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## Level 6

# Hungary freezes Internet tax plan

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# THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141103-internet-tax.html>

A proposed tax on the Internet has been put on hold by Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban. Hungary's government was pushing full steam ahead to impose a tax on Internet traffic. It faced huge opposition from the public and from businesses. Mr Orban announced his government had frozen the plans after witnessing huge street protests in the capital Budapest. He also eventually took heed of warnings from the European Union that the tax would be a mistake. Orban announced his climb-down in a radio broadcast on Friday, saying: "This tax in its current form cannot be introduced. If the people not only dislike something but also consider it unreasonable, then it should not be done."

Hungary's U-turn on an Internet tax is not yet a victory for the people. Prime Minister Orban said he had not scrapped the idea altogether. He said there would be consultations starting in January next year to investigate the potential of generating tax revenue from the Internet. He said it would obviously have to be different in nature to the one just binned. That involved a 60-cent tax on every gigabyte of data someone consumed. Critics voiced concerns this would limit freedom of expression and hurt online companies. Citizens will continue to campaign for a tax-free Internet. An anti-tax Facebook page already has over 250,000 Likes.

Sources: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/10/31/us-hungary-internet-tax-idUSKBN0IK0MM20141031?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews>  
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# WARM-UPS

**1. INTERNET TAXES:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Internet taxes. 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?

*tax / on hold / full steam ahead / opposition / street protests / mistake / climb-down / U-turn / scrapped / consultations / investigate / potential / freedom of expression*

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

**3. TAX:** What are the pros and cons for governments on taxing these things? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

Tax on...	Pros	Cons
Internet		
Water		
Libraries		
Income		
Business profits		
Food		

**4. REVENUE:** Students A **strongly** believe governments should generate revenue from the Internet; Students B **strongly** believe they shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. PROTESTS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the things you would protest most about at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Internet tax
- Going to war
- Government corruption
- Food prices
- Nuclear power
- Freedom of speech
- Anti-racism
- Jobs

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

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141103-internet-tax.html>

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

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| a. Hungary had planned to tax the Internet and steam power.           | T / F |
| b. There were big protests in the streets of Hungary's capital.       | T / F |
| c. The European Union warned Hungary about imposing an Internet tax.  | T / F |
| d. Hungary's Prime Minister said the people were being unreasonable.  | T / F |
| e. Hungary did a left-turn with its Internet tax plans.               | T / F |
| f. Hungary's leader no longer has plans to introduce an Internet tax. | T / F |
| g. Hungary had wanted to tax every gigabyte of data that people used. | T / F |
| h. An anti-tax Facebook page has over a quarter-of-a-million Likes.   | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. proposed     | a. possibility  |
| 2. put on hold  | b. unacceptable |
| 3. huge         | c. frozen       |
| 4. eventually   | d. carry on     |
| 5. unreasonable | e. planned      |
| 6. victory      | f. abandoned    |
| 7. scrapped     | g. restrict     |
| 8. potential    | h. enormous     |
| 9. limit        | i. success      |
| 10. continue    | j. finally      |

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

- |                                       |                            |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. A proposed tax on the Internet has | a. from the public         |
| 2. pushing full                       | b. revenue                 |
| 3. It faced huge opposition           | c. unreasonable            |
| 4. huge street                        | d. expression              |
| 5. consider it                        | e. steam ahead             |
| 6. not yet a victory                  | f. potential               |
| 7. investigate the                    | g. protests in the capital |
| 8. generating tax                     | h. to campaign             |
| 9. limit freedom of                   | i. been put on hold        |
| 10. Citizens will continue            | j. for the people          |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141103-internet-tax.html>

A proposed tax on the Internet has been put on (1) \_\_\_\_\_ by Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban. Hungary's government was pushing full (2) \_\_\_\_\_ ahead to impose a tax on Internet traffic. It faced (3) \_\_\_\_\_ opposition from the public and from businesses. Mr Orban announced his government had (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the plans after witnessing huge street protests in the capital Budapest. He also eventually took (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of warnings from the European Union that the tax would be a mistake. Orban announced his climb-down in a radio (6) \_\_\_\_\_ on Friday, saying: "This tax in its current (7) \_\_\_\_\_ cannot be introduced. If the people not only dislike something but also consider it (8) \_\_\_\_\_, then it should not be done."

*huge*  
*heed*  
*steam*  
*form*  
*hold*  
*frozen*  
*unreasonable*  
*broadcast*

Hungary's U-turn on an Internet tax is not yet a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ for the people. Prime Minister Orban said he had not scrapped the idea (10) \_\_\_\_\_. He said there would be consultations starting in January next year to investigate the (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of generating tax revenue from the Internet. He said it would obviously have to be different in (12) \_\_\_\_\_ to the one just binned. That involved a 60-cent tax on every gigabyte of (13) \_\_\_\_\_ someone consumed. Critics voiced concerns this would limit freedom of expression and hurt (14) \_\_\_\_\_ companies. Citizens will continue to (15) \_\_\_\_\_ for a tax-free Internet. An (16) \_\_\_\_\_-tax Facebook page already has over 250,000 Likes.

