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Finland's government resigns

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THE ARTICLE

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Finland's entire government has resigned. It wanted to pass some laws on social welfare and healthcare reform. Its goals were an important part of its plans for Finland. However, politicians in the government voted against the plans. Finland's Prime Minister Juha Sipila said he was "hugely disappointed". He said he and his colleagues would stay on as a "caretaker" government until elections in April. Mr Sipila wanted to change Finland's health and welfare system. He said it must change because Finland's population is aging. It is under a lot of financial pressure. The government hoped its planned reforms would save up to \$3.4 billion over the next decade.

Many politicians in Finland believe the government is making a big mistake by resigning. They think it would have been better for the government to stay in power until next month's elections. Prime Minister Sipila said resigning was the right thing to do because it did not get support for its plans. He told reporters: "The conclusion I've drawn is that my government has no choice but to hand in its letter of resignation. I'll shoulder my responsibility." One of Mr Sipila's colleagues agreed that it was right for the government to resign. Antti Kaikkonen, a senior member of the Centre Party, said: "If anyone asks what political responsibility means, then I would say that this resignation is an example".

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WARM-UPS

1. FINLAND: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Finland. 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?

government / resigned / politicians / reforms / disappointed / financial / pressure / mistake / power / elections / support / choice / colleagues / senior / responsibility

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

3. GOVERNMENT: Students A **strongly** believe your government is the best in the world; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. LAWS: What laws would you pass for these things, and why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What?	Why?
Copyright		
Internet		
Business		
Driving		
Marriage		
Gambling		

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

6. RESPONSIBILITY: Rank these with your partner. Put the people with the biggest responsibilities at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- a parent
- a soldier
- a company CEO
- a doctor
- a teacher
- a pilot
- a student
- a president

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. entire | a. The stressful feeling of having to do something with little time. |
| 2. resigned | b. Make changes in something (e.g. a social, political, or economic institution or practice) in order to make it better. |
| 3. welfare | c. With no part left out; whole; all. |
| 4. reform | d. All the people of a particular town, area, or country. |
| 5. disappointed | e. Sad or displeased because someone or something has not done what you wanted or hoped. |
| 6. population | f. A period of ten years. |
| 7. decade | g. Financial support given to people in need. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8. resigning | h. The state or fact of being accountable or to blame for something. |
| 9. election | i. Take on a responsibility. |
| 10. conclusion | j. A person with whom one works in a profession or business. |
| 11. shoulder | k. Leaving a job or other position. |
| 12. colleague | l. A formal and organized process of choosing a new leader. |
| 13. senior | m. Holding a higher and more powerful position. |
| 14. responsibility | n. A judgment or decision reached by thinking carefully. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190310-finland.html>

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

- a. Everyone in Finland's government has retired. **T / F**
- b. Finland's Prime Minister was happy that his government resigned. **T / F**
- c. The population of Finland is getting younger and younger. **T / F**
- d. The government hoped to save up to \$3.4 billion next year. **T / F**
- e. Many politicians in Finland think the government resignation is a mistake. **T / F**
- f. Politicians think the government should have stayed in power until April. **T / F**
- g. The Prime Minister said he had a responsibility to his shoulder and elbow. **T / F**
- h. A politician said the resignation was an example of political responsibility. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. entire | a. arrived at |
| 2. goals | b. continue |
| 3. hugely | c. error |
| 4. stay on | d. aims |
| 5. next | e. high-ranking |
| 6. mistake | f. upcoming |
| 7. right | g. whole |
| 8. drawn | h. co-workers |
| 9. colleagues | i. correct |
| 10. senior | j. greatly |

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

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. It wanted to pass some | a. in power |
| 2. stay on as a "caretaker" | b. over the next decade |
| 3. Finland's health and | c. big mistake |
| 4. It is under a lot of | d. laws on social welfare |
| 5. save up to \$3.4 billion | e. responsibility |
| 6. the government is making a | f. welfare system |
| 7. better for the government to stay | g. of resignation |
| 8. resigning was the right | h. financial pressure |
| 9. hand in its letter | i. thing to do |
| 10. political | j. government |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190310-finland.html>

