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India to be a cashless society, says Prime Minister

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THE ARTICLE

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India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi has outlined his controversial plan to make India a cashless society. Indians are already up in arms following his recent and sudden decision to ban the old 500 and 1,000 rupee banknotes. They ceased to be legal tender in India from the 9th of November, although the old 500-rupee note was replaced by an updated version. The government claimed the move was an effort to stop the banknotes being used to fund terrorism, as well as being a crackdown on counterfeit money in India. The ban means 80 per cent of the country's currency has been withdrawn from circulation and business has been brought to a virtual standstill. It is very unpopular among most Indians.

Mr Modi went a step further on Sunday when he called for a cashless society. He said in a televised speech: "I want to tell my small merchant brothers and sisters, this is the chance for you to enter the digital world." He added: "Learn the different ways you can use your bank accounts and Internet banking. Learn how to effectively use the apps of various banks on your phones. Learn how to run your business without cash. Learn about card payments and other electronic modes of payment....A cashless economy is secure. It is clean." He addressed India's more tech-savvy people by declaring that: "All the youth of India can do it very quickly, and within a month, the world can see a modern India."

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WARM-UPS

1. A CASHLESS SOCIETY: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about a cashless society. 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?

controversial / cashless / society / banknote / legal / terrorism / counterfeit / currency
speech / merchant / the digital world / bank accounts / electronic / payment / youth

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

3. DIGITAL: Students A **strongly** believe digital money is better than cash; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. DIGITAL WORLD: What are the pros and cons of these? Are they better than the physical things? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Pros	Cons	Better than the physical thing?
Digital money			
MP3 music			
Digital photos			
Social media friends			
Internet birthday card			
e-Books			

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

6. BANKS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best things about banks at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- ATMs
- Saving accounts
- Credit cards
- Financial advice
- Bill payment
- Cheque book
- Loans
- Internet banking

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161129-cashless-society.html>

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

- a. India has already abandoned all forms of cash. **T / F**
- b. There are now no 500 rupee notes in circulation in India. **T / F**
- c. India's government said ending banknotes was an anti-terrorism measure. **T / F**
- d. The withdrawn banknotes represents 80% of India's currency. **T / F**
- e. Mr Modi said he wanted all small merchants to enter the digital world. **T / F**
- f. Mr Modi advised his brothers and sisters to stop using bank accounts. **T / F**
- g. Mr Modi said a cashless economy was clean and secure. **T / F**
- h. Mr Modi called on all the older people to make India modern. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. outlined | a. safe |
| 2. controversial | b. form |
| 3. up in arms | c. trader |
| 4. version | d. halt |
| 5. standstill | e. sketched out |
| 6. merchant | f. ways |
| 7. effectively | g. problematic |
| 8. modes | h. clever |
| 9. secure | i. successfully |
| 10. savvy | j. angry |

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

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. outlined his controversial | a. of payment |
| 2. Indians are already up | b. standstill |
| 3. a crackdown on counterfeit | c. business without cash |
| 4. currency has been withdrawn from | d. speech |
| 5. business has been brought to a virtual | e. plan |
| 6. He said in a televised | f. savvy people |
| 7. effectively use the | g. circulation |
| 8. run your | h. in arms |
| 9. other electronic modes | i. apps of various banks |
| 10. He addressed India's more tech- | j. money |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161129-cashless-society.html>

India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi has (1) _____ his controversial plan to make India a cashless society. Indians are already up in arms following his (2) _____ and sudden decision to ban the old 500 and 1,000 rupee banknotes. They ceased to be (3) _____ tender in India from the 9th of November, although the old 500-rupee note was replaced by an updated (4) _____. The government claimed the move was an effort to stop the banknotes being used to (5) _____ terrorism, as well as being a (6) _____ on counterfeit money in India. The ban means 80 per cent of the country's currency has been withdrawn from (7) _____ and business has been brought to a virtual (8) _____. It is very unpopular among most Indians.

