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**Level 3 – 13th January, 2019**

## Macedonia agrees to change its name

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190113-macedonia.html>

The Republic of Macedonia has decided to change its name. It agreed on Friday to rename the country the Republic of North Macedonia. The name change is the result of a 27-year dispute with Greece. Macedonia declared independence in 1991 after the break-up of the former country Yugoslavia. It became a member of the United Nations in 1993, but its name caused an argument with Greece. Greece's largest region is also called Macedonia. The Greek government said it owned the name "Macedonia". Greece blocked its neighbor's attempts to join the EU and NATO over the use of the name "Macedonia". Prime Minister Zoran Zaev said the name change would, "open the doors to the future".

The name change comes after a decade of talks between Macedonia and Greece. Just over 67 per cent of representatives in Macedonia's parliament voted for the name change. Eighty-one MPs voted in favor of the name change in the 120-seat parliament. Opposition politicians, who opposed the agreement with Greece, boycotted the vote. Several hundred people protested against the deal in front of Macedonia's parliament over the past three days. An opposition leader was angry over the talks to change the country's name. He said: "Look how publicly, how openly, this trade is going on with Macedonia's name and identity - just like at a market stall." The next step is for Greece to officially agree to the change.

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# WARM-UPS

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

republic / country / name / independence / United Nations / argument / neighbors / decade / parliament / politicians / vote / opposition / angry / identity / the next step

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

**3. NAME:** Students A **strongly** believe a country can choose any name it wants to call itself by; Students B **strongly** believe it cannot. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. YOUR COUNTRY:** What are the good and bad things about your country? Complete this table and share what you wrote with your partner(s). Change partners often.

	Good things	Bad things
Capital city		
Cuisine		
Countryside		
Economy		
Government		
History		

**5. UNITED NATIONS:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "United Nations". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. NATIONAL THINGS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- name
- flag
- food
- sights
- sports teams
- music
- safety
- language

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 1. agreed       | a. Efforts to do something.   |
| 2. result       | b. Have the same opinion about something.                                 |
| 3. dispute      | c. Having previously filled a particular role or been a particular thing. |
| 4. independence | d. The effect of something.   |
| 5. former       | e. Of a country being totally in control of itself.                       |
| 6. blocked      | f. A disagreement or argument.  |
| 7. attempt      | g. Did something to stop something from happening.                        |

## Paragraph 2

- |                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| 8. decade         | h. A period of ten years.  |
| 9. representative | i. The things that make up who or what a person or thing is.                         |
| 10. parliament    | j. A person chosen or appointed to act or speak for another or others.               |
| 11. voted         | k. The main / biggest political party that is not in power but wants to be in power. |
| 12. boycotted     | l. The place where the leaders of a country meet to talk about the country's future. |
| 13. opposition    | m. Chose a leader by putting an "X" or other mark in a box on a piece of paper.      |
| 14. identity      | n. Refused to cooperate with or participate in a policy or event.                    |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190113-macedonia.html>

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

- a. The Republic of Macedonia and Greece had a 27-year-old dispute. **T / F**
- b. Macedonia became an independent country in 1991. **T / F**
- c. Greece's largest region is also called Macedonia. **T / F**
- d. Greece supported Macedonia's attempts to join the EU and NATO. **T / F**
- e. Macedonia and Greece talked about the name change for 10 years. **T / F**
- f. Over 90 MPs voted for the name change in Macedonia's parliament. **T / F**
- g. People protested in front of parliament for three weeks. **T / F**
- h. An opposition leader said he wanted to set up a market stall. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. <b>change</b>     | a. argument        |
| 2. <b>agreed</b>     | b. what lies ahead |
| 3. <b>dispute</b>    | c. agreement       |
| 4. <b>attempts</b>   | d. alter           |
| 5. <b>the future</b> | e. for             |
| 6. <b>decade</b>     | f. avoided         |
| 7. <b>in favor</b>   | g. consented       |
| 8. <b>boycotted</b>  | h. character       |
| 9. <b>deal</b>       | i. efforts         |
| 10. <b>identity</b>  | j. ten years       |

