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## Level 3 – 14th December 2023

### Argentina's president warns of economic "shock treatment"

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com2312/231214-javier-milei.html>

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# WARM-UPS

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

president / surprise / winner / economy / inflation / debt / shock treatment / austerity  
politician / far right / election / campaign / victory / rights / gun laws / fruits / efforts

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

**3. PRESIDENT:** Students A **strongly** believe being president is the best job in the world; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. ECONOMY:** What is your country's economy like for these things? How would you make them better? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What It's Like	Improvements
Inflation		
Tax		
Unemployment		
Laws		
Wages		
Growth		

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

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

- President
- CEO
- Team coach
- Rock star
- Influencer
- Army general
- Astronaut
- Scientist

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |              |   |
|--------------|---|
| 1. election  | a. Difficult times because of government actions to cut public spending.              |
| 2. promised  | b. An event where people choose their next leader.                                    |
| 3. inflation | c. The money a person, company or government must pay back to someone else.           |
| 4. slash     | d. Told someone that they will definitely do something or that something will happen. |
| 5. debt      | e. Cut quickly and deeply.  |
| 6. recover   | f. An increase in prices and fall in how much you can buy with your money.            |
| 7. austerity | g. Return to normal.  |

## Paragraph 2

- |               |  |
|---------------|--|
| 8. politician | h. A person who was voted by other people to work for them in government.      |
| 9. former     | i. All of the hard work someone does.  |
| 10. cut       | j. Having been a particular thing before.                                      |
| 11. victory   | k. Make or become less good.   |
| 12. limit     | l. A reduction in the amount or size of something.                             |
| 13. worsen    | m. An act of beating an enemy or opponent in a battle, game, or other contest. |
| 14. efforts   | n. Stop something or someone going above or below a certain level.             |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2312/231214-javier-milei.html>

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

1. No one was surprised that Javier Milei became president of Argentina. **T / F**
2. The inflation rate in Argentina is around 140 per cent. **T / F**
3. The article says Argentina has borrowed a lot of money since 1940. **T / F**
4. Javier Milei said life in Argentina would be tough for a year. **T / F**
5. Javier Milei is a politician who is on the far left. **T / F**
6. Javier Milei took a chainsaw with him on the election campaign trail. **T / F**
7. Javier Milei likened his election victory to the fall of the Berlin Wall. **T / F**
8. Javier Milei told Argentinians they should eat more fruit. **T / F**

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

- |                         |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| 1. <b>surprise</b>      | a. former      |
| 2. <b>promised</b>      | b. win         |
| 3. <b>cut</b>           | c. vowed       |
| 4. <b>recover</b>       | d. go downhill |
| 5. <b>previous</b>      | e. angered     |
| 6. <b>similar</b>       | f. improve     |
| 7. <b>victory</b>       | g. shock       |
| 8. <b>turning point</b> | h. reduce      |
| 9. <b>upset</b>         | i. crossroads  |
| 10. <b>worsen</b>       | j. like        |

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

- |   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. He was a surprise winner of the          | a. point                    |
| 2. Milei has promised to turn around        | b. debt                     |
| 3. He also wants to slash the public        | c. to help the economy      |
| 4. Argentina has borrowed a lot of money    | d. will worsen              |
| 5. people would have to live in "austerity" | e. in the past few decades  |
| 6. He is a far-                             | f. of the Berlin Wall       |
| 7. his election victory a turning           | g. country's election       |
| 8. the fall                                 | h. of our efforts           |
| 9. in the short term, the situation         | i. right politician         |
| 10. we will see the fruits                  | j. Argentina's poor economy |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2023/12/231214-javier-milei.html>

Argentina has a new president. His name is Javier Milei. He was a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ winner of the country's election in November. Mr Milei has promised to (2) \_\_\_\_\_ around Argentina's poor economy. In particular, he said he would cut (3) \_\_\_\_\_, which is currently around 140 per cent. He also wants to slash the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ debt. Argentina has borrowed a lot of money in the past few (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Mr Milei wants to start repaying it. In his first speech as president, he said the economy needed "shock treatment" to (6) \_\_\_\_\_. He said previous governments had spent too much and that "there is no money (7) \_\_\_\_\_". He warned Argentinians that life would be tough for a few years. He said people would have to live in "(8) \_\_\_\_\_" to help the economy.