fund
legal
circulation
outlined
version
standstill
recent
crackdown

Mr Modi went a step (9) _____ on Sunday when he called for a cashless society. He said in a televised (10) _____: "I want to tell my small (11) _____ brothers and sisters, this is the chance for you to (12) _____ the digital world." He added: "Learn the different ways you can use your bank accounts and Internet banking. Learn how to (13) _____ use the apps of various banks on your phones. Learn how to run your business without cash. Learn about card (14) _____ and other electronic modes of payment...A cashless economy is secure. It is clean." He addressed India's more tech-(15) _____ people by declaring that: "All the youth of India can do it very quickly, and (16) _____ a month, the world can see a modern India."

speech
effectively
further
within
enter
savvy
merchant
payments

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi has outlined his _____
 - a. controversially plan
 - b. controversy plan
 - c. controversies plan
 - d. controversial plan
- 2) Indians are already _____
 - a. up in ears
 - b. up in arms
 - c. up in eyes
 - d. up in organs
- 3) although the old 500-rupee note was replaced by _____
 - a. an update it version
 - b. an updated vision
 - c. an updated version
 - d. an update it vision
- 4) The ban means 80 per cent of the country's currency _____
 - a. has been withdrawing
 - b. has been withdrawn
 - c. has been without drawn
 - d. has been within drawn
- 5) withdrawn from circulation and business has been brought to _____
 - a. a virtual standstill
 - b. a virtually stands still
 - c. a virtual stood still
 - d. a virtually standstill
- 6) Mr Modi went a step further on Sunday when he _____ cashless society
 - a. called for a
 - b. cold for a
 - c. cooled for a
 - d. scald for a
- 7) brothers and sisters, this is the chance for you to enter _____
 - a. the digitalise world
 - b. the digitalis world
 - c. the digitals world
 - d. the digital world
- 8) Learn how to effectively use the apps of various banks _____
 - a. in your phones
 - b. at your phones
 - c. to your phones
 - d. on your phones
- 9) He addressed India's more tech-_____
 - a. saviour people
 - b. saving people
 - c. saved people
 - d. savvy people
- 10) All the youth of India can do it very quickly, and _____
 - a. with in a month
 - b. within a month
 - c. without a month
 - d. with out a month

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161129-cashless-society.html>

1. What kind of plan did the article say Narendra Modi outlined?
2. What phrase did the article use to say Indians are angry?
3. What Indian banknote was replaced with a newer version?
4. What is Mr Modi's plan designed to crack down on?
5. What percentage of India's currency was withdrawn from circulation?
6. Where did Mr Modi make a speech about the cashless society?
7. What did Mr Modi tell small merchants they could enter?
8. What did Mr Modi encourage people not to use in their businesses?
9. What did Mr Modi say a cashless economy was besides being secure?
10. Who did Mr Modi say could make India modern within a month?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161129-cashless-society.html>

- 1) What kind of plan did the article say Narendra Modi outlined?
 - a) a good one
 - b) a short one
 - c) a controversial one
 - d) a very popular one
- 2) What phrase did the article use to say Indians are angry?
 - a) up in arms
 - b) an arm and a leg
 - c) arm in arm
 - d) take up arms
- 3) What Indian banknote was replaced with a newer version?
 - a) the 1,000-rupee banknote
 - b) the 500-rupee banknote
 - c) the 50-rupee banknote
 - d) the 100-rupee banknote
- 4) What is Mr Modi's plan designed to crack down on?
 - a) arms
 - b) digital money
 - c) banks
 - d) counterfeit money
- 5) What percentage of India's currency was withdrawn from circulation?
 - a) 20%
 - b) 45%
 - c) 80%
 - d) 60%
- 6) Where did Mr Modi make a speech about the cashless society?
 - a) at a bank in Switzerland
 - b) on TV
 - c) at the IMF
 - d) in Brazil
- 7) What did Mr Modi tell small merchants they could enter?
 - a) the world of finance
 - b) any bank
 - c) the unknown
 - d) the digital world
- 8) What did Mr Modi encourage people not to use in their businesses?
 - a) arms
 - b) cash
 - c) ATMs
 - d) payments
- 9) What did Mr Modi say a cashless economy was besides being secure?
 - a) empty
 - b) clean
 - c) rich
 - d) expensive
- 10) Who did Mr Modi say could make India modern within a month?
 - a) the youth
 - b) his party
 - c) the wealthy
 - d) bankers

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – ATMs

You think ATMs are the best thing about banks. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): savings accounts, loans or Internet banking.

