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Women hold most government positions in Spain

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180609-women-in-power.html>

Women are on the rise in Spanish politics. Spain's newly-formed government consists of eleven women and six men. The newly-elected socialist Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez has put women in some of the biggest positions in his cabinet, including head of defence, economy, education and finance. Spain now has the highest proportion of women in top government positions than anywhere else in Europe. In a televised statement, Mr Sanchez said his new government consisted of people who wanted to move Spain forward. He said: "All are highly qualified and bring a vocation for public service and reflect the best of Spain. [They are]...open to the world but anchored in the European Union."

Mr Sanchez seems an unlikely leader. His Socialist party holds just 84 of the 350 seats in Spain's parliament. He took office on Friday, replacing the unpopular conservative leader Mariano Rajoy. Ex-prime minister Rajoy was the focus of a corruption scandal and had become unpopular because of his austerity measures. Sanchez promised to bring change to Spain. However, he has to work quickly to turn Spain's economy around. He has promised to call elections in less than two years, which may not be enough time to amend the outgoing government's budget for 2018. One of his biggest challenges will be rebuilding relations with the northeastern region of Catalonia.

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WARM-UPS

1. WOMEN IN POWER: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about women in power. 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?

politics / government / socialist / cabinet / education / statement / public service / leader / parliament / unpopular / conservative / corruption / scandal / challenges

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

3. 50:50: Students A **strongly** believe all government should consist of an equal split between men and women; Students B **strongly** believe this is silly. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. CABINET: What would you do if you help these posts in your country's government? Complete this table. Change partners often and share what you wrote with your partner(s).

	Problems now	What you would do
Health		
Defence		
Economy		
Education		
Finance		
Foreign Affairs		

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

6. MINISTERS: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Defence
- Economy
- Culture
- Health
- Foreign Affairs
- Transport
- Sport
- Education

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1. consists | a. Chosen to hold public office or some other position by people voting. |
| 2. elected | b. A part, share, or number considered in comparative relation to a whole. |
| 3. cabinet | c. Is made up of. |
| 4. proportion | d. A strong feeling of suitability for a particular career or job. |
| 5. statement | e. A definite or clear expression of something in speech or writing. |
| 6. vocation | f. Heavily attached to something. |
| 7. anchored | g. A committee of the senior ministers responsible for controlling government policy. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 8. parliament | h. An estimate of income and expenditure for a set period of time. |
| 9. corruption | i. A plan or course of action taken to achieve a particular purpose. |
| 10. austerity | j. Make minor changes in (a text) in order to make it fairer, more accurate, or more up-to-date. |
| 11. measures | k. The highest committee in a country. It makes all the decisions for running the country. |
| 12. amend | l. Dishonest or fraudulent conduct by those in power, usually involving taking money illegally. |
| 13. outgoing | m. Leaving an office or position, especially after an election defeat or completed term of office. |
| 14. budget | n. Difficult economic conditions created by government measures to reduce a budget deficit, especially by reducing public expenditure. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180609-women-in-power.html>

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

- a. There are twice as many women as men in Spain's new government. **T / F**
- b. The women in Spain's government are in more junior roles. **T / F**
- c. No EU country has a higher ratio of women in top government roles. **T / F**
- d. Spain's leader said his government wants a vacation for public service. **T / F**
- e. Spain's leader's party holds less than 50% of seats in parliament. **T / F**
- f. Spain's previous leader is caught up in a corruption scandal. **T / F**
- g. Spain's new leader said the next election would be in 2022. **T / F**
- h. Spain's new leader may have insufficient time to change the budget. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. rise | a. vowed |
| 2. formed | b. ratio |
| 3. positions | c. improbable |
| 4. proportion | d. created |
| 5. reflect | e. revise |
| 6. unlikely | f. show |
| 7. corruption | g. up-and-up |
| 8. promised | h. district |
| 9. amend | i. dishonesty |
| 10. region | j. posts |

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

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Women are on the | a. budget |
| 2. Spain's newly- | b. of women |
| 3. the highest proportion | c. qualified |
| 4. In a televised | d. office on Friday |
| 5. All are highly | e. leader |
| 6. Sanchez seems an unlikely | f. elections |
| 7. He took | g. rise in Spanish politics |
| 8. the focus of a corruption | h. statement |
| 9. He has promised to call | i. scandal |
| 10. amend the outgoing government's | j. formed government |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180609-women-in-power.html>

Women are on the (1) _____ in Spanish politics. Spain's newly-formed government (2) _____ of eleven women and six men. The newly-elected socialist Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez has put women in some of the biggest positions in his (3) _____, including head of defence, economy, education and finance. Spain now has the highest (4) _____ of women in top government positions than anywhere else in Europe. In a (5) _____ statement, Mr Sanchez said his new government consisted of people who wanted to move Spain forward. He said: "All are highly (6) _____ and bring a vocation for public service and (7) _____ the best of Spain. [They are]...open to the world but (8) _____ in the European Union."

