



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

**ELEMENTARY: FILL IN THE MISSING WORDS**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ secretary is Theresa \_\_\_\_\_.
2. She's going to \_\_\_\_\_ a statement to MPs later today.
3. The Government has decided to conduct a \_\_\_\_\_ investigation into allegations of \_\_\_\_\_ sexual abuse at care homes in North \_\_\_\_\_ in the 1970s.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Cameron wants to establish whether the original inquiry was adequate.
5. The original inquiry was carried out by Sir Ronald \_\_\_\_\_.
6. It's claimed it didn't cover \_\_\_\_\_ the allegations.
  
7. America goes to the polls today to \_\_\_\_\_ its next president.
8. Opinion polls suggest Barack Obama is slightly \_\_\_\_\_ of his Republican rival, Mitt Romney.
9. The final outcome is likely to be very \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Thirty-four million people have \_\_\_\_\_ voted.
  
11. A newspaper in the USA has made claims about Neil Haywood, the \_\_\_\_\_ businessman murdered in \_\_\_\_\_ last \_\_\_\_\_.
12. The newspaper says he'd passed \_\_\_\_\_ to British intelligence services.
13. Mr Haywood had \_\_\_\_\_ links to one of China's \_\_\_\_\_ powerful politicians, Bo Xilai.
14. Bo Xilai's \_\_\_\_\_ was sentenced to \_\_\_\_\_ in prison for poisoning Mr Haywood.
15. Neil Haywood's death plunged China into \_\_\_\_\_ crisis.
16. There have been claims for a long time that the Briton \_\_\_\_\_ have been a \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Now the \_\_\_\_\_ Journal says \_\_\_\_\_ of Mr Haywood and \_\_\_\_\_ officials have said Mr Haywood had been spying on Mr Bo and his \_\_\_\_\_.
18. In \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ secretary William Hague said that Mr Haywood had \_\_\_\_\_ been an employee of the British government.
19. The newspaper says that is \_\_\_\_\_, but it just means Mr Hague was never \_\_\_\_\_ for his information.
  
20. Marks & Spencer has reported a 10% \_\_\_\_\_ in pre-tax \_\_\_\_\_.
21. This is partly because of \_\_\_\_\_ clothing \_\_\_\_\_.
22. Meanwhile Primark saw its revenue rise \_\_\_\_\_% in the year to \_\_\_\_\_.
  
23. A \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ strike against new spending cuts has disrupted transport and many other services across \_\_\_\_\_.
24. The government is planning to \_\_\_\_\_ spending and raise taxes.



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**ELEMENTARY: ANSWERS**

1. The home secretary is Theresa May.
2. She's going to make a statement to MPs later today.
3. The Government has decided to conduct a new investigation into allegations of child sexual abuse at care homes in North Wales in the 1970s.
4. David Cameron wants to establish whether the original inquiry was adequate.
5. The original inquiry was carried out by Sir Ronald Waterhouse.
6. It's claimed it didn't cover all the allegations.
  
7. America goes to the polls today to choose its next president.
8. Opinion polls suggest Barack Obama is slightly ahead of his Republican rival, Mitt Romney.
9. The final outcome is likely to be very close.
10. Thirty-four million people have already voted.
  
11. A newspaper in the USA has made claims about Neil Haywood, the British businessman murdered in China last November.
12. The newspaper says he'd passed information to British intelligence services.
13. Mr Haywood had close links to one of China's most powerful politicians, Bo Xilai.
14. Bo Xilai's wife was sentenced to 15 years in prison for poisoning Mr Haywood.
15. Neil Haywood's death plunged China into political crisis.
16. There have been claims for a long time that the Briton may have been a spy.
17. Now the Wall Street Journal says friends of Mr Haywood and UK officials have said Mr Haywood had been spying on Mr Bo and his family.
18. In April the foreign secretary William Hague said that Mr Haywood had never been an employee of the British government.
19. The newspaper says that is true, but it just means Mr Hague was never paid for his information.
  