Role B – Savings Accounts

You think savings accounts are the best thing about banks. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): ATMs, loans or Internet banking.

Role C – Loans

You think loans are the best thing about banks. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): savings accounts, ATMs or Internet banking.

Role D – Internet Banking

You think Internet banking are the best thing about banks. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): savings accounts, loans or ATMs.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161129-cashless-society.html>

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

digital	world
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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">• plan• recent• 9• stop• 80• most	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• step• chance• apps• run• clean• modern
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A CASHLESS SOCIETY SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about a cashless society 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.

A CASHLESS SOCIETY 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 'cash'?
3. What do you think about what you read?
4. What do you think about a cashless society?
5. What are the pros and cons of cash?
6. What do you know about the history of cash?
7. When was the last time you were up in arms over money?
8. What is your favourite banknote and why?
9. How would a cashless society deter funding of terrorism?
10. What do you think of your country's banknotes?

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A CASHLESS SOCIETY DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. Do you think merchants would prefer a cashless society?
13. Which is better, cash or credit card?
14. What are the pros and cons of having only digital money?
15. What do you think of the digital world?
16. How could you use banking services more effectively?
17. How tech-savvy are you?
18. Why is a cashless economy secure?
19. How would a cashless society make India more modern?
20. What questions would you like to ask Narendra Modi?

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) readily | (b) ready | (c) already | (d) reading |
| 2. | (a) arms | (b) legs | (c) heads | (d) hands |
| 3. | (a) ceased | (b) ceasing | (c) ceases | (d) ceasing |
| 4. | (a) by | (b) of | (c) as | (d) at |
| 5. | (a) in | (b) on | (c) to | (d) as |
| 6. | (a) virtue | (b) virile | (c) viral | (d) virtual |
| 7. | (a) skip | (b) hop | (c) step | (d) jump |
| 8. | (a) of | (b) on | (c) by | (d) for |
| 9. | (a) various | (b) varies | (c) variety | (d) vicarious |
| 10. | (a) run | (b) walk | (c) jog | (d) sprint |
| 11. | (a) saved | (b) savvy | (c) saviour | (d) saves |
| 12. | (a) modernises | (b) modernity | (c) modern | (d) modernise |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. outlined his toecsrovniral plan
2. They acdsee to be legal tender
3. replaced by an updated eosinvr
4. a crackdown on terutofneci money
5. currency has been withdrawn from olrtnuaciic
6. brought to a iurltav standstill

Paragraph 2

7. in a eeltievds speech
8. my small tcahnmre brothers and sisters
9. how to feceiftlvye use the apps
10. uisoary banks
11. other ecctleionr modes of payment
12. more tech-avsyv people

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () to stop the banknotes being used to fund terrorism, as well as being a crackdown on counterfeit
- () Mr Modi went a step further on Sunday when he called for a cashless society. He said in a televised
- () world." He added: "Learn the different ways you can use your bank accounts and Internet banking. Learn
- () without cash. Learn about card payments and other electronic modes of
- () a cashless society. Indians are already up in arms following his recent and sudden decision to ban the old
- () declaring that: "All the youth of India can do it very quickly, and within a month, the world can see a modern India."
- () speech: "I want to tell my small merchant brothers and sisters, this is the chance for you to enter the digital
- () how to effectively use the apps of various banks on your phones. Learn how to run your business
- () money in India. The ban means 80 per cent of the country's currency has been withdrawn from
- () payment....A cashless economy is secure. It is clean." He addressed India's more tech-savvy people by
- (**1**) India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi has outlined his controversial plan to make India
- () although the old 500-rupee note was replaced by an updated version. The government claimed the move was an effort
- () circulation and business has been brought to a virtual standstill. It is very unpopular among most Indians.
- () 500 and 1,000 rupee banknotes. They ceased to be legal tender in India from the 9th of November,

