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Level 2 – 26th October 2023

Iceland's prime minister and women go on strike

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Women in Iceland went on strike on Tuesday. The strike was for greater gender equality in the country. Prime minister Katrin Jakobsdottir also took part in the strike. She told reporters about the "Women's Day Off". She said: "We have not yet reached our goals of full gender equality and we are still tackling the gender-based wage gap, which is unacceptable in 2023." All women in Iceland were encouraged to stop both paid and unpaid work. For the whole day, women went on strike to show how important they are to society."

The strike was the seventh in Iceland's history. It was the first in nearly 50 years. The last strike was in 1975. Then, 90 per cent of women did not go to work or do housework. The following year, Iceland passed an equal pay law. In 1980, Iceland became the first country in Europe to have a woman as head of state. Iceland has had the smallest gender gap of any country for 14 years. Despite this, Ms Jakobsdottir, said there is still a long way to go. She wants to lower gender-based violence. She said this was a "priority" for her government.

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/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Women in Iceland | a. unpaid work |
| 2. The strike was for greater | b. day |
| 3. We have not yet | c. 2023 |
| 4. we are still tackling the gender- | d. gender equality |
| 5. unacceptable in | e. reached our goals |
| 6. both paid and | f. are to society |
| 7. For the whole | g. based wage gap |
| 8. how important they | h. went on strike |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. the seventh in Iceland's | a. 1975 |
| 2. It was the first | b. government |
| 3. The last strike was in | c. go to work |
| 4. women did not | d. head of state |
| 5. Iceland passed an equal pay | e. way to go |
| 6. have a woman as | f. history |
| 7. there is still a long | g. law |
| 8. a "priority" for her | h. in nearly 50 years |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Women in Iceland went (1) _____ Tuesday. The strike was for greater gender (2) _____ country. Prime minister Katrin Jakobsdottir also (3) _____ the strike. She told reporters about the "Women's Day Off". She said: "We have not yet reached (4) _____ full gender equality and we are still tackling the gender-based wage gap, which is unacceptable in 2023." All women in Iceland were encouraged to stop both (5) _____ work. For the whole day, women went on strike to show how important they (6) _____."

The strike was (7) _____ Iceland's history. It was the first in nearly 50 years. The last strike was in 1975. Then, 90 per cent of women did not go (8) _____ do housework. The following year, Iceland passed an equal pay law. In 1980, Iceland became the first country in Europe to have a woman as (9) _____. Iceland has had the smallest (10) _____ any country for 14 years. Despite this, Ms Jakobsdottir, said there is still a (11) _____ go. She wants to lower gender-based violence. She said this was a (12) _____ government.

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) _____