consists
qualified
proportion
anchored
rise
cabinet
reflect
televised

Mr Sanchez seems an (9) _____ leader. His Socialist party holds just 84 of the 350 seats in Spain's parliament. He took (10) _____ on Friday, replacing the unpopular conservative leader Mariano Rajoy. Ex-prime minister Rajoy was the (11) _____ of a corruption scandal and had become unpopular because of his (12) _____ measures. Sanchez promised to bring change to Spain. However, he has to work quickly to turn Spain's economy around. He has (13) _____ to call elections in less than two years, which may not be enough time to (14) _____ the outgoing government's budget for 2018. One of his biggest (15) _____ will be rebuilding relations with the northeastern (16) _____ of Catalonia.

focus
amend
austerity
region
unlikely
challenges
office
promised

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180609-women-in-power.html>

- 1) Women are on the rise in Spanish politics. Spain's newly-formed _____ eleven women
 - a. government consists of
 - b. government constitutes of
 - c. government consistency of
 - d. government consist of
- 2) Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez has put women in some of the biggest positions _____
 - a. on his cabinet
 - b. in his cabinet
 - c. in this cabinet
 - d. in his cabaret
- 3) Mr Sanchez said his new government consisted of people who wanted to _____
 - a. advance Spain forwarded
 - b. push Spain forwarding
 - c. move Spain forward
 - d. shove Spain forward
- 4) He said: "All are highly qualified and bring a vocation _____"
 - a. from public service"
 - b. for public service"
 - c. of public service"
 - d. far public service"
- 5) reflect the best of Spain. They are open to the world but _____ European Union
 - a. anchored on the
 - b. anchored in the
 - c. anchored at the
 - d. anchored of the
- 6) His Socialist party holds just 84 of the 350 seats in _____
 - a. Spain's parliamentary
 - b. Spain's parliamentarian
 - c. Spain's parliamentarians
 - d. Spain's parliament
- 7) Ex-prime minister Rajoy was the focus of a _____
 - a. corrosion scandal
 - b. corruption scandal
 - c. contraption scandal
 - d. corrupting scandal
- 8) and had become unpopular because of his _____
 - a. austerity measured
 - b. austerity measurements
 - c. austerity measuring
 - d. austerity measures
- 9) However, he has to work quickly to turn Spain's _____
 - a. economy abound
 - b. economy around
 - c. economy aground
 - d. economy astound
- 10) One of his biggest challenges will be _____
 - a. rebuild in relations
 - b. rebuilding relation
 - c. rebuilding relations
 - d. rebuild in relation

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180609-women-in-power.html>

1. How many women were appointed to top government posts in Spain?
2. Which European country has the highest ratio of women in top posts?
3. What medium did Pedro Sanchez use to make his statement?
4. What did Pedro Sanchez say his government brings to public service?
5. What did Pedro Sanchez say his government was anchored in?
6. How many parliamentary seats does Pedro Sanchez's party hold?
7. What kind of scandal is Spain's ex-prime minister involved in?
8. What did Pedro Sanchez promise to bring to Spain?
9. When did Pedro Sanchez say he would call the next elections?
10. What does Pedro Sanchez have to build relations with?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180609-women-in-power.html>

- 1) How many women were appointed to top government posts in Spain?
 - a) 5
 - b) 11
 - c) 13
 - d) 8
- 2) Which European country has the highest ratio of women in top posts?
 - a) Holland
 - b) Finland
 - c) France
 - d) Spain
- 3) What medium did Pedro Sanchez use to make his statement?
 - a) television
 - b) radio
 - c) Internet
 - d) newspapers
- 4) What did Pedro Sanchez say his government brings to public service?
 - a) a vacuum
 - b) a vacation
 - c) a vocation
 - d) a vacancy
- 5) What did Pedro Sanchez say his government was anchored in?
 - a) the mire
 - b) the European Union
 - c) mud
 - d) the sea
- 6) How many parliamentary seats does Pedro Sanchez's party hold?
 - a) 82
 - b) 83
 - c) 84
 - d) 85
- 7) What kind of scandal is Spain's ex-prime minister involved in?
 - a) a raunchy scandal
 - b) a secret scandal
 - c) a shares scandal
 - d) a corruption scandal
- 8) What did Pedro Sanchez promise to bring to Spain?
 - a) change
 - b) dollars
 - c) people
 - d) hope
- 9) When did Pedro Sanchez say he would call the next elections?
 - a) within two years
 - b) next years
 - c) after four years
 - d) he will decide
- 10) What does Pedro Sanchez have to build relations with?
 - a) the UK
 - b) Catalonia
 - c) the USA
 - d) the EU

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Defence

You think defence is the most important area of government. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their areas aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): economy, health or education.

