousands of the world's most (5) _____ people appear in the documents. Iceland's leader is the (6) _____ to resign because of the scandal. The Panama Papers (7) _____ over 215,000 companies and 14,153 clients of the Panamanian law firm Mossack Fonseca, including many current and (8) _____ world leaders.

avoid
scandal
first
leaked
name
secret
former
powerful

Many governments and (9) _____ around the world are now trying to keep the scandal from hitting them. British prime minister David Cameron could be (10) _____ because his father was one of the law firm's (11) _____. Sports figures identified in the leaks include Lionel Messi and the new FIFA president Gianni Infantino. He is (12) _____ that people are questioning his honesty. Mossack Fonseca could also be in (13) _____. Journalists say it worked with 33 people or companies that were (14) _____ of international sanctions, including a (15) _____ of the Syrian president Bashar al-Assad, and companies in North Korea. A British tax (16) _____ said there is up to \$32 trillion in untaxed financial wealth around the world.

trouble
celebrities
clients
cousin
part
expert
embarrassed
shocked

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) The prime minister of Iceland quit on Tuesday because of a new global _____
 - a. financially scandal
 - b. financial scandal
 - c. financial scandals
 - d. financially scandals
- 2) resigned because his name was in secret documents leaked from a _____
 - a. Panama laws firm
 - b. Panama raw firm
 - c. Panama lower firm
 - d. Panama law firm
- 3) information about how the world's richest and most famous people _____
 - a. avoids paying tax
 - b. avoid paying taxes
 - c. avoid paying tax
 - d. avoids paying taxes
- 4) Thousands of the world's most powerful people appear _____
 - a. in the document
 - b. in the documents
 - c. in the documented
 - d. in the documentary
- 5) clients of the Panamanian law firm Mossack Fonseca, including many current and _____
 - a. former world leaders
 - b. firmer world leaders
 - c. farmer world leaders
 - d. framer world leaders
- 6) celebrities around the world are now trying to keep the scandal _____
 - a. from biting them
 - b. from hitting them
 - c. from pitting them
 - d. from quitting them
- 7) Cameron could be embarrassed because his father was one of the _____
 - a. law firm's clientele
 - b. law firm's client
 - c. law firm's clients
 - d. law firm's clienteles
- 8) He is shocked that people are questioning _____
 - a. this honesty
 - b. his honestly
 - c. his honesty
 - d. him honestly
- 9) Journalists say it worked with 33 people or companies that were part _____
 - a. of international sanctions
 - b. of international sections
 - c. of international suction
 - d. of international stations
- 10) A British tax expert said there is up to \$32 trillion in _____ wealth
 - a. in taxed financial
 - b. untaxed financial
 - c. non-taxed financial
 - d. untaxes financial

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The prime minister of Iceland quit on Tuesday (1) _____ global financial scandal. Sigmundur Gunnlaugsson resigned because his (2) _____ documents leaked from a Panama law firm. Journalists reported on the 11.5 million (3) _____ letters over the weekend. They contain information about how the world's richest and most famous people (4) _____. Thousands of the world's most powerful people appear in the documents. Iceland's leader is (5) _____ because of the scandal. The Panama Papers name over 215,000 companies and 14,153 clients of the Panamanian law firm Mossack Fonseca, including many (6) _____ world leaders.

Many governments and celebrities around the world (7) _____ to keep the scandal from hitting them. British prime minister David Cameron could (8) _____ his father was one of the law firm's clients. Sports (9) _____ the leaks include Lionel Messi and the new FIFA president Gianni Infantino. He is shocked that people are (10) _____. Mossack Fonseca could also be in trouble. Journalists say it worked with 33 people or companies that were part of international sanctions, (11) _____ of the Syrian president Bashar al-Assad, and companies in North Korea. A British tax expert said there is up to \$32 trillion (12) _____ wealth around the world.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1604/160407-panama-papers.html>

1. Who is Sigmundur Gunnlaugsson?

2. How many documents were leaked as part of the Panama Papers?

3. What did many people avoid doing?

4. How many companies are named in the Panama Papers?

5. What kind of world leaders are in the Panama Papers?

6. Whose father was one of the law firm's clients?

7. What is Gianni Infantino shocked about?

8. What could the law firm Mossack Fonseca be in?

9. Which family member of Syria's president did the law firm work with?

10. How much untaxed wealth might there be around the world?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1604/160407-panama-papers.html>

