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## **Level 6**

### **Time-out from Eurozone possible for Greece**

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# THE ARTICLE

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The economic crisis concerning Greece's future in the Eurozone continues. Greece is struggling to pay back huge loans from European countries that helped keep the nation afloat. The Greek people are tired of austerity measures connected to repayments of the loans. They voted in a national referendum on whether or not to accept the bailout conditions proposed by the European Commission and International Monetary Fund. A majority of 61 per cent rejected the proposal because they thought their living conditions and economy would deteriorate further. The latest plan to be talked about is a temporary Greek exit from the Eurozone. The 'time-out' could happen if Greece cannot agree terms for a bailout.

Greeks are desperate for a return to a normal life. All banks in the country have been closed for two weeks and there is a €60 daily limit on cash machine withdrawals. They are extremely concerned about the value of their savings and their financial future. European leaders seem to be more upbeat. France's President Francois Hollande dismissed any suggestion of a temporary exit for Greece. Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras was also confident a solution would be found. He told reporters: "I'm here ready for an honest compromise... We can reach an agreement...if all parties want it." German leader Angela Merkel was less optimistic. She said: "The most important currency has been lost... trust and reliability."

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# WARM-UPS

**1. GREECE:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Greece. 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?

*economic crisis / struggling / loans / austerity / bailout / living conditions / time-out / desperate / cash machine / concerned / financial future / temporary / compromise*

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

**3. HELP:** How can the following help Greece? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What kind of help?	Will they do it? Why (not)?
Greece's leader		
The IMF		
Angela Merkel		
Greece's people		
Greek banks		
The EU		

**4. EXIT:** Students A **strongly** believe Greece should leave the Eurozone; Students B **strongly** believe it should stay. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. FINANCIAL FUTURE:** Rank these with your partner. Put the most important things about the future at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- your own home
- kids' education
- a private pension
- a part-time job
- stocks and shares
- ability to live to 100
- ability to go on holidays
- healthcare

**6. CRISIS:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "crisis". 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/1507/150715-greek-bailout.html>

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

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| a. European countries gave Greece loans that helped keep it afloat.   | T / F |
| b. Greek people are fed up with austerity measures.                   | T / F |
| c. Just under 60% of Greeks voted to reject a bailout from Europe.    | T / F |
| d. A time-out for Greece might arise if they do not accept a bailout. | T / F |
| e. There is a daily limit on how much Greeks can withdraw from banks. | T / F |
| f. European leaders are generally optimistic about Greece's future.   | T / F |
| g. Greece's leader wasn't so sure that a solution would be found.     | T / F |
| h. Angela Merkel said people had lost trust in the Greek currency.    | T / F |

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

- |               |                     |
|---------------|---------------------|
| 1. concerning | a. most recent      |
| 2. struggling | b. in great need of |
| 3. measures   | c. conditions       |
| 4. latest     | d. actions          |
| 5. terms      | e. trade-off        |
| 6. desperate  | f. confidence       |
| 7. extremely  | g. regarding        |
| 8. dismissed  | h. very             |
| 9. compromise | i. battling         |
| 10. trust     | j. rejected         |

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

- |  |                         |
|--|-------------------------|
| 1. The economic crisis concerning        | a. closed for two weeks |
| 2. Greece is struggling to pay           | b. afloat               |
| 3. countries that helped keep the nation | c. to a normal life     |
| 4. They voted in a national              | d. Greece's future      |
| 5. agree terms                           | e. compromise           |
| 6. Greeks are desperate for a return     | f. referendum           |
| 7. All banks in the country have been    | g. reliability          |
| 8. European leaders seem to be           | h. back huge loans      |
| 9. I'm here ready for an honest          | i. more upbeat          |
| 10. trust and                            | j. for a bailout        |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150715-greek-bailout.html>

The economic crisis (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Greece's future in the Eurozone continues. Greece is struggling to pay back (2) \_\_\_\_\_ loans from European countries that helped keep the nation (3) \_\_\_\_\_. The Greek people are tired of austerity measures connected to repayments of the loans. They voted in a national (4) \_\_\_\_\_ on whether or not to accept the bailout conditions proposed by the European Commission and International Monetary Fund. A majority of 61 per cent rejected the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ because they thought their living conditions and economy would (6) \_\_\_\_\_ further. The latest plan to be talked about is a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Greek exit from the Eurozone. The 'time-out' could happen if Greece cannot agree (8) \_\_\_\_\_ for a bailout.