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

- |                                  |                          |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Macedonia has decided         | a. of the name change    |
| 2. the result of a 27-year       | b. also called Macedonia |
| 3. Macedonia declared            | c. stall                 |
| 4. Greece's largest region is    | d. attempts              |
| 5. Greece blocked its neighbor's | e. dispute with Greece   |
| 6. The name change comes after   | f. against the deal      |
| 7. Eighty-one MPs voted in favor | g. on                    |
| 8. people protested              | h. to change its name    |
| 9. this trade is going           | i. a decade of talks     |
| 10. at a market                  | j. independence in 1991  |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190113-macedonia.html>

The Republic of Macedonia has (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to change its *region*  
name. It agreed on Friday to rename the country the Republic of *result*  
North Macedonia. The name change is the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of a *former*  
27-year dispute with Greece. Macedonia declared *doors*  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_ in 1991 after the break-up of the *decided*  
(4) \_\_\_\_\_ country Yugoslavia. It became a member of *attempts*  
the United Nations in 1993, but its (5) \_\_\_\_\_ caused an *name*  
argument with Greece. Greece's largest (6) \_\_\_\_\_ is also *independence*  
called Macedonia. The Greek government said it owned the name  
"Macedonia". Greece blocked its neighbor's (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to  
join the EU and NATO over the use of the name "Macedonia".  
Prime Minister Zoran Zaev said the name change would, "open  
the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to the future".

The name change comes after a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of talks *parliament*  
between Macedonia and Greece. Just over 67 per cent of *boycotted*  
representatives in Macedonia's (10) \_\_\_\_\_ voted for the *officially*  
name change. Eighty-one MPs voted in (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of the *angry*  
name change in the 120-seat parliament. Opposition politicians, *favor*  
who opposed the agreement with Greece, (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the *market*  
vote. Several hundred people protested against the deal in front *decade*  
of Macedonia's parliament over the past three days. An *openly*  
opposition leader was (13) \_\_\_\_\_ over the talks to  
change the country's name. He said: "Look how publicly, how  
(14) \_\_\_\_\_, this trade is going on with Macedonia's name  
and identity - just like at a (15) \_\_\_\_\_ stall." The next  
step is for Greece to (16) \_\_\_\_\_ agree to the change.

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190113-macedonia.html>

- 1) The Republic of Macedonia has decided to change \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. its name
  - b. this name
  - c. it's names
  - d. its names
- 2) The name change is the result of a 27-year \_\_\_\_\_ Greece
  - a. disputes with
  - b. disputed with
  - c. dispute with
  - d. disputing with
- 3) a member of the United Nations in 1993, but its name caused an \_\_\_\_\_ Greece
  - a. arguments with
  - b. argument within
  - c. argumentative
  - d. argument with
- 4) Greece blocked its neighbor's attempts to join the EU and NATO over the \_\_\_\_\_ name
  - a. used of the
  - b. you's of the
  - c. use of the
  - d. views of the
- 5) Prime Minister Zoran Zaev said the name change would, "open the \_\_\_\_\_ future"
  - a. doors to a
  - b. doors to an
  - c. doors to the
  - d. doors to then
- 6) Just over 67 per cent of representatives in Macedonia's \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. parliament voted
  - b. parliament vote it
  - c. parliament voter
  - d. parliament boat it
- 7) Eighty-one MPs voted in favor of the name change in the 120-\_\_\_\_\_
  - a. sleet parliament
  - b. sweet parliament
  - c. seat parliament
  - d. sheet parliament
- 8) An opposition leader was angry \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. under the talks
  - b. above the talks
  - c. via the talks
  - d. over the talks
- 9) how openly, this trade is going on with Macedonia's \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. name and identify
  - b. name and identity
  - c. named and identity
  - d. names and identity
- 10) The next step is for Greece to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. official we hungry
  - b. officially agrees
  - c. officially agree
  - d. officially ugly

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190113-macedonia.html>

The Republic of Macedonia (1) \_\_\_\_\_ change its name. It agreed on Friday to rename the country the Republic of North Macedonia. The name change is (2) \_\_\_\_\_ a 27-year dispute with Greece. Macedonia declared independence in 1991 (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of the former country Yugoslavia. It became a member of the United Nations in 1993, but its name (4) \_\_\_\_\_ with Greece. Greece's largest region is also called Macedonia. The Greek government said it owned the name "Macedonia". Greece (5) \_\_\_\_\_ attempts to join the EU and NATO over the use of the name "Macedonia". Prime Minister Zoran Zaev said the name change would, "(6) \_\_\_\_\_ to the future".

