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Women hold most government positions in Spain

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THE READING

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Spain's new government has eleven women and six men. Women are in most of the top positions, including defence, the economy and finance. Spain has the highest ratio of women in top government posts in Europe. New prime minister, Pedro Sanchez, praised his government. He said: "All are highly qualified and bring a vocation for public service and reflect the best of Spain." He said they have global views but are, "anchored in the European Union."

Mr Sanchez's party has just 84 of the 350 seats in parliament. He replaced Spain's leader Mariano Rajoy. Mr Rajoy was the focus of a corruption scandal. He was unpopular because of his austerity measures. Sanchez promises change. He has to work quickly to improve Spain's economy. He will call elections in less than two years. This may be too soon to change the last government's budget. Another big challenge is to repair relations with Catalonia.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Spain's new | a. the top positions |
| 2. in most of | b. views |
| 3. economy | c. qualified |
| 4. has the highest ratio | d. and finance |
| 5. top government | e. government |
| 6. All are highly | f. service |
| 7. a vocation for public | g. of women |
| 8. global | h. posts |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. 84 of the 350 seats | a. than two years |
| 2. unpopular because of his austerity | b. challenge |
| 3. work quickly to improve | c. measures |
| 4. call elections in less | d. with Catalonia |
| 5. This may not be | e. too soon |
| 6. change the last government's | f. Spain's economy |
| 7. Another big | g. budget |
| 8. repair relations | h. in parliament |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Spain's new government (1) _____ and six men. Women are in most of (2) _____, including defence, the economy and finance. Spain has the (3) _____ women in top government posts in Europe. New prime minister, Pedro Sanchez, praised his government. He said: "(4) _____ qualified and bring a vocation for public service and (5) _____ of Spain." He said they have global views but (6) _____ the European Union."

Mr Sanchez's (7) _____ 84 of the 350 seats in parliament. He replaced Spain's leader Mariano Rajoy. Mr Rajoy was (8) _____ a corruption scandal. He was unpopular because of (9) _____. Sanchez promises change. He has to work quickly to improve Spain's economy. He will call elections (10) _____ two years. This may be (11) _____ change the last government's budget. Another big challenge (12) _____ relations with Catalonia.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WOMEN IN POWER SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about women in power 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180609-women-in-power-4.html>

Write about **women in power** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