Role B – Economy

You think economy is the most important area of government. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their areas aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): defence, health or education.

Role C – Health

You think health is the most important area of government. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their areas aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): economy, defence or education.

Role D – Education

You think education is the most important area of government. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their areas aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): economy, health or defence.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180609-women-in-power.html>

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

women	power
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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">• rise• elected• head• else• move• open	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• seems• 350• focus• bring• call• region
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WOMEN IN POWER SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about women in power 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.

LEADERS 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 'politics'?
3. What do you think of the politics in your country?
4. Are there many women politicians in your country?
5. Should all governments be a healthy mix of men and women?
6. How do men and women lead differently?
7. Who is the greatest male leader of all time?
8. How would you like to move your country forward?
9. Would you be good working for the public service?
10. What kind of global view do you have?

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LEADERS 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 'government'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Would you be a good politician?
15. What do you think of corruption scandals
16. What do you think of austerity measures?
17. Who is the greatest female leader ever?
18. What advice do you have for Spain's prime minister?
19. What are the biggest challenges your government has?
20. What questions would you like to ask Spain's prime minister?

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) arise | (b) raise | (c) rise | (d) rising |
| 2. | (a) cabinet | (b) closet | (c) chest | (d) drawers |
| 3. | (a) proportion | (b) proponent | (c) portion | (d) potion |
| 4. | (a) else | (b) there | (c) where | (d) more |
| 5. | (a) vocal | (b) vocation | (c) vacuum | (d) vacation |
| 6. | (a) reframe | (b) refer | (c) reform | (d) reflect |
| 7. | (a) likeable | (b) eulogy | (c) unlikely | (d) allegory |
| 8. | (a) gave | (b) did | (c) been | (d) took |
| 9. | (a) austerity | (b) posterity | (c) rarity | (d) clarity |
| 10. | (a) call | (b) voice | (c) speak | (d) shout |
| 11. | (a) amen | (b) amend | (c) ament | (d) amenable |
| 12. | (a) to | (b) as | (c) of | (d) via |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. on the rise in Spanish soliipect
2. The newly-elected isciltsao Prime Minister
3. education and nfciean
4. All are highly qefldiiu
5. a acvnoito for public service
6. rteefcl the best of Spain

Paragraph 2

7. Spain's lamarinte
8. the focus of a rtrcuopion scandal
9. because of his tteuayrsi measures
10. He has promised to call linscoete
11. the outgoing government's begdtu
12. rebuilding selairont

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180609-women-in-power.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () statement, Mr Sanchez said his new government consisted of people who wanted to move Spain
- () be rebuilding relations with the northeastern region of Catalonia.
- () time to amend the outgoing government's budget for 2018. One of his biggest challenges will
- () promised to call elections in less than two years, which may not be enough
- () Mr Sanchez seems an unlikely leader. His Socialist party holds just 84 of the 350 seats in Spain's
- () parliament. He took office on Friday, replacing the unpopular conservative leader Mariano Rajoy. Ex-prime minister Rajoy was the
- () of women in top government positions than anywhere else in Europe. In a televised
- () forward. He said: "All are highly qualified and bring a vocation for public service and reflect
- (**1**) Women are on the rise in Spanish politics. Spain's newly-formed government consists of eleven women
- () in his cabinet, including head of defence, economy, education and finance. Spain now has the highest proportion
- () the best of Spain. [They are]...open to the world but anchored in the European Union."
- () change to Spain. However, he has to work quickly to turn Spain's economy around. He has
- () and six men. The newly-elected socialist Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez has put women in some of the biggest positions
- () focus of a corruption scandal and had become unpopular because of his austerity measures. Sanchez promised to bring

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180609-women-in-power.html>

1. rise politics . Spanish are in Women the on
2. in biggest Put women some the positions . of
3. of now highest has the women . Spain proportion
4. move who wanted People forward . to Spain
5. anchored the EU . world Open in to but the
6. party the 350 His just holds seats . of 84
7. his because become of austerity measures . unpopular He
8. quickly Spain's Work to economy turn around .
9. elections years . in two Call than less
10. challenges be One of will biggest rebuilding . his

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180609-women-in-power.html>

Women are on the *raise / rise* in Spanish politics. Spain's newly-formed government *consists / contrasts* of eleven women and six men. The newly-elected socialist Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez has put women *in / on* some of the biggest positions in his cabinet, including head *off / of* defence, economy, education and finance. Spain now has the highest *proposition / proportion* of women in top government positions than anywhere *or / else* in Europe. *In / On* a televised statement, Mr Sanchez said his new government consisted of people who wanted to move Spain *forwarding / forward*. He said: "All are highly qualified and bring a *vocation / vacation* for public service and reflect the best of Spain. [They are]...open to the world but *anchored / rankled* in the European Union."