The name change comes after a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ between Macedonia and Greece. Just over 67 per cent of representatives in Macedonia's parliament (8) \_\_\_\_\_ name change. Eighty-one MPs voted in favor of the name change in the 120-seat parliament. Opposition politicians, (9) \_\_\_\_\_ agreement with Greece, boycotted the vote. Several hundred people protested against the deal in front of Macedonia's parliament over the past three days. An opposition leader (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the talks to change the country's name. He said: "Look how publicly, how openly, this trade is going on with Macedonia's name and identity - just like at (11) \_\_\_\_\_." The next step is for Greece to (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the change.



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190113-macedonia.html>

1. On what day of the week did Macedonia agree to rename the country?
2. How long had Macedonia been in a dispute with Greece?
3. When did Macedonia become a member of the United Nations?
4. What is the name of Greece's largest region?
5. What two organizations did Greece block Macedonia from joining?
6. How long did Macedonia talk to Greece about the name change?
7. How many politicians are there in Macedonia's parliament?
8. For how long did people protest outside Macedonia's parliament?
9. Where did the opposition leader suggest Macedonia's name was traded?
10. Who has to agree to the name change?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190113-macedonia.html>

- 1) On what day of the week did Macedonia agree to rename the country?
  - a) Saturday
  - b) Thursday
  - c) Friday
  - d) Monday
- 2) How long had Macedonia been in a dispute with Greece?
  - a) 27 years
  - b) 26 years
  - c) 25 years
  - d) 28 years
- 3) When did Macedonia become a member of the United Nations?
  - a) 1991
  - b) 1993
  - c) 1985
  - d) 1989
- 4) What is the name of Greece's largest region?
  - a) Rhodes
  - b) Athens
  - c) Thessaloniki
  - d) Macedonia
- 5) What two organizations did Greece block Macedonia from joining?
  - a) the EU and IMF
  - b) the IMF and NATO
  - c) the EU and NATO
  - d) NATO and the WTO
- 6) How long did Macedonia talk to Greece about the name change?
  - a) 12 years
  - b) a decade
  - c) 15 years
  - d) 5 years
- 7) How many politicians are there in Macedonia's parliament?
  - a) 67
  - b) 100
  - c) 81
  - d) 120
- 8) For how long did people protest outside Macedonia's parliament?
  - a) 3 weeks
  - b) 3 days
  - c) 3 months
  - d) 3 years
- 9) Where did the opposition leader suggest Macedonia's name was traded?
  - a) at a department store
  - b) at a market stall
  - c) on the Internet
  - d) at the U.N.
- 10) Who has to agree to the name change?
  - a) Greece
  - b) the U.N.
  - c) the E.U.
  - d) NATO

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190113-macedonia.html>

## **Role A – Name**

You think the name is the most important thing about a country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): flag, food or language.

## **Role B – Flag**

You think the flag is the most important thing about a country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): name, food or language.

## **Role C – Food**

You think the food is the most important thing about a country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): flag, name or language.

## **Role D – Language**

You think the language is the most important thing about a country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): flag, food or name.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190113-macedonia.html>

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

country	name

- 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>• decided</li><li>• result</li><li>• 1993</li><li>• region</li><li>• owned</li><li>• doors</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• over</li><li>• 81</li><li>• vote</li><li>• front</li><li>• angry</li><li>• step</li></ul>
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# MACEDONIA SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190113-macedonia.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Macedonia 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.