*proposal*  
*afloat*  
*huge*  
*terms*  
*referendum*  
*temporary*  
*concerning*  
*deteriorate*

Greeks are (9) \_\_\_\_\_ for a return to a normal life. All banks in the country have been closed for two weeks and there is a €60 daily (10) \_\_\_\_\_ on cash machine (11) \_\_\_\_\_. They are extremely concerned about the value of their savings and their financial future. European leaders seem to be more (12) \_\_\_\_\_. France's President Francois Hollande (13) \_\_\_\_\_ any suggestion of a temporary exit for Greece. Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras was also confident a (14) \_\_\_\_\_ would be found. He told reporters: "I'm here ready for an honest compromise... We can reach an (15) \_\_\_\_\_ ...if all parties want it." German leader Angela Merkel was less optimistic. She said: "The most important currency has been lost... (16) \_\_\_\_\_ and reliability."

*withdrawals*  
*desperate*  
*agreement*  
*trust*  
*dismissed*  
*limit*  
*solution*  
*upbeat*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150715-greek-bailout.html>

- 1) struggling to pay back huge loans from European countries that helped \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. keep the nation after
  - b. keep the nation a fleet
  - c. keep the nation afloat
  - d. keep the nation afoot
- 2) The Greek people are tired of austerity measures connected to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. repayments by the loans
  - b. repayments from the loans
  - c. repayments to the loans
  - d. repayments of the loans
- 3) They voted in a national referendum on whether or not to accept \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the bailout condition
  - b. the bailout conditions
  - c. the bailout conditionals
  - d. the bailout conditioning
- 4) rejected the proposal because they thought their living conditions and economy would \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. ameliorate further
  - b. decorate further
  - c. defoliate further
  - d. deteriorate further
- 5) The 'time-out' could happen if Greece cannot agree \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. times for a bailout
  - b. terms for a bailout
  - c. teams for a bailout
  - d. times for a bailout
- 6) ... and there is a €60 daily limit on cash \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. machine withdrawals
  - b. machine with drawers
  - c. machine withdraws
  - d. machine withdrawals
- 7) They are extremely concerned about the value of their savings and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. their financial future
  - b. their financial futures
  - c. their financial futurity
  - d. their financially future
- 8) Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras was also confident a solution \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. would be found
  - b. would be funded
  - c. would be fund
  - d. would be hound
- 9) I'm here ready for an honest compromise... We can reach an agreement...if \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. all parties want it
  - b. tall parties want it
  - c. all parties wanted it
  - d. all parties wanting it
- 10) She said: "The most important currency has been lost... \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. trust and reliable
  - b. trust and reliability
  - c. trusted and reliability
  - d. trusted and reliable

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150715-greek-bailout.html>

The economic (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Greece's future in the Eurozone continues. Greece is struggling to pay back huge loans from European countries that helped keep (2) \_\_\_\_\_. The Greek people are tired of (3) \_\_\_\_\_ connected to repayments of the loans. They voted in a national referendum on whether or not to accept the bailout (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the European Commission and International Monetary Fund. A majority of 61 per cent rejected the proposal because they thought their living conditions and economy would (5) \_\_\_\_\_. The latest plan to be talked about is a temporary Greek exit from the Eurozone. The 'time-out' could happen if Greece cannot (6) \_\_\_\_\_ bailout.