*public*  
*recover*  
*surprise*  
*austerity*  
*inflation*  
*turn*  
*decades*  
*left*

Javier Milei is different from any (9) \_\_\_\_\_ Argentina has seen before. He is a (10) \_\_\_\_\_ -right politician. Many people say he is similar to former US President Donald Trump and former Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro. During Milei's election (11) \_\_\_\_\_, he was often seen with a chainsaw. He wanted people to know he would make many spending (12) \_\_\_\_\_ to the economy. He called his election victory a turning point in Argentina's history, like the (13) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Berlin Wall in 1989. He has promised to limit abortion (14) \_\_\_\_\_ and relax gun laws. He has also upset environmentalists because he does not believe in climate change. He said: "We know that in the (15) \_\_\_\_\_ term, the situation will worsen, but then we will see the (16) \_\_\_\_\_ of our efforts."

*far*  
*fall*  
*short*  
*politician*  
*fruits*  
*cuts*  
*campaign*  
*rights*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) He was a surprise winner of the country's \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. erection in November
  - b. deletion in November
  - c. election in November
  - d. electron in November
- 2) Mr Milei has promised to turn around \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Argentina's poor economy
  - b. Argentina's pore economy
  - c. Argentina's pour economy
  - d. Argentina spore economy
- 3) He also wants to slash \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the public debit
  - b. the public credit
  - c. the public debt
  - d. the public doubt
- 4) He said previous governments had spent too much and that "there is \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. no money rift
  - b. no money bereft
  - c. no money left
  - d. no money cleft
- 5) He said people would have to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. live in Oyster City
  - b. live in all steer a tea
  - c. live in austerity
  - d. live in austere tea
- 6) Javier Milei is different from any politician Argentina has seen before. He is a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. afar-right politician
  - b. far-right politician
  - c. fear-right politician
  - d. fair right politician
- 7) He called his election victory \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a turn in point
  - b. a tern in point
  - c. a yearning point
  - d. a turning point
- 8) He has promised to limit abortion rights and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. relax gun laws
  - b. relapse gun laws
  - c. real lax gun laws
  - d. relaxing laws
- 9) He said: "We know that in \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. the shore term
  - b. the short term
  - c. the sure term
  - d. the snort term
- 10) the situation will worsen, but then we will see the fruits \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. of our effects
  - b. of our affects
  - c. of our efforts
  - d. of our affronts

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2312/231214-javier-milei.html>

Argentina has a new president. His name is Javier Milei. He was a surprise winner of the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ November. Mr Milei has promised to turn around Argentina's poor economy. In particular, he said he (2) \_\_\_\_\_, which is currently around 140 per cent. He also wants to slash the public debt. Argentina has (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of money in the past few decades. Mr Milei wants to start repaying it. In his (4) \_\_\_\_\_ president, he said the economy needed "shock treatment" to recover. He said previous governments had spent too much and that "there is (5) \_\_\_\_\_". He warned Argentinians that life would be tough for a few years. He said people would have to (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to help the economy.

Javier Milei is different from any politician Argentina has seen before. He is a (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Many people say he is similar to former US President Donald Trump and former Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro. During Milei's election campaign, he was often seen (8) \_\_\_\_\_. He wanted people to know he would make many spending cuts to the economy. He called his election (9) \_\_\_\_\_ point in Argentina's history, like the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. He has promised to limit abortion rights and (10) \_\_\_\_\_. He has also upset environmentalists because he does not believe in climate change. He said: "We know that in (11) \_\_\_\_\_, the situation will worsen, but then we will see the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ efforts."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2312/231214-javier-milei.html>

