



**BBC RADIO 4 NEWS**  
Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2012  
10.00am

**ELEMENTARY: FILL IN THE MISSING WORDS**

1. Unions have \_\_\_\_\_ an announcement by Nissan.
2. Nissan is going to \_\_\_\_\_ a new compact \_\_\_\_\_ at its \_\_\_\_\_ in Sunderland.
3. This will create 2,000 \_\_\_\_\_ at the company and \_\_\_\_\_ suppliers.
4. The car, the \_\_\_\_\_, has been unveiled at the Geneva Motor Show this morning.
  
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ secretary Vince Cable has been talking about new taxes on wealth.
6. These might replace the top \_\_\_\_\_ pence rate of income tax.
7. Mr Cable said a wealth tax on the \_\_\_\_\_ valuable properties would be 'very economically \_\_\_\_\_'.
8. The chancellor has to decide whether he's going to keep the top rate of income tax for another \_\_\_\_\_.
9. He's \_\_\_\_\_ pressure from business, the \_\_\_\_\_ and some Conservative MPs to scrap the tax.
10. Politically the top tax sends a message - that the wealthiest \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_.
11. The Liberal Democrats have \_\_\_\_\_ favoured a form of wealth tax, perhaps levied through a \_\_\_\_\_ council tax on the most \_\_\_\_\_ houses.
12. However, such a move would be \_\_\_\_\_ by many Tory (i.e. Conservative) MPs.
  
13. Hundreds of \_\_\_\_\_ and disabled people are travelling to Westminster today to lobby MPs to end 'the crisis in \_\_\_\_\_ care'.
14. The Government is due to publish a \_\_\_\_\_ Paper this \_\_\_\_\_ setting out changes to the system in \_\_\_\_\_.
  
15. Eurostar says \_\_\_\_\_ between London and Paris have been cancelled this morning.
16. However, it says \_\_\_\_\_ services are \_\_\_\_\_ normally.
17. Thousands of people were exposed to \_\_\_\_\_ delays and cancellations yesterday.
18. This was because a power cable \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_.
  
19. Researchers say scientists and \_\_\_\_\_ are damaging the economy of Antarctica by dropping \_\_\_\_\_.
20. Researchers say people \_\_\_\_\_ the region bring an average of \_\_\_\_\_ seeds with them.
21. The seeds are often \_\_\_\_\_ in the folds of their \_\_\_\_\_.



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1. Unions have welcomed an announcement by Nissan.
2. Nissan is going to build a new compact car at its plant in Sunderland.
3. This will create 2,000 jobs at the company and its suppliers.
4. The car, the Invitation, has been unveiled at the Geneva Motor Show this morning.
  
5. The business secretary Vince Cable has been talking about new taxes on wealth.
6. These might replace the top 50 pence rate of income tax.
7. Mr Cable said a wealth tax on the most valuable properties would be 'very economically sensible'.
8. The chancellor has to decide whether he's going to keep the top rate of income tax for another year.
9. He's under pressure from business, the City and some Conservative MPs to scrap the tax.
10. Politically the top tax sends a message - that the wealthiest pay their share.
11. The Liberal Democrats have long favoured a form of wealth tax, perhaps levied through a higher council tax on the most expensive houses.
12. However, such a move would be fought by many Tory (i.e. Conservative) MPs.
  
13. Hundreds of older and disabled people are travelling to Westminster today to lobby MPs to end 'the crisis in social care'.
14. The Government is due to publish a White Paper this spring setting out changes to the system in England.
  
15. Eurostar says four trains between London and Paris have been cancelled this morning.
16. However, it says all other services are running normally.
17. Thousands of people were exposed to long delays and cancellations yesterday.
18. This was because a power cable fell on the line.
  
19. Researchers say scientists and tourists are damaging the economy of Antarctica by dropping seeds.
20. Researchers say people visiting the region bring an average of 10 seeds with them.
21. The seeds are often hidden in the folds of their clothing.