Greeks are desperate for a return (7) \_\_\_\_\_. All banks in the country have been closed for two weeks and there is a €60 daily limit on cash machine withdrawals. They are (8) \_\_\_\_\_ about the value of their savings and their (9) \_\_\_\_\_. European leaders seem to be more upbeat. France's President Francois Hollande dismissed any suggestion of (10) \_\_\_\_\_ for Greece. Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras was also confident a solution would be found. He told reporters: "I'm here ready for (11) \_\_\_\_\_... We can reach an agreement...if all parties want it." German leader Angela Merkel was less optimistic. She said: "The most important currency has been lost... (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150715-greek-bailout.html>

1. What did the European loans help keep afloat?

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2. What are Greeks tired of?

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3. What did Greeks reject in a referendum?

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4. What percentage of Greeks rejected the proposal?

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5. What could happen if Greece does not agree terms for a bailout?

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6. What are Greek people desperate for a return of?

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7. What is the most people can take out of the bank each day?

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8. Who was confident that a solution would be found?

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9. What did Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras say he was ready for?

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10. What two things did Angela Merkel say had been lost?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150715-greek-bailout.html>

1. What did the European loans help keep afloat?
  - a) the IMF
  - b) Greece
  - c) Europe
  - d) a ship
2. What are Greeks tired of?
  - a) saving
  - b) the International Monetary Fund
  - c) prime ministers
  - d) austerity
3. What did Greeks reject in a referendum?
  - a) bailout conditions
  - b) their prime minister
  - c) the IMF
  - d) new interest rates
4. What percentage of Greeks rejected the proposal?
  - a) 63
  - b) 62
  - c) 61
  - d) 60
5. What could happen if Greece does not agree terms for a bailout?
  - a) an economic meltdown
  - b) a time-out
  - c) disaster and catastrophe
  - d) nothing
6. What are Greek people desperate for a return of?
  - a) their old currency
  - b) tourists
  - c) a normal life
  - d) their old leader
7. What is the most people can take out of the bank each day?
  - a) €80
  - b) €40
  - c) €50
  - d) €60
8. Who was confident that a solution would be found?
  - a) Alexis Tsipras
  - b) Angela Merkel
  - c) the IMF
  - d) Francois Hollande
9. What did Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras say he was ready for?
  - a) an honest compromise
  - b) a fight
  - c) the return of the drachma
  - d) bed
10. What two things did Angela Merkel say had been lost?
  - a) transparency and openness
  - b) trust and reliability
  - c) stocks and shares
  - d) honesty and integrity

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Your own home**

You think your own home is the most important thing for your future. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a private pension, healthcare or the ability to live to 100.

## **Role B – A private pension**

You think a private pension is the most important thing for your future. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): your own home, healthcare or the ability to live to 100.

## **Role C – Healthcare**

You think healthcare is the most important thing for your future. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a private pension, your own home or the ability to live to 100.

## **Role D – Ability to live to 100**

You think the ability to live to 100 is the most important thing for your future. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a private pension, healthcare or your own home.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150715-greek-bailout.html>

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

<b>huge</b>	<b>loan</b>
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- 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"><li>• crisis</li><li>• keep</li><li>• whether</li><li>• accept</li><li>• 61</li><li>• terms</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• normal</li><li>• 60</li><li>• future</li><li>• dismissed</li><li>• reach</li><li>• lost</li></ul>
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# GREECE SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150715-greek-bailout.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Greece 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.

# GREECE 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 'economy'?
- 3) What do you know about Greece's economy?
- 4) How did Greece get into such a bad situation?
- 5) What do you know about the bailout discussions?
- 6) Should Greece leave the Eurozone?
- 7) Is it a good idea that many countries have the same currency?
- 8) What should other countries do to help Greece?
- 9) What problems might there be if Greece leaves the Eurozone?
- 10) What are austerity measures?

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# GREECE DISCUSSION

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

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) What's the worst you've ever been financially?
- 13) What would you do if banks limited the amount of money you could withdraw?
- 14) How worried are you about your financial security?
- 15) What do you think will happen at the end for Greece?
- 16) What concerns do you have about your country's economy?
- 17) When was the last time you compromised?
- 18) When was the last time you weren't so optimistic about something?
- 19) How far can your leaders be trusted?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask Greece's leader?