1. Who is Sigmundur Gunnlaugsson?
 - a) the boss of Mossack Fonseca
 - b) the previous leader of Iceland
 - c) a journalist
 - d) FIFA's president
2. How many documents were leaked as part of the Panama Papers?
 - a) one-and-a-half million
 - b) 15 million
 - c) 11,500,000
 - d) 1,150,000
3. What did many people avoid doing?
 - a) leaking information
 - b) reading the Panama Papers
 - c) going to Panama
 - d) avoid paying tax
4. How many companies are named in the Panama Papers?
 - a) around 215,000
 - b) more than 215,000
 - c) exactly 215,000
 - d) just fewer than 215,000
5. What kind of world leaders are in the Panama Papers?
 - a) current and former leaders
 - b) corrupt ones
 - c) dictators
 - d) dead ones
6. Whose father was one of the law firm's clients?
 - a) David Cameron
 - b) Lionel Messi
 - c) Gianni Infantino
 - d) Bashar al-Assad
7. What is Gianni Infantino shocked about?
 - a) FIFA
 - b) the law firm
 - c) paying tax
 - d) people questioning his honesty
8. What could the law firm Mossack Fonseca be in?
 - a) a journal
 - b) a song
 - c) trouble
 - d) the USA
9. Which family member of Syria's president did the law firm work with?
 - a) his brother
 - b) his wife
 - c) his father
 - d) his cousin
10. How much untaxed wealth might there be around the world?
 - a) up to \$32,000,000,000
 - b) up to \$32,000,000,000,000
 - c) up to \$32,000,000,
 - d) up to \$320,000

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Financial

You think a financial scandal is the most interesting. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so interesting with their scandals. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): a sporting scandal, an academic scandal or a royal scandal.

Role B – Sporting

You think a sporting scandal is the most interesting. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so interesting with their scandals. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): a financial scandal, an academic scandal or a royal scandal.

Role C – Academic

You think an academic scandal is the most interesting. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so interesting with their scandals. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): a sporting scandal, a financial scandal or a royal scandal.

Role D – Royal

You think a royal scandal is the most interesting. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so interesting with their scandals. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): a sporting scandal, an academic scandal or a financial scandal.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1604/160407-panama-papers.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'financial' and 'scandal'.

financial	scandal

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• global• 11.5• powerful• first• name• former	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• trying• father• sports• shocked• 33• 32
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TAX SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about tax 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.

TAX DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'tax'?
- 3) What do you know about the Panama Papers?
- 4) What do you know about WikiLeaks?
- 5) What do you think about Iceland's prime minister quitting?
- 6) What do you think about what you read?
- 7) How interested are you in the leaked documents?
- 8) What do you think of very rich people avoiding tax?
- 9) What do you think of very poor people avoiding tax?
- 10) What should happen to people who avoid tax?

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TAX DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) Is money the root of all evil?
- 13) Why do the rich and powerful get away with breaking laws?
- 14) Should David Cameron resign?
- 15) Should FIFA's new president resign?
- 16) What are the effects on society of rich people avoiding tax?
- 17) What should happen to the law firm?
- 18) What do you think of tax?
- 19) What could the \$32 trillion in untaxed financial wealth be used for?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask the boss of the law firm?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1604/160407-panama-papers.html>

The prime minister of Iceland quit on Tuesday because of a new (1) ____ financial scandal. Sigmundur Gunnlaugsson (2) ____ because his name was in secret documents leaked from a Panama law firm. Journalists reported on the 11.5 million leaked e-mails and letters (3) ____ the weekend. They contain information about how the world's richest and most famous people avoid (4) ____ tax. Thousands of the world's most powerful people appear in the documents. Iceland's leader is the first to resign because of the scandal. The Panama Papers (5) ____ over 215,000 companies and 14,153 clients of the Panamanian law firm Mossack Fonseca, including many current and (6) ____ world leaders.