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**INTERMEDIATE: QUESTIONS**

1. Who have welcomed Nissan's announcement that it's going to build a new compact car at its plant in Sunderland?
2. How many jobs will this create at Nissan and its suppliers?
3. What is the name of the new car?
4. Where has it been unveiled this morning?
  
5. What is the business secretary's surname?
6. What is another word for 'complicated'?
7. What is the current top rate of income tax?
8. What might this be replaced by? *a \_\_\_\_\_ tax on the most \_\_\_\_\_ properties*
9. Who are trying to persuade the chancellor to scrap the top rate of income tax?
10. What does the top rate of tax harm, according to these people?
11. What political message does the top rate of income tax send? *That the wealthiest \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_.*
12. Who have been in favour of a mansion tax for a long time?
13. Who would fight a mansion tax?
  
14. Who are travelling to Westminster today?
15. What is there a crisis in, according to these people?
16. When is the Government due to publish a White Paper on this subject?
  
17. What have been cancelled this morning, according to Eurostar?
18. What is happening to all the other Eurostar services?
19. Who experienced long delays and cancellations yesterday?
20. What caused the problems?
  
21. Who are unwittingly jeopardising the ecology of Antarctica, according to researchers?
22. What do they drop?
23. What do these threaten to overwhelm?
24. What do people visiting the region bring with them?
25. Where are these often hidden?



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**INTERMEDIATE: ANSWERS**

1. Who have welcomed Nissan's announcement that it's going to build a new compact car at its plant in Sunderland? **unions**
2. How many jobs will this create at Nissan and its suppliers? **2,000**
3. What is the name of the new car? **the Invitation**
4. Where has it been unveiled this morning? **at the Geneva Motor Show**
  
5. What is the business secretary's surname? **Cable**
6. What is another word for 'complicated'? **'complex'**
7. What is the current top rate of income tax? **50 pence/50p**
8. What might this be replaced by? **a mansion tax on the most valuable properties**
9. Who are trying to persuade the chancellor to scrap the top rate of income tax?  
**business, the City and some Conservative MPs**
10. What does the top rate of tax harm, according to these people? **the economy**
11. What political message does the top rate of income tax send? ***That the wealthiest pay their share.***
12. Who have been in favour of a mansion tax for a long time? **Liberal Democrats**
13. Who would fight a mansion tax? **many Tory (i.e. Conservative) MPs**
  
14. Who are travelling to Westminster today? **hundreds of older and disabled people**
15. What is there a crisis in, according to these people? **social care**
16. When is the Government due to publish a White Paper on this subject? **this spring**
  
17. What have been cancelled this morning, according to Eurostar? **four trains between London and Paris**
18. What is happening to all the other Eurostar services? **They are running regularly.**
19. Who experienced long delays and cancellations yesterday? **thousands of passengers**
20. What caused the problems? **A power cable fell on the line.**
  
21. Who are unwittingly jeopardising the ecology of Antarctica, according to researchers? **scientists and tourists**
22. What do they drop? **seeds**
23. What do these threaten to overwhelm? **existing species**
24. What do people visiting the region bring with them? **an average of 10 seeds**
25. Where are these often hidden? **in the folds of their clothing**



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**ADVANCED: TRUE/FALSE**

1. Unions are pleased with Nissan's announcement.
2. Nissan is going to build a new estate car at its plant in Sunderland.
3. This will create 2,000 jobs at Nissan and its suppliers.
4. The new car is called the Inclination.
5. It is being unveiled this morning at the Geneva Motor Show.
  