# 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/1507/150715-greek-bailout.html>

The economic (1) \_\_\_\_ concerning Greece's future in the Eurozone continues. Greece is struggling to pay back huge loans from European countries that helped keep the nation (2) \_\_\_\_\_. The Greek people are tired of austerity (3) \_\_\_\_ connected to repayments of the loans. They voted in a national referendum on whether or (4) \_\_\_\_ to accept the bailout conditions proposed by the European Commission and International Monetary Fund. A majority of 61 per cent rejected the proposal because they thought their living conditions and economy would deteriorate (5) \_\_\_\_\_. The latest plan to be talked about is a temporary Greek exit from the Eurozone. The 'time-out' could happen if Greece cannot agree (6) \_\_\_\_ for a bailout.

Greeks are desperate (7) \_\_\_\_ a return to a normal life. All banks in the country have been closed for two weeks and there is a €60 daily (8) \_\_\_\_ on cash machine withdrawals. They are extremely concerned about the value of their savings and their financial future. European leaders seem to be more (9) \_\_\_\_\_. France's President Francois Hollande dismissed (10) \_\_\_\_ suggestion of a temporary exit for Greece. Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras was also confident a solution would be found. He told reporters: "I'm here ready for an honest compromise... We can (11) \_\_\_\_ an agreement...if all parties want it." German leader Angela Merkel was less optimistic. She said: "The most important currency has been (12) \_\_\_\_... trust and reliability."

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

- |     |              |             |                |              |
|-----|--------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) critics  | (b) crisis  | (c) crisscross | (d) crises   |
| 2.  | (a) uplift   | (b) afloat  | (c) afoot      | (d) upended  |
| 3.  | (a) maths    | (b) angles  | (c) rules      | (d) measures |
| 4.  | (a) never    | (b) not     | (c) no         | (d) non      |
| 5.  | (a) moreover | (b) further | (c) downhill   | (d) horizon  |
| 6.  | (a) teams    | (b) times   | (c) terms      | (d) tomes    |
| 7.  | (a) by       | (b) of      | (c) for        | (d) to       |
| 8.  | (a) barrier  | (b) level   | (c) limit      | (d) capping  |
| 9.  | (a) downbeat | (b) beat    | (c) beaten     | (d) upbeat   |
| 10. | (a) entirely | (b) whole   | (c) so         | (d) any      |
| 11. | (a) reach    | (b) yearn   | (c) solve      | (d) talk     |
| 12. | (a) mislaid  | (b) gone    | (c) lost       | (d) vanished |

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# SPELLING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150715-greek-bailout.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. The economic crisis ccnoingre Greece's future
2. gtslgnrugi to pay back huge loans
3. The Greek people are tired of aetuitsyr measures
4. They voted in a national drueefrnem
5. idtarroeete further
6. a arymporte Greek exit

## Paragraph 2

7. srteepdae for a return to a normal life
8. cash machine iwhaasrldtw
9. an honest pimemooscr
10. Angela Merkel was less ttoxicmipi
11. the most important nyureccr
12. trust and llybieiaitr



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150715-greek-bailout.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

( )	of 61 per cent rejected the proposal because they thought their living conditions and economy would deteriorate
( )	back huge loans from European countries that helped keep the nation afloat. The Greek people are tired
( <b>1</b> )	The economic crisis concerning Greece's future in the Eurozone continues. Greece is struggling to pay
( )	Angela Merkel was less optimistic. She said: "The most important currency has been lost... trust and reliability."
( )	could happen if Greece cannot agree terms for a bailout.
( )	about the value of their savings and their financial future. European leaders seem to be more
( )	not to accept the bailout conditions proposed by the European Commission and International Monetary Fund. A majority
( )	Greeks are desperate for a return to a normal life. All banks in the country have been closed
( )	upbeat. France's President Francois Hollande dismissed any suggestion of a temporary
( )	of austerity measures connected to repayments of the loans. They voted in a national referendum on whether or
( )	exit for Greece. Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras was also confident a solution would be found. He told
( )	reporters: "I'm here ready for an honest compromise... We can reach an agreement...if all parties want it." German leader
( )	for two weeks and there is a €60 daily limit on cash machine withdrawals. They are extremely concerned
( )	further. The latest plan to be talked about is a temporary Greek exit from the Eurozone. The 'time-out'

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150715-greek-bailout.html>

1. future The crisis Greece's economic concerning .