1. What did Javier Milei promise to turn around?
2. How much is Argentina's rate of inflation?
3. What has Argentina borrowed in the past few decades?
4. Who did Javier Milei say had spent too much money?
5. For how long did Javier Milei say life would be tough?
6. What did Javier Milei often take with him on his election campaign?
7. What did Javier Milei liken his election victory to?
8. What did Javier Milei promise to relax?
9. What does the article say Javier Milei does not believe in?
10. What did Javier Milei say people would see from their efforts?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2312/231214-javier-milei.html>

- 1) What did Javier Milei promise to turn around?
  - a) the presidential car
  - b) his party
  - c) the mood of the people
  - d) Argentina's poor economy
- 2) How much is Argentina's rate of inflation?
  - a) exactly 140%
  - b) around 140%
  - c) just under 140%
  - d) just over 140%
- 3) What has Argentina borrowed in the past few decades?
  - a) ideas
  - b) historical artefacts
  - c) a lot of money
  - d) time
- 4) Who did Javier Milei say had spent too much money?
  - a) previous governments
  - b) his political party
  - c) his opponent
  - d) his best friend
- 5) For how long did Javier Milei say life would be tough?
  - a) a decade
  - b) a year
  - c) a few years
  - d) a lifetime
- 6) What did Javier Milei often take with him on his election campaign?
  - a) a dog
  - b) a chainsaw
  - c) a camera
  - d) Argentine beef
- 7) What did Javier Milei liken his election victory to?
  - a) the building of the Pyramids
  - b) the Great Wall of China
  - c) the first landing on the Moon
  - d) the fall of the Berlin Wall
- 8) What did Javier Milei promise to relax?
  - a) gun laws
  - b) muscles
  - c) immigration laws
  - d) taxes
- 9) What does the article say Javier Milei does not believe in?
  - a) UFOs
  - b) ghosts
  - c) climate change
  - d) lying
- 10) What did Javier Milei say people would see from their efforts?
  - a) oranges and lemons
  - b) the fruits
  - c) vegetables
  - d) apples and pears

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2312/231214-javier-milei.html>

## **Role A – President**

You think a president is the best job. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their jobs. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): rock star, astronaut or social media influencer.

## **Role B – Rock Star**

You think a rock star is the best job. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their jobs. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): president, astronaut or social media influencer.

## **Role C – Astronaut**

You think an astronaut is the best job. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their jobs. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): rock star, president or social media influencer.

## **Role D – Social Media Influencer**

You think a social media influencer is the best job. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their jobs. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): rock star, astronaut or president.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com2312/231214-javier-milei.html>

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

<b>president</b>	<b>shock</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>• surprise</li><li>• turn</li><li>• slash</li><li>• first</li><li>• too</li><li>• live</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• different</li><li>• similar</li><li>• campaign</li><li>• victory</li><li>• limit</li><li>• see</li></ul>
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# PRESIDENTS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2312/231214-javier-milei.html>

Write five GOOD questions about presidents 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.

# PRESIDENTS 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 'president'?
3. Would you like to be president?
4. What do you know about Javier Milei?
5. What do you think of your country's leader?
6. Why is it important to cut inflation?
7. What do you think of debt?
8. What do you think of the idea of 'shock treatment' for an economy?
9. How tough is life for you?
10. Have you ever had to live in austerity?

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# PRESIDENTS 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 'shock'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Do you think you'd be a good president?
15. What kinds of politicians do you like?
16. What are the differences between far-right and far-left politicians?
17. What do you think of politicians with chainsaws?
18. How do you think Javier Milei will do?
19. What advice do you have for Javier Milei?
20. What questions would you like to ask President Javier Milei?

# 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.com2312/231214-javier-milei.html>

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Javier Milei is (7) \_\_\_\_\_ from any politician Argentina has seen before. He is a far-right politician. Many people say he is (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to former US President Donald Trump and former Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro. During Milei's election campaign, he was often seen with a chainsaw. He wanted people to know he would make many spending (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to the economy. He called his election victory a turning point in Argentina's history, like the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. He has promised to limit abortion (10) \_\_\_\_\_ and relax gun laws. He has also upset environmentalists because he does not believe (11) \_\_\_\_\_ climate change. He said: "We know that in the short term, the situation will (12) \_\_\_\_\_, but then we will see the fruits of our efforts."