20. Marks & Spencer has reported a 10% fall in pre-tax profits.
21. This is partly become of poor clothing sales.
22. Meanwhile Primark saw its revenue rise 15% in the year to September.
  
23. A two-day strike against new spending cuts has disrupted transport and many other services across Greece.
24. The government is planning to cut spending and raise taxes.



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**INTERMEDIATE: QUESTIONS**

1. What is the home secretary's surname?
2. Who is she going to make a statement to later today?
3. Where did the sexual abuse of children take place in the 1970s?
4. Which word means 'satisfactory' in this case?
5. Who conducted the original inquiry? *Sir Ronald* \_\_\_\_\_
  
6. What is America choosing today?
7. Who is slightly in the lead, according to opinion polls?
8. What is the final outcome likely to be?
9. How many people have already voted?
  
10. What was Neil Haywood's job?
11. What happened to him a year ago?
12. Who did he pass information to, according to a US newspaper?
13. Who was Bo Xilai at the time?
14. How was Mr Haywood murdered?
15. How long was Mr Bo's wife sentenced to prison for, for Mr Haywood's murder?
16. What did Neil Haywood's death plunge China into?
17. What have there been claims that Mr Haywood may have been?
18. What is the name of the US newspaper which has made the claims?
19. How long had Mr Haywood allegedly been passing information to British intelligence services?
20. Who is William Hague?
21. What did he say in April? *That Mr Haywood* \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ *an*  
\_\_\_\_\_ *of the British government in any capacity.*
22. Did Mr Haywood receive money in return for this information, according to the newspaper?
  
23. What has Marks & Spencer reported?
24. Which sales have been 'poor'?
25. How much did Primark's revenue rise by in the year to September?
  
26. What has a two-day strike disrupted across Greece?
27. What is the Greek government planning to cut?
28. What is it planning to raise?



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1. What is the home secretary's surname? **May**
2. Who is she going to make a statement to later today? **MPs**
3. Where did the sexual abuse of children take place in the 1970s? **at care homes in North Wales**
4. Which word means 'satisfactory' in this case? **'adequate'**
5. Who conducted the original inquiry? **Sir Ronald Waterhouse**
  
6. What is America choosing today? **its next president**
7. Who is slightly in the lead, according to opinion polls? **Barack Obama**
8. What is the final outcome likely to be? **very close**
9. How many people have already voted? **34 million**
  
10. What was Neil Haywood's job? **He was a businessman.**
11. What happened to him a year ago? **He was murdered in China.**
12. Who did he pass information to, according to a US newspaper? **British intelligence services**
13. Who was Bo Xilai at the time? **He was one of China's most powerful politicians.**
14. How was Mr Haywood murdered? **He was poisoned.**
15. How long was Mr Bo's wife sentenced to prison for, for Mr Haywood's murder? **15 years**
16. What did Neil Haywood's death plunge China into? **political crisis**
17. What have there been claims that Mr Haywood may have been? **a spy**
18. What is the name of the US newspaper which has made the claims? **The Wall Street Journal**
19. How long had Mr Haywood allegedly been passing information to British intelligence services? **for more than a year (before he was murdered)**
20. Who is William Hague? **He's the foreign secretary.**
21. What did he say in April? **That Mr Haywood had never been an employee of the British government in any capacity.**
22. Did Mr Haywood receive money in return for this information, according to the newspaper? **No ('Mr Haywood was never paid for his information...')**
  
23. What has Marks & Spencer reported? **a 10% fall in pre-tax profits**
24. Which sales have been 'poor'? **clothing sales**
25. How much did Primark's revenue rise by in the year to September? **15%**
  
26. What has a two-day strike disrupted across Greece? **transport and many other services**
27. What is the Greek government planning to cut? **spending**
28. What is it planning to raise? **taxes**



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**ADVANCED: TRUE/FALSE**

1. The home secretary is Theresa May.
2. She's going to make a statement to parents later about a new investigation into allegations of child sexual abuse at care homes.
3. The abuse took place at private homes in North Wales in the 1970s.
4. David Cameron wants to establish whether the original inquiry was adequate.
5. The original inquiry was carried out by Sir Ronald Waterlouse.
  