Mr Sanchez seems an *unlikely / likely* leader. His Socialist party holds just 84 *of / off* the 350 seats in Spain's parliament. He *gave / took* office on Friday, replacing the unpopular conservative leader Mariano Rajoy. Ex-prime minister Rajoy was the *fracas / focus* of a corruption scandal and had become unpopular because of his austerity *measured / measures*. Sanchez promised to bring *change / charge* to Spain. However, he has to work quickly to *turn / revolve* Spain's economy around. He has promised to *call / voice* elections in less than two years, which may not be enough time to *attend / amend* the outgoing government's budget for 2018. One of his biggest challenges will *been / be* rebuilding relations with the northeastern region of Catalonia.

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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W_m_n _r_ _n t h_ r_s_ _n S p_n_s h p_l_t_c_s . S
p__ n 's n_w_l_y - f_r_m_d g_v_r_n m_n_t c_n_s_s_t_s _f
_l_v_n w_m_n _n_d s_x m_n . T h_ n_w_l_y -l_c_t_d
s_c__ l_s_t P_r_m_ M_n_s_t_r P_d_r_ S_n_c_h_z h_s
p_t w_m_n _n s_m_ _f t h_ b_g_g_s_t p_s_t__ n_s _n
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t p_s_t__ n_s t h_n _n_y w_h_r_ _l_s_ _n E_r_p_ . I n
_ t_l_v_s_d s_t_t_m_n_t , M_r S_n_c_h_z s__ d h_s
n_w g_v_r_n m_n_t c_n_s_s_t_d _f p__ p_l_ w_h_ w_n
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r h_g_h_l_y q__ l_f__ d _n_d b_r_n_g _ v_c_t__ n
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p__ n . [T h_y _r_] . . . p_n t_ t h_ w_r_l_d b_t _n_c
h_r_d _n t h_ E_r_p__ n U n__ n . "

M_r S_n_c_h_z s__ m_s _n _n_l_k_l_y l__ d_r . H_s
S_c__ l_s_t p_r_t_y h_l_d_s j_s_t 84 _f t h_ 350
s__ t_s _n S p__ n 's p_r_l__ m_n_t . H_ t__ k _f_f_c_
_n F_r_d_y , r_p_l_c_n_g t h_ _n_p_p_l_r c_n_s_r
v_t_v_ l__ d_r M_r__ n_ R_j_y . E_x - p_r_m_ m_n_s_t_r
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180609-women-in-power.html>

women are on the rise in spanish politics spains newly formed government consists of eleven women and six men the newly elected socialist prime minister pedro sanchez has put women in some of the biggest positions in his cabinet including head of defence economy education and finance spain now has the highest proportion of women in top government positions than anywhere else in europe in a televised statement mr sanchez said his new government consisted of people who wanted to move spain forward he said all are highly qualified and bring a vocation for public service and reflect the best of spain they are open to the world but anchored in the european union mr sanchez seems an unlikely leader his socialist party holds just 84 of the 350 seats in spains parliament he took office on friday replacing the unpopular conservative leader mariano rajoy ex prime minister rajoy was the focus of a corruption scandal and had become unpopular because of his austerity measures sanchez promised to bring change to spain however he has to work quickly to turn spains economy around he has promised to call elections in less than two years which may not be enough time to amend the outgoing governments budget for 2018 one of his biggest challenges will be rebuilding relations with the northeastern region of catalonia.

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. WOMEN IN POWER: Make a poster about women in power. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. 50:50 Write a magazine article about all governments and company boards being half men, half women. 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 women in power. Ask him/her three questions about this. Give him/her three of your opinions on why women are better leaders. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. rise | a. up-and-up |
| 2. formed | b. created |
| 3. positions | c. posts |
| 4. proportion | d. ratio |
| 5. reflect | e. show |
| 6. unlikely | f. improbable |
| 7. corruption | g. dishonesty |
| 8. promised | h. vowed |
| 9. amend | i. revise |
| 10. region | j. district |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Eleven
2. Spain
3. Television
4. A vocation
5. The European Union
6. 84
7. A corruption scandal
8. Change
9. In 2018
10. Catalonia

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Women are on the rise in Spanish politics.
2. Put women in some of the biggest positions.
3. Spain now has the highest proportion of women.
4. People who wanted to move Spain forward.
5. Open to the world but anchored in the EU.
6. His party holds just 84 of the 350 seats.
7. He become unpopular because of his austerity measures.
8. Work quickly to turn Spain's economy around.
9. Call elections in less than two years.
10. One of his biggest challenges will be rebuilding.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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