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

- |     |                |              |                 |                |
|-----|----------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) newly      | (b) new      | (c) news        | (d) newfangled |
| 2.  | (a) at         | (b) to       | (c) for         | (d) by         |
| 3.  | (a) current    | (b) currant  | (c) currency    | (d) currently  |
| 4.  | (a) stash      | (b) slash    | (c) splash      | (d) smash      |
| 5.  | (a) recovered  | (b) recovery | (c) recovers    | (d) recover    |
| 6.  | (a) on         | (b) at       | (c) in          | (d) by         |
| 7.  | (a) different  | (b) differ   | (c) differently | (d) difference |
| 8.  | (a) similarity | (b) simile   | (c) similar     | (d) similarly  |
| 9.  | (a) dices      | (b) chops    | (c) slices      | (d) cuts       |
| 10. | (a) rights     | (b) lefts    | (c) wrongs      | (d) virtues    |
| 11. | (a) in         | (b) on       | (c) at          | (d) by         |
| 12. | (a) worsen     | (b) worsened | (c) worsening   | (d) worsens    |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. a psruseir winner
2. he said he would cut tfnloaiin
3. He also wants to slash the public edtb
4. in the past few eescdad
5. rivpseuo governments
6. live in tuareytsi

## Paragraph 2

7. He is a far-right ilpiicatno
8. he is imarlsi to former US President Donald Trump
9. election nacpaigm
10. election cotvyri
11. He has promised to limit riotnabo rights
12. in the short term, the situation will nrweos

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From [https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2312/231214-javier-milei.html](https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2023/12/231214-javier-milei.html)

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

- ( ) recover. He said previous governments had spent too much and that "there is no money left". He warned
- ( **1** ) Argentina has a new president. His name is Javier Milei. He was a surprise winner of the country's
- ( ) rights and relax gun laws. He has also upset environmentalists because he does not believe in climate
- ( ) Javier Milei is different from any politician Argentina has seen before. He is a far-
- ( ) repaying it. In his first speech as president, he said the economy needed "shock treatment" to
- ( ) election in November. Mr Milei has promised to turn around Argentina's poor
- ( ) chainsaw. He wanted people to know he would make many spending cuts to the economy. He called his election
- ( ) to slash the public debt. Argentina has borrowed a lot of money in the past few decades. Mr Milei wants to start
- ( ) victory a turning point in Argentina's history, like the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. He has promised to limit abortion
- ( ) Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro. During Milei's election campaign, he was often seen with a
- ( ) Argentinians that life would be tough for a few years. He said people would have to live in "austerity" to help the economy.
- ( ) right politician. Many people say he is similar to former US President Donald Trump and former
- ( ) economy. In particular, he said he would cut inflation, which is currently around 140 per cent. He also wants
- ( ) change. He said: "We know that in the short term, the situation will worsen, but then we will see the fruits of our efforts."

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2312/231214-javier-milei.html>

1. winner was the He surprise election . of a
2. He poor to Argentina's promised around economy . turn
3. wants He to slash debt . also public the
4. treatment to shock recover . The needed economy
5. have would austerity . in to live People
6. different from He's has any Argentina seen . politician
7. election He called turning a victory point . his
8. promised limit also to has abortion rights . He
9. will situation In worsen . the short term the
10. fruits see will We of the efforts . our

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2023/12/231214-javier-milei.html>

Argentina has a *new / newly* president. His name is Javier Milei. He was a surprise winner of the country's election in November. Mr Milei has promised *to / for* turn around Argentina's *poverty / poor* economy. In *particular / particularly*, he said he would cut inflation, which is currently around 140 per cent. He also wants to *slash / splash* the public debt. Argentina has borrowed a *lot / lots* of money in the past few decades. Mr Milei wants to start repaying *them / it*. In his first speech as president, he said the economy needed "shock treatment" to *recovery / recover*. He said previous governments had spent too *many / much* and that "there is no money left". He warned Argentinians that life would be tough for a few years. He said people would have to live in "austerity" to help *the / an* economy.