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161129-cashless-society.html>

1. plan cashless to society make His India controversial a .
2. up already are Indians arms in .
3. effort to stop the banknotes being used to fund terrorism An .
4. currency country's The circulation from withdrawn been has .
5. brought been has Business standstill virtual a to .
6. for you to enter the digital world This is the chance .
7. your ways bank you accounts can The use different .
8. your run to how Learn cash without business .
9. tech more India's addressed He people savvy - .
10. a month , the world can see a modern India Within .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1611/161129-cashless-society.html>

India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi has *outlined / lined* his controversial plan to make India a cashless society. Indians are already up in *legs / arms* following his recent and *sudden / suddenly* decision to ban the old 500 and 1,000 rupee banknotes. They *ceased / seized* to be legal *tinder / tender* in India from the 9th of November, although the old 500-rupee note was replaced by an *updated / updating* version. The government claimed the move was an effort to stop the banknotes being used to *fund / frond* terrorism, as well as being a *meltdown / crackdown* on counterfeit money in India. The ban means 80 per cent of the country's currency has been withdrawn from *circulation / circular* and business has been brought to a *virtual / virtually* standstill. It is very unpopular among most Indians.

Mr Modi went a *stair / step* further on Sunday when he called for a cashless society. He said in a televised speech: "I want to tell my small *machine / merchant* brothers and sisters, this is the chance for you to *entry / enter* the digital world." He added: "Learn the *different / difference* ways you can use your bank accounts and Internet banking. Learn how to *effectively / effective* use the apps of various banks on your phones. Learn how to *ruin / run* your business without cash. Learn about card payments and other electronic *nodes / modes* of payment....A cashless economy is *secure / securely*. It is clean." He addressed India's more tech-savvy people by declaring *what / that*: "All the youth of India can do it very quickly, and *without / within* a month, the world can see a modern India."

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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__nd__'s Pr__m__ M__n__st__r N__r__ndr__ M__d__ h__s __tl__n__d
h__s c__ntr__v__rs__l__ pl__n__t__ m__k__ __nd__ __ c__shl__ss
s__c__ty. __nd__ns __r__ __lr__dy __p__n__rms f__ll__w__ng
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Mr M__d__w__nt __st__p__f__rth__r __n S__nd__y wh__n h__c__ll__d
f__r __c__shl__ss s__c__ty. H__s__d__n__t__l__v__s__d__sp__ch:
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th__s __s th__ ch__nc__f__ry __t__ __nt__r th__ d__g__t__l__w__rld."
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b__nk __cc__nts __nd __nt__rn__t__b__nk__ng. L__rn h__w__t__
__ff__ct__v__ly __s__ th__ __pps __f v__r__s b__nks __n y__r
ph__n__s. L__rn h__w__t__r__n y__r b__s__n__ss w__th__t__c__sh.
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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. CASH: Make a poster about cash. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. A CASHLESS SOCIETY: Write a magazine article about a cashless society. 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 expert on a cashless society. Ask him/her three questions about this. Give him/her three of your ideas on whether a cash-based or cashless society is best. 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 F c T d T e T f F g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. outlined | a. sketched out |
| 2. controversial | b. problematic |
| 3. up in arms | c. angry |
| 4. version | d. form |
| 5. standstill | e. halt |
| 6. merchant | f. trader |
| 7. effectively | g. successfully |
| 8. modes | h. ways |
| 9. secure | i. safe |
| 10. savvy | j. clever |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. A controversial one
2. Up in arms
3. The 500-rupee banknote
4. Counterfeit money (and terrorism)
5. 80%
6. On TV
7. The digital world
8. Cash
9. Clean
10. India's youth

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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 ;-)