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Level 0 – 26th October 2023

Iceland's prime minister and women go on strike

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2310/231026-womens-day-off-0.html>

Women in Iceland went on strike for greater equality. The prime minister joined the strike. She told reporters about the "Women's Day Off". She said: "We are still tackling the gender-based wage gap. This 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. The last one was in 1975. A year later, Iceland passed an equal pay law. Iceland was the first European country to have a woman leader. It has the smallest gender gap in the world. However lowering gender-based violence is a top goal for Iceland.

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2023/10/23/europe/iceland-women-strike-scli-intl/index.html>
<https://www.icelandreview.com/news/healthcare-and-education-services-especially-impacted-by-womens-strike/>
<https://time.com/6327860/iceland-jakobsdottir-womens-strike/>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Women in Iceland went | a. in 2023 |
| 2. greater | b. to society |
| 3. The prime minister joined | c. stopped work |
| 4. She told reporters about the | d. gap |
| 5. tackling the gender-based wage | e. equality |
| 6. This is unacceptable | f. "Women's Day Off" |
| 7. Women in Iceland | g. the strike |
| 8. how important they are | h. on strike |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. the seventh in Iceland's | a. violence |
| 2. The last one was | b. later |
| 3. a year | c. first European country |
| 4. Iceland passed an equal | d. Iceland |
| 5. Iceland was the | e. history |
| 6. the smallest gender gap | f. pay law |
| 7. lowering gender-based | g. in 1975 |
| 8. a top goal for | h. in the world |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Women in Iceland (1) _____ for greater equality.

The prime (2) _____ strike. She told reporters

about the "Women's Day Off". She said:

"(3) _____ tackling the gender-

(4) _____. This is unacceptable in 2023." Women

in Iceland (5) _____ show how important they

(6) _____."

The strike was (7) _____ Iceland's history. The

(8) _____ in 1975. A year later, Iceland

(9) _____ pay law. Iceland was the first

European country to have (10) _____. It has the

smallest gender (11) _____ world. However

lowering gender-based violence is (12) _____ for

Iceland.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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GENDER EQUALITY SURVEY

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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.
