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UK economy shrinks by 25 per cent

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The UK economy is at its worst for 300 years. The UK's Office for National Statistics said the economy was 25 per cent smaller in April than in February. The Bank of England said there was a 20.4 per cent drop in GDP in April. However, it was positive about the future. It said there were signs the economy was coming back to life. Much of the economy shut down to curb coronavirus. It has the biggest economic collapse among the world's developed nations.

The UK economy saw 20 years of growth wiped out because of lockdown. People are being encouraged to go shopping again, but people are worried. The number of daily deaths is still around 200. The Bank of England said: "The economy clearly closed out substantially....The big question is what happens next." A UK newspaper was pessimistic about any recovery. It wrote: "Britain's economy has fallen off a cliff. It will be a long climb back."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The UK economy is | a. the future |
| 2. there was a 20.4 per cent | b. collapse |
| 3. it was positive about | c. to life |
| 4. It said there were | d. developed nations |
| 5. coming back | e. at its worst |
| 6. shut down to | f. signs |
| 7. the biggest economic | g. curb coronavirus |
| 8. among the world's | h. drop in GDP |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. 20 years | a. lockdown |
| 2. wiped out because of | b. worried |
| 3. People are being encouraged | c. fallen off a cliff |
| 4. people are | d. to go shopping |
| 5. The number of | e. back |
| 6. pessimistic about | f. of growth |
| 7. Britain's economy has | g. daily deaths |
| 8. It will be a long climb | h. any recovery |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The UK economy is (1) _____ for 300 years. The UK's Office for National Statistics said (2) _____ 25 per cent smaller in April than in February. The Bank of England said there was a 20.4 per cent drop in GDP in April. However, (3) _____ about the future. It said there were signs the economy was coming (4) _____. Much of the economy shut (5) _____ coronavirus. It has the biggest economic (6) _____ world's developed nations.

The UK economy saw 20 years of (7) _____ because of lockdown. People are (8) _____ go shopping again, but people are worried. The (9) _____ deaths is still around 200. The Bank of England said: "The (10) _____ out substantially....The big question is what happens next." A UK newspaper was (11) _____ recovery. It wrote: "Britain's economy has fallen off a cliff. It will be a (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ECONOMIES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about economies 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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **economies** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