# MACEDONIA DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'country'?
3. What do you know about the Republic of Macedonia?
4. What do you think of your country's name?
5. Is the name change a good thing?
6. How does a nation become independent?
7. What doors will now open for the new Republic of North Macedonia?
8. What other places should get their independence?
9. What things would make you protest in the streets?
10. Why does Greece have to agree to the name change?

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# MACEDONIA DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'name'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about the former Yugoslavia?
15. What do you know about the history of your country's name?
16. Why do you think the talks took a decade?
17. What country names do you like?
18. What country names do you dislike?
19. Why did people oppose the name change?
20. What questions would you like to ask the leader of Macedonia?

## **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 <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190113-macedonia.html>

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The name change comes after a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of talks between Macedonia and Greece. Just over 67 per cent of representatives in Macedonia's parliament voted (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the name change. Eighty-one MPs voted (9) \_\_\_\_\_ favor of the name change in the 120-seat parliament. Opposition politicians, who opposed the agreement with Greece, boycotted the vote. Several hundred people protested against the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ in front of Macedonia's parliament over the past three days. An opposition leader was angry over the talks to change the country's name. He said: "Look how (11) \_\_\_\_\_, how openly, this trade is going on with Macedonia's name and identity - just like at a market stall." The next (12) \_\_\_\_\_ is for Greece to officially agree to the change.

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

- |     |              |              |                |              |
|-----|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) change   | (b) chance   | (c) chain      | (d) charge   |
| 2.  | (a) by       | (b) on       | (c) of         | (d) at       |
| 3.  | (a) firmer   | (b) farmer   | (c) former     | (d) framer   |
| 4.  | (a) paused   | (b) doused   | (c) fused      | (d) caused   |
| 5.  | (a) regional | (b) regional | (c) region     | (d) regions  |
| 6.  | (a) wall     | (b) doors    | (c) roof       | (d) floors   |
| 7.  | (a) fact     | (b) decade   | (c) tablet     | (d) portable |
| 8.  | (a) at       | (b) for      | (c) to         | (d) as       |
| 9.  | (a) for      | (b) against  | (c) in         | (d) by       |
| 10. | (a) squeeze  | (b) vacuum   | (c) projection | (d) deal     |
| 11. | (a) annoy    | (b) owning   | (c) stage      | (d) publicly |
| 12. | (a) chair    | (b) ladder   | (c) stair      | (d) step     |



# SPELLING

## Paragraph 1

1. dceided to change its name
2. a 27-year uipsdet with Greece
3. Macedonia declared ieneecnedndp in 1991
4. caused an rtuemgan with Greece
5. Greece's largest rnigeo
6. Greece blocked its neighbor's aetttsmp

## Paragraph 2

7. after a acddee of talks
8. opposed the neeemrtag
9. serpetodt against the deal
10. ynagr over the talks
11. Look how uiclplby
12. ilcfailfoy agree to the change

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190113-macedonia.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) agreement with Greece, boycotted the vote. Several hundred people protested against the deal in
- ( ) Minister Zoran Zaev said the name change would, "open the doors to the future".
- ( ) identity - just like at a market stall." The next step is for Greece to officially agree to the change.
- ( ) of the United Nations in 1993, but its name caused an argument with Greece. Greece's largest
- ( **1** ) The Republic of Macedonia has decided to change its name. It agreed on Friday to rename the country the Republic
- ( ) The name change comes after a decade of talks between Macedonia and Greece. Just over
- ( ) 67 per cent of representatives in Macedonia's parliament voted for the name change. Eighty-one MPs voted in
- ( ) its neighbor's attempts to join the EU and NATO over the use of the name "Macedonia". Prime
- ( ) region is also called Macedonia. The Greek government said it owned the name "Macedonia". Greece blocked
- ( ) with Greece. Macedonia declared independence in 1991 after the break-up of the former country Yugoslavia. It became a member
- ( ) favor of the name change in the 120-seat parliament. Opposition politicians, who opposed the
- ( ) front of Macedonia's parliament over the past three days. An opposition leader was angry over the talks to change
- ( ) of North Macedonia. The name change is the result of a 27-year dispute
- ( ) the country's name. He said: "Look how publicly, how openly, this trade is going on with Macedonia's name and