Finland's (1) _____ government has resigned. It wanted to pass some laws on social (2) _____ and healthcare reform. Its goals were an important (3) _____ of its plans for Finland. However, politicians in the government voted against the plans. Finland's Prime Minister Juha Sipila said he was "(4) _____ disappointed". He said he and his colleagues would stay on as a "caretaker" government until (5) _____ in April. Mr Sipila wanted to change Finland's health and welfare system. He said it must change because Finland's population is (6) _____. It is under a lot of financial (7) _____. The government hoped its planned reforms would save up to \$3.4 billion over the next (8) _____.

aging
welfare
part
decade
elections
pressure
entire
hugely

Many politicians in Finland believe the government is making a big (9) _____ by resigning. They think it would have been better for the government to stay in power until next month's (10) _____. Prime Minister Sipila said resigning was the right (11) _____ to do because it did not get support for its plans. He told reporters: "The conclusion I've drawn is that my government has no (12) _____ but to hand in its letter of resignation. I'll shoulder my responsibility." One of Mr Sipila's (13) _____ agreed that it was right for the government to resign. Antti Kaikkonen, a (14) _____ member of the Centre Party, said: "If anyone asks what (15) _____ responsibility means, then I would say that this resignation is an (16) _____".

senior
elections
choice
example
mistake
political
colleagues
thing

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190310-finland.html>

- 1) It wanted to pass some laws on social welfare and _____
 - a. healthy care riff form
 - b. health car reform
 - c. healthcare riff form
 - d. healthcare reform
- 2) his colleagues would stay on as a "caretaker" government until _____
 - a. election sin April
 - b. elections in April
 - c. elects sins in April
 - d. elect sins in April
- 3) He said it must change because Finland's population _____
 - a. is age in
 - b. is aging
 - c. is a gin
 - d. is adage
- 4) It is under a lot of _____
 - a. financial pressure
 - b. financially pressure
 - c. financial pressured
 - d. financially pressures
- 5) reforms would save up to \$3.4 billion over _____
 - a. the next decade
 - b. a next deck aid
 - c. the next deck id
 - d. a next decadent
- 6) Many politicians in Finland believe the government is making _____
 - a. a big mistaken
 - b. a big mistook
 - c. a big miss take
 - d. a big mistake
- 7) They think it would have been better for the government to _____
 - a. staying power
 - b. staying in power
 - c. stay in power
 - d. stay empower
- 8) resigning was the right thing to do because it did _____
 - a. now get support
 - b. not get support
 - c. not got support
 - d. not get supports
- 9) no choice but to hand in its letter of resignation. I'll shoulder _____
 - a. my response ability
 - b. my wisp once ability
 - c. my responsible tee
 - d. my responsibility
- 10) then I would say that this resignation _____
 - a. is an eggs ample
 - b. is an exemplar
 - c. is an example
 - d. is an egg sample

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190310-finland.html>

1. How much of Finland's government has resigned?
2. How did Finland's Prime Minister feel?
3. What is happening to Finland's population?
4. What kind of pressure is the government under?
5. How much did the government hope to save over the next decade?
6. What do many politicians think the government is making?
7. What kind of choice did the Prime Minister say his government had?
8. What did the Prime Minister say he would shoulder?
9. What party does Antti Kaikkonen belong to?
10. What did a senior politician say the resignation was an example of?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190310-finland.html>

- 1) How much of Finland's government has resigned?
 - a) 99% of it
 - b) 90% of it
 - c) all of it
 - d) half of it
- 2) How did Finland's Prime Minister feel?
 - a) deeply disappointed
 - b) happy
 - c) hopeful
 - d) excited
- 3) What is happening to Finland's population?
 - a) it is aging
 - b) it is growing
 - c) it is shrinking
 - d) it is becoming better educated
- 4) What kind of pressure is the population under?
 - a) high pressure
 - b) financial pressure
 - c) political pressure
 - d) social pressure
- 5) How much did the government hope to save over the next decade?
 - a) \$43 billion
 - b) \$4.3 billion
 - c) \$34 billion
 - d) \$3.4 billion
- 6) What do many politicians think the government is making?
 - a) an important decision
 - b) a big mistake
 - c) a mess
 - d) a positive change
- 7) What kind of choice did the Prime Minister say his government had?
 - a) no choice
 - b) a difficult choice
 - c) an important choice
 - d) an easy choice
- 8) What did the Prime Minister say he would shoulder?
 - a) weight
 - b) the cost
 - c) responsibility
 - d) the burden
- 9) What party does Antti Kaikkonen belong to?
 - a) the Freedom Party
 - b) the Left Party
 - c) the Communist Party
 - d) the Centre Party
- 10) What did a senior politician say the resignation was an example of?
 - a) political responsibility
 - b) bad politics
 - c) confusion
 - d) cowardice

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – A Parent

You think a parent has the biggest responsibility. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their people don't have so much responsibility. Also, tell the others which of these has the least responsibility (and why): a company CEO, a teacher or a president.

