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## **Level 4**

### **The Czech Republic to be renamed Czechia**

**17th April, 2016**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1604/160417-czechia-4.html>

The Czech Republic will get a new name so it has an easier time at home and abroad. It wants to be called 'Czechia'. This shorter name will avoid confusion over what to call the country. Czechs are tired of being incorrectly called by names such as Czecho, Czechland, or even the adjective 'Czech'. The government hopes the new name will overcome many problems. The government will ask for a formal change at the United Nations.

The Czech Republic said it is following the example of other countries such as the Commonwealth of Australia and the Republic of France. These are called Australia and France. The three-word 'the Czech Republic,' is already shortened. A beer maker says its product is brewed in 'Czech'. National sports teams just put two words on their shirts - 'Czech Republic'. The Czech foreign minister said the name 'Czechia' is not widely popular.

Sources: <http://edition.cnn.com/2016/04/15/europe/czech-republic-name-czechia/>  
<http://www.dw.com/en/czech-republic-pushes-czechia-as-snappy-short-name/a-19190714>  
<http://www.praguemonitor.com/2016/04/15/czechia-be-countrys-short-official-name-top-politicians-agree>

# MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1604/160417-czechia-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| 1. The Czech Republic will              | a. and abroad      |
| 2. it has an easier                     | b. 'Czech'         |
| 3. at home                              | c. called by names |
| 4. This shorter name will avoid         | d. many problems   |
| 5. tired of being incorrectly           | e. get a new name  |
| 6. the adjective                        | f. change          |
| 7. the new name will overcome           | g. time            |
| 8. The government will ask for a formal | h. confusion       |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                     |                       |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. following the example            | a. shortened          |
| 2. the Commonwealth                 | b. minister           |
| 3. 'the Czech Republic,' is already | c. teams              |
| 4. A beer                           | d. of Australia       |
| 5. its product is brewed            | e. popular            |
| 6. National sports                  | f. maker              |
| 7. The Czech foreign                | g. of other countries |
| 8. not widely                       | h. in Czech           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1604/160417-czechia-4.html>

The Czech Republic will (1) \_\_\_\_\_ so it has an easier time at home and abroad. It (2) \_\_\_\_\_ called 'Czechia'. This shorter name will avoid confusion over (3) \_\_\_\_\_ country. Czechs are tired of being (4) \_\_\_\_\_ by names such as Czecho, Czechland, or (5) \_\_\_\_\_ 'Czech'. The government hopes the new name will overcome many problems. The government will ask for a (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the United Nations.

The Czech Republic said (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the example of other countries (8) \_\_\_\_\_ Commonwealth of Australia and the Republic of France. (9) \_\_\_\_\_ Australia and France. The three-word 'the Czech Republic,' is (10) \_\_\_\_\_. A beer maker says its product is brewed in 'Czech'. National sports teams just put two (11) \_\_\_\_\_ shirts - 'Czech Republic'. The Czech foreign minister said the name 'Czechia' is (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# COUNTRY NAMES SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1604/160417-czechia-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about country names 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) \_\_\_\_\_
- g) \_\_\_\_\_
- h) \_\_\_\_\_

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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) \_\_\_\_\_
- g) \_\_\_\_\_
- h) \_\_\_\_\_