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190113-macedonia.html>

1. change . Republic to of The has Macedonia decided
2. The a 27-year result of with dispute Greece .
3. of Yugoslavia . former country the break-up the After
4. is Macedonia . region largest also called Greece's
5. its the Greece EU . to join blocked attempts neighbor's
6. of comes change decade a after The talks .
7. change . MPs voted in Eighty-one the of favor
8. with agreement politicians Opposition Greece . opposed who the
9. over the talks . An leader was angry opposition
10. trade how Look going publicly is on . this

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190113-macedonia.html>

The Republic of Macedonia has decided to *chance / change* its name. It agreed on Friday to rename the country the Republic of North Macedonia. The name change is the *result / answer* of a 27-year dispute with Greece. Macedonia *reclaimed / declared* independence in 1991 after the break-up *off / of* the former country Yugoslavia. It became a *member / membership* of the United Nations in 1993, but its name *cause / caused* an argument with Greece. Greece's largest *region / legion* is also called Macedonia. The Greek government said it *owning / owned* the name "Macedonia". Greece blocked its neighbor's attempts to *joint / join* the EU and NATO over the use of the name "Macedonia". Prime Minister Zoran Zaev said the name change would, "*open / openly* the doors to the future".

The name change comes after a decade of *discusses / talks* between Macedonia and Greece. Just over 67 per cent of representatives *on / in* Macedonia's parliament voted *for / of* the name change. Eighty-one MPs voted in *flavor / favor* of the name change in the 120-seat parliament. Opposition politicians, who *opposed / opposition* the agreement with Greece, boycotted the *boat / vote*. Several hundred people protested against the deal in front of Macedonia's parliament over the *past / passed* three days. An opposition leader was *angrily / angry* over the talks to change the country's name. He said: "Look how publicly, how openly, this trade is going on with Macedonia's name and *identity / identify* - just like at a market stall." The next step is for Greece to *official / officially* agree to the change.

**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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The name change comes after talks between Macedonia and Greece. Just over 67 percent of respondents in Macedonia's parliament voted for the name change. Eighty-nine MPs voted in favour of the name change in the 120-seat parliament. Opposition politicians, who opposed the agreement with Greece, boycotted the vote. Several hundred people protested against the deal in front of Macedonia's parliament over the past three days. An opposition leader was angry over the talks to change the country's name. He said: "Look how publicly, how openly, the streets are going on with Macedonia's name and identity - just look at the market stall." The next step is for Greece to officially agree to the change.

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

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

**4. COUNTRY NAMES:** Write a magazine article about a country being able to choose any name it wants. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 the Republic of Macedonia. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on the country's name change. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b    2. d    3. f    4. e    5. c    6. g    7. a  
8. h    9. j    10. l    11. m    12. n    13. k    14. i

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

- |               |                    |
|---------------|--------------------|
| 1. change     | a. alter           |
| 2. agreed     | b. consented       |
| 3. dispute    | c. argument        |
| 4. attempts   | d. efforts         |
| 5. the future | e. what lies ahead |
| 6. decade     | f. ten years       |
| 7. in favor   | g. for             |
| 8. boycotted  | h. avoided         |
| 9. deal       | i. agreement       |
| 10. identity  | j. character       |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Friday
2. 27 years
3. 1993
4. Macedonia
5. The EU and NATO
6. A decade
7. 120
8. Three days
9. At a market stall
10. Greece

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. The Republic of Macedonia has decided to change.
2. The result of a 27-year dispute with Greece.
3. After the break-up of the former country Yugoslavia.
4. Greece's largest region is also called Macedonia.
5. Greece blocked its neighbor's attempts to join the EU.
6. The change comes after a decade of talks.
7. Eighty-one MPs voted in favor of the change.
8. Opposition politicians who opposed the agreement with Greece.
9. An opposition leader was angry over the talks.
10. Look how publicly this trade is going on.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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