Role B – A Company CEO

You think a company CEO has the biggest responsibility. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their people don't have so much responsibility. Also, tell the others which of these has the least responsibility (and why): a parent, a teacher or a president.

Role C – A Teacher

You think a teacher has the biggest responsibility. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their people don't have so much responsibility. Also, tell the others which of these has the least responsibility (and why): a company CEO, a parent or a president.

Role D – A President

You think a president has the biggest responsibility. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their people don't have so much responsibility. Also, tell the others which of these has the least responsibility (and why): a company CEO, a teacher or a parent.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190310-finland.html>

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

government	resign
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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">• entire• goals• plans• stay• change• save	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• big• power• support• hand• senior• say
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FINLAND SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Finland 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.

FINLAND 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 'Finland'?
3. What is your country's welfare system like?
4. What is your country's healthcare system like?
5. Would you like to live in Finland?
6. When was the last time you were hugely disappointed?
7. What problems does an aging population cause?
8. When have you been under financial pressure?
9. What advice do you have for Finland's prime minister?
10. Why do people become politicians?

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FINLAND 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. What do you know about Finland?
15. Do you think it is a big mistake for a government to resign?
16. What do you think of your country's government?
17. Would you be a good politician?
18. What would you do as leader of your country?
19. What responsibility do you shoulder?
20. What questions would you like to ask Finland'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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Many politicians in Finland believe the government is (7) _____ a big mistake by resigning. They think it would have been better for the government to stay in power until next (8) _____ elections. Prime Minister Sipila said resigning was the right thing to do because it did not get support (9) _____ its plans. He told reporters: "The conclusion I've drawn is that my government has no choice but to hand in its letter of resignation. I'll (10) _____ my responsibility." One of Mr Sipila's colleagues agreed that it was right for the government to resign. Antti Kaikkonen, a (11) _____ member of the Centre Party, said: "If anyone asks what political responsibility means, then I would say that this (12) _____ is an example".

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) entirely | (b) entirety | (c) entire | (d) entry |
| 2. | (a) reform | (b) reframe | (c) refer | (d) re-farm |
| 3. | (a) against | (b) up | (c) pro | (d) reverse |
| 4. | (a) hugely | (b) huge | (c) hug | (d) hugs |
| 5. | (a) again | (b) aging | (c) against | (d) agreeing |
| 6. | (a) decode | (b) decadent | (c) decadence | (d) decade |
| 7. | (a) faking | (b) taking | (c) making | (d) baking |
| 8. | (a) month | (b) monthly | (c) months | (d) month's |
| 9. | (a) for | (b) far | (c) per | (d) par |
| 10. | (a) shoulder | (b) hip | (c) waist | (d) armpit |
| 11. | (a) senator | (b) senior | (c) sensing | (d) sentient |
| 12. | (a) resigned | (b) resign | (c) resignation | (d) resigns |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. pass some laws on social wealrf
2. he was hugely pinapoitedsd
3. he and his lolucaeseg would stay
4. Finland's uioonptalp is aging
5. smorefr would save up to \$3.4 billion
6. over the next dceeda

Paragraph 2

7. making a big isematk
8. next month's ntescileo
9. The iolnocucns I've drawn
10. a oenirs member
11. political lnsybpsioreiti
12. this resignation is an elmpxae