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2. back is huge struggling loans to pay Greece .

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3. or whether on referendum national a in Voted accept to not .

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4. latest exit a talked plan temporary about to The Greek is be .

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5. agree cannot Greece if happen could out' - 'time The terms .

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6. normal are a a Greeks for to life desperate return .

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7. two for closed been have country the in banks All weeks .

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8. savings the value Extremely of concerned their about .

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9. compromise honest an for ready here I'm .

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10. She . lost" been has currency important most "The : said

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150715-greek-bailout.html>

The economic *crisis / critics* concerning Greece's future in the Eurozone continues. Greece is *straggling / struggling* to pay back huge loans from European countries that helped keep the nation *adrift / afloat*. The Greek people are tired of austerity *measurements / measures* connected to repayments of the loans. They voted *in / on* a national referendum on whether or *no / not* to accept the bailout conditions proposed *by / on* the European Commission and International Monetary Fund. A majority of 61 per cent rejected the proposal because they thought their *alive / living* conditions and economy would *deteriorate / detritus* further. The latest plan to be talked about is a temporary Greek exit from the Eurozone. The 'time-out' could happen if Greece cannot agree *teams / terms* for a bailout.

Greeks are *desperation / desperate* for a return to a *normal / normality* life. All banks in the country have been closed for two weeks and there is a €60 *daily / day* limit on cash machine *deposits / withdrawals*. They are extremely concerned about the value of their savings and their financial *futures / future*. European leaders seem to be more *upbeat / up-and-coming*. France's President Francois Hollande dismissed any suggestion of a *temporal / temporary* exit for Greece. Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras was also confident a solution would be *finding / found*. He told reporters: "I'm here ready for an honest compromise... We can reach an agreement...if all parties want it." German leader Angela Merkel was *fewer / less* optimistic. She said: "The most important currency has been lost... trust and *reliability / reliable*."

**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)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1507/150715-greek-bailout.html>

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\_gr\_\_m\_nt...\_f \_ll p\_r\_t\_\_s w\_nt \_t." G\_rm\_n l\_\_d\_r  
\_ng\_l\_ M\_rk\_l\_w\_s l\_ss \_pt\_m\_st\_c. Sh\_s\_\_d: "Th\_  
m\_st \_mp\_r\_t\_nt c\_rrncy h\_s b\_\_n l\_st... tr\_st \_nd  
r\_l\_\_b\_l\_ty."

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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greeks are desperate for a return to a normal life all banks in the country have been closed for two weeks and there is a €60 daily limit on cash machine withdrawals they are extremely concerned about the value of their savings and their financial future european leaders seem to be more upbeat france's president francois hollande dismissed any suggestion of a temporary exit for greece greek prime minister alexis tsipras was also confident a solution would be found he told reporters "i'm here ready for an honest compromise we can reach an agreement...if all parties want it" german leader angela merkel was less optimistic she said "the most important currency has been lost trust and reliability"

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# 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 Greece. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

**4. SINGLE WORLD CURRENCY:** Write a magazine article about a single world currency. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

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 Europe. Ask him/her three questions about Greece. Give him/her three of your ideas for a solution. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |               |                     |
|---------------|---------------------|
| 1. concerning | a. regarding        |
| 2. struggling | b. battling         |
| 3. measures   | c. actions          |
| 4. latest     | d. most recent      |
| 5. terms      | e. conditions       |
| 6. desperate  | f. in great need of |
| 7. extremely  | g. very             |
| 8. dismissed  | h. rejected         |
| 9. compromise | i. trade-off        |
| 10. trust     | j. confidence       |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Greece
2. Austerity (measures)
3. Bailout conditions
4. 61%
5. A time-out
6. A normal life
7. €60
8. Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras
9. (An honest) compromise
10. Trust and reliability

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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