Javier Milei is *different / difference* from any politician Argentina has seen before. He is a *far-right / for-right* politician. Many people say he is *similarity / similar* to former US President Donald Trump and former Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro. During Milei's election campaign, he was often seen *with / withering* a chainsaw. He wanted people to know he would *made / make* many spending cuts to the economy. He *calling / called* his election victory a turning point in Argentina's history, like the fall *off / of* the Berlin Wall in 1989. He has promised to limit abortion *rights / right* and relax gun laws. He has also upset environmentalists because he does not *belief / believe* in climate change. He said: "We know that in the short term, the situation will worsen, but then we will see the *vegetables / fruits* of our efforts."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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argentina has a new president his name is javier milei he was a surprise winner of the countrys election in november mr milei has promised to turn around argentinas poor economy in particular he said he would cut inflation which is currently around 140 per cent he also wants to slash the public debt argentina has borrowed a lot of money in the past few decades mr milei wants to start repaying it in his first speech as president he said the economy needed shock treatment to recover he said previous governments had spent too much and that there is no money left he warned argentinians that life would be tough for a few years he said people would have to live in austerity to help the economy

javier milei is different from any politician argentina has seen before he is a farright politician many people say he is similar to former us president donald trump and former brazilian president jair bolsonaro during mileis election campaign he was often seen with a chainsaw he wanted people to know he would make many spending cuts to the economy he called his election victory a turning point in argentinas history like the fall of the berlin wall in 1989 he has promised to limit abortion rights and relax gun laws he has also upset environmentalists because he does not believe in climate change he said we know that in the short term, the situation will worsen but then we will see the fruits of our efforts

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Argentina has a new president. His name is Javier Milei. He was a surprise winner of the country's selection in November. Mr Milei has promised to turn around Argentina's poor economy. In particular, he said he would cut inflation, which is currently around 140 percent. He also wants to slash the public debt. Argentina has borrowed a lot of money in the past few decades. Mr Milei wants to start repaying it. In his first speech as president, he said the economy needed "shock treatment" to recover. He said previous governments had spent too much and that "there is no money left". He warned Argentinians that life would be tough for a few years. He said people would have to live in "austerity" to help the economy. Javier Milei is different from many politicians Argentina has seen before. He is a far-right politician. Many people say he is similar to former US President Donald Trump and former Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro. During Milei's selection campaign, he was often seen with a chainsaw. He wanted people to know he would make many spending cuts to the economy. He called his selection victory a turning point in Argentina's history, like the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. He has promised to limit abortion rights and relax gun laws. He has also upset environmentalists because he does not believe in climate change. He said: "We know that in the short term, the situation will worsen, but then we will see the fruits of our efforts."

# FREE WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2312/231214-javier-milei.html>

Write about **presidents** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.

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

**4. AUSTERITY:** Write a magazine article about all countries introducing austerity measures. 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 your country's leader. Ask him/her three questions about the leader. Give him/her three of your opinions on him/her. 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)

- 1 F    2 T    3 F    4 F    5 F    6 T    7 T    8 F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. c	3. h	4. f	5. a
6. j	7. b	8. i	9. e	10. d

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Argentina's poor economy
2. Around 140%
3. A lot of money
4. Previous governments
5. A few years
6. A chainsaw
7. The fall of the Berlin Wall
8. Gun laws
9. Climate change
10. The fruits

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. He was a surprise winner of the election.
2. He promised to turn around Argentina's poor economy.
3. He also wants to slash the public debt.
4. The economy needed shock treatment to recover.
5. People would have to live in austerity.
6. He's different from any politician Argentina has seen.
7. He called his election victory a turning point.
8. He has also promised to limit abortion rights.
9. In the short term, the situation will worsen.
10. We will see the fruits of our efforts.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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