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190310-finland.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () drawn is that my government has no choice but to hand in its letter of resignation. I'll shoulder
- () asks what political responsibility means, then I would say that this resignation is an example".
- (**1**) Finland's entire government has resigned. It wanted to pass some laws on social welfare and healthcare
- () in the government voted against the plans. Finland's Prime Minister Juha Sipila said he was "hugely
- () its planned reforms would save up to \$3.4 billion over the next decade.
- () because Finland's population is aging. It is under a lot of financial pressure. The government hoped
- () government to resign. Antti Kaikkonen, a senior member of the Centre Party, said: "If anyone
- () Many politicians in Finland believe the government is making a big mistake by resigning. They think it would have been
- () better for the government to stay in power until next month's elections. Prime Minister Sipila said resigning was the right
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- () thing to do because it did not get support for its plans. He told reporters: "The conclusion I've
- () disappointed". He said he and his colleagues would stay on as a "caretaker" government until elections in
- () reform. Its goals were an important part of its plans for Finland. However, politicians
- () my responsibility." One of Mr Sipila's colleagues agreed that it was right for the

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190310-finland.html>

1. It wanted to pass laws on social welfare .
2. Goals were an important part of its plans .
3. He and his colleagues would stay on .
4. It must change because Finland's population is aging .
5. Its planned reforms would save up to \$3 .4bn .
6. The government is making a mistake by resigning .
7. It would have been better for the government .
8. The conclusion that my government has no choice .
9. Agreed that it was right for the government .
10. If anyone asks what political responsibility means .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190310-finland.html>

Finland's *entire / entirety* government has resigned. It wanted to pass some laws on social welfare and healthcare reform. Its goals *were / was* an important part of its *plans / plants* for Finland. However, politicians in the government voted against the plans. Finland's Prime Minister Juha Sipila said he was "hugely disappointed". He said *him / he* and his colleagues would stay *on / in* as a "caretaker" government until *election / elections* in April. Mr Sipila wanted to change Finland's *healthy / health* and welfare system. He said it must change because Finland's *population / populated* is aging. It is under a lot of financial *pressure / pressured*. The government hoped its planned reforms would save up to \$3.4 billion *over / plus* the next decade.

Many *politicians / politicize* in Finland believe the government is making a big mistake by resigning. They think it would have *being / been* better for the government to stay *in / on* power until next month's elections. Prime Minister Sipila said resigning was the *rights / right* thing to do because it did not get support for its plans. He *told / spoke* reporters: "The conclusion I've drawn is that my government has no *choose / choice* but to hand in its letter of resignation. I'll *shoulder / hip* my responsibility." One of Mr Sipila's colleagues agreed that it was right for the government *as / to* resign. Antti Kaikkonen, a senior member of the Centre Party, said: "If anyone asks what political responsibility *defines / means*, then I would say that this resignation is an *example / exemplar*".

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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F_n_l_n_d 's _n_t_r_ g_v_r_n_m_e_n_t h_s r_s_g_n_d . It w_n_t_d t_ p_s_s s_m_ l_w_s _n_ s_c__l w_l_f_r_ _n_d h__l_t_h c_r_ r_f_r_m . Its g__l_s w_r_ _n_ _m_p_r_t_n_t p_r_t _f_ t_s p_l_n_s f_r F_n_l_n_d . H_w_v_r , p_l_t_c__n_s _n_ t_h_ g_v_r_n_m_e_n_t v_t_d _g__n_s_t t_h_ p_l_n_s . F_n_l_n_d 's P_r_m_ M_n_s_t_r J_h_ S_p_l_ s__d h_ w_s " h_g_l_y d_s_p_p__n_t_d " . H_ s__d h_ _n_d h_s c_l_l__g__s w__l_d s_t_y _n_ _s_ " c_r_t_k_r " g_v_r_n_m_e_n_t _n_t_l_ _l_c_t__n_s _n_ A_p_r_l . M_r S_p_l_ w_n_t_d t_ c_h_n_g_ F_n_l_n_d 's h__l_t_h _n_d w_l_f_r_ s_y_s_t_m . H_ s__d t_m_s_t c_h_n_g_ b_c__s_ F_n_l_n_d 's p_p_l_t__n_s _g_n_g . It _s_ _n_d_r_ _l_t_ _f_ f_n_n_c__l p_r_s_s_r_ . T_h_ g_v_r_n_m_e_n_t h_p_d _t_s p_l_n_n_d r_f_r_m_s w__l_d s_v_ _p_ t_ \$3.4 b_l_l__n _v_r t_h_ n_x_t d_c_d_ .

