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3. He wants to give universities more money. **more control**
4. The education secretary has sent an email to the exam regulator Ofqual. **He's sent a letter, not an email.**
5. He told Ofqual that the current system 'fell shut'. **'fell short'**
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8. She said she agreed with all of what Mr Gove was saying. **She said 'she agreed with some of what Mr Gove was saying'.**
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10. Ms Blower said 'We're a bit disappointed that he hasn't spoken to us.' **'that he hasn't written to us'**
11. She said the NUT thinks it's important that Mr Gove talks to the professors when he's contemplating serious changes. **That he 'talks to the profession'.**
12. The next story is about a man who shot dead seven people in a park in California yesterday. **at a university in California**
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14. He was arrested in a supermarket next to the campus. **He was arrested 'in a supermarket three miles from the campus'.**
15. The British Chamber of Commerce said it thinks the British economy grew in the first quarter of 2012. **The British Chambers of Commerce**
16. The group is forecasting a 3% increase in GDP. **0.3% ('a nought point three per cent increase in GDP')**
17. However, it said the recovery was still 'too small'. **'too slow'**
18. Last week the OECD said it expected another fall in GDP. **the OECD**
19. The number of people on unemployment benefit in Spain has reached 7.45 million. **4.75 million**
20. The March 2012 figure is nearly 2% higher than a year ago. **'nearly 10% higher than a year ago'**
21. Eurozone figures show almost half the people in Spain are unemployed. **The figures showed 'almost one in four in Spain are unemployed'.**
22. Ten centimetres of snow has fallen in parts of northern Scotland. **Ten inches**
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20. The total figure for March was _____ million - nearly _____% _____ than in March 2011.
21. Eurozone figures released yesterday said almost one in _____ people in Spain are _____.

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9. What does Mr Gove want young people to be better at?
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3. Who does he want to have more control? **universities**
4. What did Mr Gove write to the exam regulator Ofqual? **a letter**
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6. Who is the general secretary of the NUT? **Christine Blower**
7. What do the initials NUT stand for? **National Union of Teachers**
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9. What does Mr Gove want young people to be better at? **critical thinking and experimentation**
10. How does Ms Blower feel about the fact that Mr Gove hasn't written to her union about these changes? **'a bit disappointed'**
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16. What does the British Chambers of Commerce believe the UK economy did in the first quarter of this year? **It believes it grew.**
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