Many governments and (7) ____ around the world are now trying to keep the scandal from hitting them. British prime minister David Cameron could be embarrassed because his father was (8) ____ of the law firm's clients. Sports figures identified in the leaks include Lionel Messi and the new FIFA president Gianni Infantino. He is shocked that people are (9) ____ his honesty. Mossack Fonseca could also be (10) ____ trouble. Journalists say it worked with 33 people or companies that were part of international sanctions, (11) ____ a cousin of the Syrian president Bashar al-Assad, and companies in North Korea. A British tax expert said there is up to \$32 trillion (12) ____ untaxed financial wealth around the world.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) globes | (b) globe | (c) globally | (d) global |
| 2. | (a) rescued | (b) rescinded | (c) restrained | (d) resigned |
| 3. | (a) to | (b) over | (c) on | (d) from |
| 4. | (a) pays | (b) paid | (c) paying | (d) pay |
| 5. | (a) name | (b) call | (c) label | (d) handle |
| 6. | (a) former | (b) firmer | (c) framer | (d) farmer |
| 7. | (a) celebrity | (b) celebrants | (c) celebrations | (d) celebrities |
| 8. | (a) one | (b) some | (c) many | (d) in |
| 9. | (a) questioned | (b) questioning | (c) questions | (d) question |
| 10. | (a) at | (b) on | (c) in | (d) by |
| 11. | (a) concluding | (b) receding | (c) including | (d) proceeding |
| 12. | (a) by | (b) in | (c) as | (d) such |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. his name was in secret nuemoctds
2. 11.5 million Ideeka e-mails
3. They icnoatn information
4. oviad paying tax
5. 14,153 tnsciel
6. many nuertcr and former world leaders

Paragraph 2

7. governments and eerebtislic
8. sports sugirfe
9. questioning his nthoyes
10. a osicun of the Syrian president
11. A British tax xrteep
12. fcnlaanii wealth

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () paying tax. Thousands of the world's most powerful people appear in the documents. Iceland's leader is the first
- () of the law firm's clients. Sports figures identified in the leaks include Lionel Messi and the new FIFA
- () firm. Journalists reported on the 11.5 million leaked e-mails and letters over the weekend. They contain
- () in trouble. Journalists say it worked with 33 people or companies that were part of international
- () sanctions, including a cousin of the Syrian president Bashar al-Assad, and companies in North Korea. A British
- () information about how the world's richest and most famous people avoid
- () president Gianni Infantino. He is shocked that people are questioning his honesty. Mossack Fonseca could also be
- () to resign because of the scandal. The Panama Papers name over 215,000 companies and 14,153 clients
- () of the Panamanian law firm Mossack Fonseca, including many current and former world leaders.
- () Many governments and celebrities around the world are now trying to keep the scandal from hitting
- () them. British prime minister David Cameron could be embarrassed because his father was one
- () tax expert said there is up to \$32 trillion in untaxed financial wealth around the world.
- (**1**) The prime minister of Iceland quit on Tuesday because of a new global financial
- () scandal. Sigmundur Gunnlaugsson resigned because his name was in secret documents leaked from a Panama law

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1604/160407-panama-papers.html>

1. Iceland The quit prime on minister Tuesday of .

2. his documents name was Resigned in because secret .

3. world's richest and most famous people avoid paying tax The .

4. people powerful most world's the of Thousands .

5. Papers 215,000 companies Panama over The name , .

6. keep them the scandal Trying from to hitting .

7. law was the clients father of firm's His one .

8. questioning are people that Shocked honesty his .

9. companies international part People sanctions that or of were .

10. tax is expert A \$32 up said British trillion to there .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1604/160407-panama-papers.html>

The prime minister of Iceland *quite* / *quit* on Tuesday because of a new global financial scandal. Sigmundur Gunnlaugsson *resigned* / *signed* because his name was in *secret* / *secretly* documents leaked from a Panama law *firm* / *farm*. Journalists reported on the 11.5 million leaked e-mails and letters over the weekend. They *content* / *contain* information about how the world's richest and most famous people *avoid* / *avoidance* paying tax. Thousands of the world's most *power* / *powerful* people appear in the documents. Iceland's leader is the first to resign because *for* / *of* the scandal. The Panama Papers *name* / *naming* over 215,000 companies and 14,153 clients of the Panamanian law firm Mossack Fonseca, including many current and *former* / *farmer* world leaders.