*altogether*  
*online*  
*victory*  
*anti*  
*nature*  
*campaign*  
*potential*  
*data*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) A proposed tax on the Internet has \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. been put on hold
  - b. been put in hold
  - c. been put to hold
  - d. been put for hold
- 2) Hungary's government was pushing full steam ahead \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to impose the tax
  - b. to impose that tax
  - c. to impose as tax
  - d. to impose a tax
- 3) his government had frozen the plans after witnessing \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. luge street protests
  - b. fugue street protests
  - c. bulge street protests
  - d. huge street protests
- 4) This tax in its current form \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. cannot be introducing
  - b. cannot be introduced
  - c. cannot be introduction
  - d. cannot be introduce
- 5) the people not only dislike something but also \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. considers it unreasonable
  - b. consider it unreasonable
  - c. considered it unreasonable
  - d. considering it unreasonable
- 6) Hungary's U-turn on an Internet tax is \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. not yet the victory
  - b. not yet our victory
  - c. not yet all victory
  - d. not yet a victory
- 7) Prime Minister Orban said he had not \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. scraped the idea
  - b. scrapped the idea
  - c. scuppered the idea
  - d. scarpered the idea
- 8) He said it would obviously have to be \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. difference in nature
  - b. different in nature
  - c. difference on nature
  - d. different on nature
- 9) That involved a 60-cent tax on every gigabyte of data \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. someone consumes
  - b. someone consume
  - c. someone consumed
  - d. someone consuming
- 10) Citizens will continue to campaign for \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a tax-freely Internet
  - b. a tax-freeef Internet
  - c. a tax-freeze Internet
  - d. a tax-free Internet

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141103-internet-tax.html>

A proposed tax on the Internet has (1) \_\_\_\_\_ by Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban. Hungary's government was pushing full steam ahead (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Internet traffic. It faced huge opposition from the public and from businesses. Mr Orban announced his government had (3) \_\_\_\_\_ after witnessing huge street protests in the capital Budapest. He also eventually (4) \_\_\_\_\_ warnings from the European Union that the tax would be a mistake. Orban announced his (5) \_\_\_\_\_ broadcast on Friday, saying: "This tax in its current form cannot be introduced. If the people not only dislike something but also (6) \_\_\_\_\_, then it should not be done."

Hungary's U-turn on an Internet tax is (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the people. Prime Minister Orban said he had (8) \_\_\_\_\_ altogether. He said there would be consultations starting in January next year to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of generating tax revenue from the Internet. He said it would obviously have to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to the one just binned. That involved a 60-cent tax on every gigabyte of data someone consumed. Critics voiced concerns this (11) \_\_\_\_\_ expression and hurt online companies. Citizens will continue to campaign (12) \_\_\_\_\_. An anti-tax Facebook page already has over 250,000 Likes.

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141103-internet-tax.html>

1. Who put the proposed tax on hold?

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2. From whom did the proposed tax face opposition?

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3. What took place in the streets in Budapest?

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4. Whose warnings about the tax did Hungary's leader listen to?

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5. What did the leader say about the tax in its current form?

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6. What is not yet a victory for the Hungarian people?

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7. When are people meeting to talk about generating tax revenue?

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8. How much tax did the government want for every gigabyte of data?

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9. What were opponents worried the tax would limit?

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10. How many Likes on Facebook does an anti-tax page have?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141103-internet-tax.html>

1. Who put the proposed tax on hold?
  - a) the European Union
  - b) the Telecommunications Agency
  - c) Hungary's Internet Minister
  - d) Hungary's leader
2. From whom did the proposed tax face opposition?
  - a) online companies
  - b) the public and businesses
  - c) Internet service providers (ISPs)
  - d) lawyers
3. What took place in the streets in Budapest?
  - a) a huge traffic jam
  - b) a carnival
  - c) an online conference
  - d) protests
4. Whose warnings about the tax did Hungary's leader listen to?
  - a) his Finance Minister
  - b) the head of the World Wide Web
  - c) the European Union
  - d) a private consultancy firm
5. What did the leader say about the tax in its current form?
  - a) it had no form
  - b) it needed radical change
  - c) it was perfect
  - d) it could not be introduced
6. What is not yet a victory for the Hungarian people?
  - a) high-speed Internet
  - b) the upcoming meeting
  - c) the government's U-turn
  - d) the street protests
7. When are people meeting to talk about generating tax revenue?
  - a) January
  - b) February
  - c) March
  - d) April
8. How much tax did the government want for every gigabyte of data?
  - a) 16 cents
  - b) 66 cents
  - c) 60 cents
  - d) 61.5 cents
9. What were opponents worried the tax would limit?
  - a) tax curbs
  - b) freedom of expression
  - c) bandwidth
  - d) traffic
10. How many Likes on Facebook does an anti-tax page have?
  - a) more than a quarter-of-a-million
  - b) exactly 250,000
  - c) twenty-five thousand
  - d) slightly less than 200,000

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Internet tax**

You think an Internet tax is the thing most worthwhile to protest in the streets against. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't worth protesting about. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): government corruption, food prices or jobs.