6. The business secretary is Vince Chapel.
7. Conservatives and Liberal Democrats in the Coalition are negotiating new taxes on health.
8. These taxes might replace the current top rate of income tax.
9. The business secretary says a mansion tax on the most valuable properties would be 'very economically sensitive'.
10. The top rate of income tax has been in place for at least a year.
11. The chancellor is under pressure from business, the City and some Conservative MPs to increase the tax.
12. Politically the top rate of income tax sends the message that the wealthiest pay for their shares.
13. This morning the business secretary insisted that the 50p income tax would have to be replaced by a new tax on wealth.
14. The mansion tax could be levied by higher concealed tax on the most expensive houses.
15. The reporter says many Tories (i.e. Conservatives) would oppose this move.
  
16. Hundreds of older and disabled people are travelling to Westminster today to lobby MPs to end what they believe is a crisis in social care.
17. The Government is due to publish a White Paper in July.
18. The White Paper will set out changes to the system in the UK.
  
19. Eurostar says four trains between London and Paris have been cancelled this morning.
20. This has affected all the other Eurostar services.
21. Thousands of passengers experienced long delays and cancellations yesterday after the business secretary fell on the line.
  
22. Researchers say scientists and tourists are unwittingly jeopardising the economy of Antarctica.
23. It seems they plant seeds which threaten to overwhelm existing species.
24. Researchers say people visiting the region bring an average of 10 seeds with them.
25. The seeds are often hidden in the soles of their shoes.



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**ADVANCED: ANSWERS**

1. Unions are pleased with Nissan's announcement. (T 'Unions have welcomed the announcement by Nissan...')
2. Nissan is going to build a new estate car at its plant in Sunderland. (F 'a new compact car' i.e. a very small car)
3. This will create 2,000 jobs at Nissan and its suppliers. (T)
4. The new car is called the Inclination. (F 'the Invitation')
5. It is being unveiled this morning at the Geneva Motor Show. (T)
  
6. The business secretary is Vince Chapel. (F Vince Cable)
7. Conservatives and Liberal Democrats in the Coalition are negotiating new taxes on health. (F 'new taxes on wealth')
8. These taxes might replace the current top rate of income tax. (T)
9. The business secretary says a mansion tax on the most valuable properties would be 'very economically sensitive'. (F 'very economically sensible')
10. The top rate of income tax has been in place for at least a year. (T 'The chancellor, George Osborne, has to decide whether he's going to keep the 50p rate of income tax in place for another year.')
11. The chancellor is under pressure from business, the City and some Conservative MPs to increase the tax. (F 'to scrap the tax', i.e. to get rid of it)
12. Politically the top rate of income tax sends the message that the wealthiest pay for their shares. (F 'the wealthiest pay their share' i.e. They make a contribution.)
13. This morning the business secretary insisted that the 50p income tax would have to be replaced by a new tax on wealth. (T)
14. The mansion tax could be levied by higher concealed tax on the most expensive houses. (F 'higher council tax')
15. The reporter says many Tories (i.e. Conservatives) would oppose this move. (T 'But such a move would be fought by many Tory MPs.')
  
16. Hundreds of older and disabled people are travelling to Westminster today to lobby MPs to end what they believe is a crisis in social care. (T)
17. The Government is due to publish a White Paper in July. (F 'this spring' not this summer)
18. The White Paper will set out changes to the system in the UK. (F 'in England', i.e. not the rest of the UK as well)
  
19. Eurostar says four trains between London and Paris have been cancelled this morning. (T)
20. This has affected all the other Eurostar services. (F Eurostar said 'all other services are running normally'.)
21. Thousands of passengers experienced long delays and cancellations yesterday after the business secretary fell on the line. (F 'after a power cable (not the business secretary Vince Cable) fell on the line')
  
22. Researchers say scientists and tourists are unwittingly jeopardising the economy of Antarctica. (F 'the ecology', not the economy)
23. It seems they plant seeds which threaten to overwhelm existing species. (T)
24. Researchers say people visiting the region bring an average of 10 seeds with them. (T)
25. The seeds are often hidden in the soles of their shoes. (F The seeds are 'often hidden in the folds of their clothing'.)