Many governments and *celebrity* / *celebrities* around the world are now trying to keep the scandal from *hitting* / *slapping* them. British prime minister David Cameron could be *embarrassment* / *embarrassed* because his father was one of the law firm's *clients* / *client*. Sports figures identified *on* / *in* the leaks include Lionel Messi and the new FIFA president Gianni Infantino. He is *shocking* / *shocked* that people are questioning his *honesty* / *honestly*. Mossack Fonseca could also be *in* / *on* trouble. Journalists say it worked with 33 people or companies that were part of international *sections* / *sanctions*, including a cousin of the Syrian president Bashar al-Assad, and companies in North Korea. A British tax *expert* / *expat* said there is up to \$32 trillion in untaxed financial wealth around the world.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th_ pr_m_ m_n_st_r _f _c_l_nd q__t _n T__sd_y
b_c__s_ _f _n_w gl_b_l f_n_nc__l sc_nd_l. S_gm_nd_r
G_nnl__gss_n r_s_gn_d b_c__s_ h_s_n_m_ w_s _n
s_cr_t d_c_m_nts l__k_d fr_m _ P_n_m_ l_w_f_rm.
J__rn_l_sts r_p_rt_d _n th_ 11.5 m_ll__n l__k_d _-
m__ls _nd l_tt_rs _v_r th_ w__k_nd. Th_y c_nt__n
_nf_rm_t__n _b__t h_w th_ w_rld's r_ch_st _nd m_st
f_m__s p__pl_ _v__d p_y_ng t_x. Th__s_nds _f th_
w_rld's m_st p_w_rf_l p__pl_ _pp__r _n th_ d_c_m_nts.
_c_l_nd's l__d_r_s th_ f_rst t_r_s_gn b_c__s_ _f th_
sc_nd_l. Th_ P_n_m_ P_p_rs_n_m_ _v_r 215,000
c_m_p_n__s _nd 14,153 cl__nts _f th_ P_n_m_n__n l_w
f_rm M_ss_ck F_ns_c_, _ncl_d_ng m_ny c_rr_nt _nd
f_rm_r w_rld l__d_rs.

M_ny g_v_rnm_nts _nd c_l_br_t__s _r__nd th_ w_rld
_r_n_w try_ng t_k__p th_ sc_nd_l fr_m h_tt_ng th_m.
Br_t_sh pr_m_ m_n_st_r D_v_d C_m_r_n c__ld b_
_mb_rr_ss_d b_c__s_ h_s f_th_r w_s _n _f th_ l_w
f_rm's cl__nts. Sp_rts f_g_r_s _d_nt_f__d _n th_ l__ks
_ncl_d_ L__n_l M_ss_ _nd th_ n_w F_F_ pr_s_d_nt
G__nn_ _nf_nt_n_. H__s sh_ck_d th_t p__pl_ _r_
q__st__n_ng h_s h_n_sty. M_ss_ck F_ns_c_ c__ld _ls_
b__n tr__bl_. J__rn_l_sts s_y _t w_rk_d w_th 33
p__pl_ _r c_m_p_n__s th_t w_r_p_rt _f _nt_rn_t__n l
s_nct__ns, _ncl_d_ng _ c__s_n _f th_ Syr__n
pr_s_d_nt B_sh_r _l-ss_d, _nd c_m_p_n__s _n N_rth
K_r___. _ Br_t_sh t_x_xp_rts _d th_r__s_p_t_ \$32
tr_ll__n _n _nt_x_d f_n_nc__l w__lth _r__nd th_
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ACADEMIC WRITING

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What are the advantages and disadvantages of tax? How much should people pay?

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about tax avoidance. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. TAX: Make a poster about tax. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. PANAMA PAPERS: Write a magazine article about the Panama Papers and people who avoid paying tax. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against paying tax.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on tax. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on what to do to get people to pay tax. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b T c F d T e T f T g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|----------------|--------------------|
| 1. quit | a. resigned |
| 2. documents | b. official papers |
| 3. contain | c. include |
| 4. avoid | d. keep away from |
| 5. former | e. past |
| 6. celebrities | f. famous people |
| 7. identified | g. recognised |
| 8. honesty | h. truthfulness |
| 9. sanctions | i. penalties |
| 10. expert | j. specialist |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Iceland's previous prime minister
2. 11.5 million
3. Paying tax
4. 215,000
5. Current and former leaders
6. David Cameron's
7. People questioning his honesty
8. Trouble
9. His cousin
10. \$32 trillion

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. b 2. c 3. d 4. b 5. a 6. a 7. d 8. c 9. d 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)