## **Role B – Government corruption**

You think government corruption is the thing most worthwhile to protest in the streets against. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't worth protesting about. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): an Internet tax, food prices or jobs.

## **Role C – Food prices**

You think food prices is the thing most worthwhile to protest in the streets against. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't worth protesting about. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): government corruption, an Internet tax or jobs.

## **Role D – Jobs**

You think jobs is the thing most worthwhile to protest in the streets against. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't worth protesting about. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): government corruption, food prices or an Internet tax.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141103-internet-tax.html>

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

Internet	tax

- 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>• pushing</li><li>• faced</li><li>• after</li><li>• warnings</li><li>• mistake</li><li>• consider</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• yet</li><li>• idea</li><li>• potential</li><li>• data</li><li>• hurt</li><li>• already</li></ul>
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# INTERNET TAXES SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141103-internet-tax.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Internet taxes 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.

# INTERNET TAXES DISCUSSION

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

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'tax'?
- 3) What do you think of the idea of an Internet tax?
- 4) How important is the Internet to you?
- 5) What things should never be taxed?
- 6) Is the Internet already too expensive?
- 7) Would you protest in the street against an Internet tax?
- 8) Is it good the Hungarian prime minister listened to the people?
- 9) Would your government listen to you in a similar situation?
- 10) Would your online usage change if there was an Internet tax?

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# INTERNET TAXES DISCUSSION

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

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) What was the last victory for the people in your country?
- 13) Do you think Hungary will eventually get an Internet tax?
- 14) Are you surprised most countries do not tax the Internet?
- 15) What is the best way for governments to get money from the Internet?
- 16) What do you think of the taxation system in your country?
- 17) What tax would you really like to change, and why?
- 18) What else can citizens do to keep the Internet tax away?
- 19) How effective do you think the anti-tax Facebook page is?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask Hungary's leader?

# 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

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

- |     |                 |               |              |               |
|-----|-----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) grip        | (b) clasp     | (c) hold     | (d) clutch    |
| 2.  | (a) steam       | (b) storm     | (c) dynamo   | (d) energy    |
| 3.  | (a) faced       | (b) headed    | (c) skulled  | (d) nosed     |
| 4.  | (a) took        | (b) did       | (c) had      | (d) was       |
| 5.  | (a) descent     | (b) climb     | (c) drop     | (d) pull      |
| 6.  | (a) forum       | (b) firm      | (c) frame    | (d) form      |
| 7.  | (a) scraped     | (b) scuppered | (c) scrapped | (d) scarpered |
| 8.  | (a) via         | (b) as        | (c) by       | (d) of        |
| 9.  | (a) in          | (b) on        | (c) of       | (d) by        |
| 10. | (a) partook     | (b) consumed  | (c) ate      | (d) searched  |
| 11. | (a) restriction | (b) limit     | (c) curtains | (d) toast     |
| 12. | (a) pre         | (b) post      | (c) anti     | (d) income    |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. A sreooppd tax on the Internet
2. Orban ndonucaen his government
3. after tniwisngse huge street protests
4. He also vnualeelyt took heed of warnings
5. in a radio tdaosbcar
6. consider it snuaraelneob

## Paragraph 2

7. he had not spprdeac the idea altogether
8. there would be uotcnslosnati
9. investigate the itpalneto
10. every ybetgiag of data someone consumed
11. Critics iodvce concerns
12. Citizens will continue to amapcing



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141103-internet-tax.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

( )	frozen the plans after witnessing huge street protests in the capital Budapest. He also eventually took
( )	be different in nature to the one just binned. That involved a 60-cent tax on every gigabyte
( )	of data someone consumed. Critics voiced concerns this would limit freedom of
( )	government was pushing full steam ahead to impose a tax on Internet
( )	the idea altogether. He said there would be consultations starting in January next year to investigate
( )	down in a radio broadcast on Friday, saying: "This tax in its current form cannot be
( )	the potential of generating tax revenue from the Internet. He said it would obviously have to
( )	heed of warnings from the European Union that the tax would be a mistake. Orban announced his climb-
( )	Hungary's U-turn on an Internet tax is not yet a victory for the people. Prime Minister Orban said he had not scrapped
( <b>1</b> )	A proposed tax on the Internet has been put on hold by Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban. Hungary's
( )	traffic. It faced huge opposition from the public and from businesses. Mr Orban announced his government had
( )	introduced. If the people not only dislike something but also consider it unreasonable, then it should not be done."
( )	free Internet. An anti-tax Facebook page already has over 250,000 Likes.
( )	expression and hurt online companies. Citizens will continue to campaign for a tax-

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141103-internet-tax.html>

1. hold on put been has Internet the on tax proposed A.