6. The newsreader says America goes to the Poles today to choose its next president.
7. It seems Barack Obama has a significant lead over Mitt Romney.
8. The final result is likely to be very close.
9. Thirty-four million people are going to vote in this election.
  
10. A newspaper in the USA has published claims that Neil Haywood, the British businessman murdered in China a year ago, had passed information to British intelligence services.
11. Mr Haywood had sold Lynx to one of China's most powerful politicians.
12. Bo Xilai's wife was sentenced to 50 years in prison for poisoning Mr Haywood.
13. Mr Haywood's death was largely ignored by China.
14. The reporter says 'there have been claims the Briton may have been a spy'.
15. The Wall Street Journal says it's talked to friends of Mr Haywood and UK officials.
16. They told the newspaper that Mr Haywood had been passing information to British intelligence services about Mr Bo's political colleagues.
17. In April the British foreign secretary said Mr Haywood had never been an employer of the British government in any capacity.
18. The newspaper says this just means Mr Haywood never received money for the information.
  
19. Marks & Spencer has reported a 10% fall in net profits.
20. The fall is largely due to poor closing sales.
21. Primark's revenue rose by 15% in the year to September.
  
22. A 48-hour strike against new spending cuts has disrupted transport and many other services across Greece.
23. The Greek government is planning to cut both spending and taxes.



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1. The home secretary is Theresa May. (T)
2. She's going to make a statement to parents later about a new investigation into allegations of child sexual abuse at care homes. (F **MPs, not parents**)
3. The abuse took place at private homes in North Wales in the 1970s. (F 'at care homes')
4. David Cameron wants to establish whether the original inquiry was adequate. (T)
5. The original inquiry was carried out by Sir Ronald Waterhouse. (F **Waterhouse**)
  
6. The newsreader says America goes to the Poles today to choose its next president. (F 'to the polls')
7. It seems Barack Obama has a significant lead over Mitt Romney. (F 'Opinion polls suggest Barack Obama is slightly ahead of his Republican rival, Mitt Romney...')
8. The final result is likely to be very close. (T)
9. Thirty-four million people are going to vote in this election. (F 'Thirty-four million people have already voted.')
  
10. A newspaper in the USA has published claims that Neil Haywood, the British businessman murdered in China a year ago, had passed information to British intelligence services. (T)
11. Mr Haywood had sold Lynx to one of China's most powerful politicians. (F 'Mr Haywood had close links to one of China's most powerful politicians.')
12. Bo Xilai's wife was sentenced to 50 years in prison for poisoning Mr Haywood. (F '15 years')
13. Mr Haywood's death was largely ignored by China. (F 'Ever since Neil Haywood's death plunged China into political crisis...')
14. The reporter says 'there have been claims the Briton may have been a spy'. (T)
15. The Wall Street Journal says it's talked to friends of Mr Haywood and UK officials. (T)
16. They told the newspaper that Mr Haywood had been passing information to British intelligence services about Mr Bo's political colleagues. (F 'passing information about Mr Bo and his family)
17. In April the British foreign secretary said Mr Haywood had never been an employer of the British government in any capacity. (F 'employee')
18. The newspaper says this just means Mr Haywood never received money for the information. (T 'Mr Haywood was never paid for his information')
  
19. Marks & Spencer has reported a 10% fall in net profits. (F 'in pre-tax profits' i.e. gross profits before tax rather than net profits after tax)
20. The fall is largely due to poor closing sales. (F 'poor clothing sales')
21. Primark's revenue rose by 15% in the year to September. (T)
  
22. A 48-hour strike against new spending cuts has disrupted transport and many other services across Greece. (T)
23. The Greek government is planning to cut both spending and taxes. (F 'the government's latest plans to cut spending and raise taxes')