M_n_y p_l_t_c__n_s _n_ F_n_l_n_d b_l__v_ t_h_ g_v_r_n_m_e_n_t _s_ m_k_n_g _ b_g m_s_t_k_ b_y r_s_g_n_n_g . T_h_y t_h_n_k _t_ w__l_d h_v_ b__n b_t_t_r f_r t_h_ g_v_r_n_m_e_n_t t_ s_t_y _n_ p_w_r _n_t_l_ n_x_t m_n_t_h 's _l_c_t__n_s . P_r_m_ M_n_s_t_r S_p_l_ s__d r_s_g_n_n_g w_s t_h_ r_g_h_t t_h_n_g t_ d_ b_c__s_ _t_ d_d _n_t g_t s_p_p_r_t f_r _t_s p_l_n_s . H_t_l_d r_p_r_t_r_s : " T_h_ c_n_c_l_s__n I 'v_ d_r_w_n _s_ t_h_t m_y g_v_r_n_m_e_n_t h_s n_ c_h__c_ b_t t_h_ _n_d _n_t_s l_t_t_r _f_ r_s_g_n_t__n . I 'l_l_ s_h__l_d_r m_y r_s_p_n_s_b_l_t_y . " O_n_ _f_ M_r S_p_l_ 's c_l_l__g__s _g_r__d t_h_t _t_ w_s r_g_h_t f_r t_h_ g_v_r_n_m_e_n_t t_ r_s_g_n . A_n_t_t_ K__k_k_n_n , _s_n__r m_m_b_r _f_ t_h_ C_n_t_r_ P_r_t_y , s__d : " I_f _n_y_n_ _s_k_s w_h_t p_l_t_c_l r_s_p_n_s_b_l_t_y m__n_s , t_h_n I w__l_d s_y t_h_t t_h_s r_s_g_n_t__n _s_ _n_ _x_m_p_l_ " .

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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many politicians in finland believe the government is making a big mistake by resigning they think it would have been better for the government to stay in power until next months elections prime minister sipila said resigning was the right thing to do because it did not get support for its plans he told reporters the conclusion ive drawn is that my government has no choice but to hand in its letter of resignation ill shoulder my responsibility one of mr sipilas colleagues agreed that it was right for the government to resign antti kaikkonen a senior member of the centre party said if anyone asks what political responsibility means then i would say that this resignation is an example

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Finland's entire government has resigned. It wanted to pass some laws on social welfare and health care reform. Its goals were an important part of its plans for Finland. However, politicians in the government voted against the plans. Finland's Prime Minister Juha Sipilä said he was "hugely disappointed". He said he and his colleagues would stay on as a "caretaker" government until elections in April. Mr Sipilä wanted to change Finland's health and welfare system. He said it must change because Finland's population is aging. It is under a lot of financial pressure. The government hopes its planned reforms would save up to \$3.4 billion over the next decade. Many politicians in Finland believe the government is making a big mistake by resigning. They think it would have been better for the government to stay in power until next month's elections. Prime Minister Sipilä said resigning was the right thing to do because it did not get support for its plans. He told reporters: "The conclusion I've drawn is that my government has no choice but to hand in its letter of resignation. I'll shoulder my responsibility." One of Mr Sipilä's colleagues agreed that it was right for the government to resign. Antti Kaikkonen, a senior member of the Centre Party, said: "If anyone asks what political responsibility means, then I would say that his resignation is an example".

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

4. GOVERNMENT: Write a magazine article about governments being able to pass any laws they want. 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 Finland. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on this country. 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 F d F e T f T g F h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. entire | a. whole |
| 2. goals | b. aims |
| 3. hugely | c. greatly |
| 4. stay on | d. continue |
| 5. next | e. upcoming |
| 6. mistake | f. error |
| 7. right | g. correct |
| 8. drawn | h. arrived at |
| 9. colleagues | i. co-workers |
| 10. senior | j. high-ranking |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. All of it
2. Deeply disappointed
3. It is aging
4. Financial pressure
5. \$3.4 billion
6. A big mistake
7. No choice
8. His responsibility
9. The Centre Party
10. Political responsibility

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. It wanted to pass laws on social welfare.
2. Goals were an important part of its plans.
3. He and his colleagues would stay on.
4. It must change because Finland's population is aging.
5. Its planned reforms would save up to \$3.4bn.
6. The government is making a mistake by resigning.
7. It would have been better for the government.
8. The conclusion that my government has no choice.
9. Agreed that it was right for the government.
10. If anyone asks what political responsibility means.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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