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2. full impose Pushing to ahead tax steam a

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3. faced It public the from opposition huge.

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4. warnings European He of the heed from Union took.

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5. in form introduced tax current be This its cannot.

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6. an Hungary's not on is victory tax a Internet U-turn yet.

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7. had altogether the not He idea scrapped.

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8. potential the Investigate revenue tax generating of.

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9. a 60 - cent tax on every gigabyte That involved.

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10. free - tax a for campaign to Continue Internet.

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141103-internet-tax.html>

A *proposed / proposal* tax on the Internet has been put *on / in* hold by Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban. Hungary's government was *pulling / pushing* full steam ahead to impose a tax on Internet traffic. It faced huge *opposition / opposing* from the public and from businesses. Mr Orban announced his government had *freezing / frozen* the plans after witnessing huge street protests in the capital Budapest. He also *eventually / eventual* took *heed / need* of warnings from the European Union that the tax would be a mistake. Orban announced his climb-down in a *radio / Internet* broadcast on Friday, saying: "This tax in its *current / currant* form cannot be introduced. If the people not only dislike something but also consider it unreasonable, then it should not be *done / doing*."

Hungary's U-turn on an Internet tax is not yet a *victorious / victory* for the people. Prime Minister Orban said he had not *scraped / scrapped* the idea altogether. He said there would be *consultants / consultations* starting in January next year to investigate the *potentially / potential* of generating tax revenue from the Internet. He said it would *obvious / obviously* have to be different in *nature / natural* to the one just binned. That involved a 60-cent tax on every gigabyte of data someone consumed. Critics *spoke / voiced* concerns this would limit freedom of *expression / expressive* and hurt online companies. Citizens will continue to *campaign / drive* for a tax-free Internet. An anti-tax Facebook page already has over 250,000 Likes.

**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)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141103-internet-tax.html>

\_ pr\_p\_s\_d t\_x \_n th\_ \_nt\_rn\_t h\_s b\_\_n p\_t \_n h\_ld  
by H\_ng\_r\_\_n Pr\_m\_ M\_n\_st\_r V\_kt\_r \_rb\_n. H\_ng\_ry's  
g\_v\_rnm\_nt w\_s p\_sh\_ng f\_ll st\_\_m \_h\_\_d t\_\_mp\_s\_\_  
t\_x \_n \_nt\_rn\_t tr\_ff\_c. \_t f\_c\_d h\_g\_ \_pp\_s\_t\_\_n fr\_m  
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h\_s g\_v\_rnm\_nt h\_d fr\_z\_n th\_ pl\_ns \_ft\_r w\_tn\_ss\_ng  
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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141103-internet-tax.html>

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hungary's u-turn on an internet tax is not yet a victory for the people prime minister orban said he had not scrapped the idea altogether he said there would be consultations starting in january next year to investigate the potential of generating tax revenue from the internet he said it would obviously have to be different in nature to the one just binned that involved a 60-cent tax on every gigabyte of data someone consumed critics voiced concerns this would limit freedom of expression and hurt online companies citizens will continue to campaign for a tax-free internet an anti-tax facebook page already has over 250000 likes

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# FREE WRITING

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Write about **Internet taxes** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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# ACADEMIC WRITING

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Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of a government putting a tax on Internet use.

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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 Internet taxes. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

**4. TAX:** Write a magazine article about tax. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

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 Internet expert. Ask him/her three questions about Internet taxes. Give him/her three of your ideas on how governments can raise revenue from the Internet. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. proposed     | a. planned      |
| 2. put on hold  | b. frozen       |
| 3. huge         | c. enormous     |
| 4. eventually   | d. finally      |
| 5. unreasonable | e. unacceptable |
| 6. victory      | f. success      |
| 7. scrapped     | g. abandoned    |
| 8. potential    | h. possibility  |
| 9. limit        | i. restrict     |
| 10. continue    | j. carry on     |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Hungary's Prime Minister (Viktor Orban)
2. The public and businesses
3. Protests
4. The European Union's
5. It cannot be introduced
6. Hungary's U-turn on tax
7. In January next year
8. 60 cents
9. Freedom of expression
10. 250,000

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. d    2. b    3. d    4. c    5. d    6. c    7. a    8. c    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 ;-)