



BBC RADIO 4 NEWS
Tuesday, 13th November 2012
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ELEMENTARY: CORRECT THE MISTAKE IN EACH SENTENCE

1. Inflation has risen by 0.25%.
2. This is the biggest rise since 2006.
3. The rate is measured by the CBI index.
4. The index stood at 5.2% last month.
5. The Office for National Statistics says the rise is partly due to the increase in student tuition fees and the costs of vegetarians.
6. Simon Wales works for HSBC.
7. He says analysts in the EU had not been expecting the change.
8. He spoke about 'a trebling of the cat on tuition fees'.
9. Transport and fuel have become more expensive.

10. The energy regulator and the FSA are looking into claims that traders in the wholesale cheese market have tried to manipulate the markets.
11. There are 60 big energy companies in the UK.
12. Four of them 'deny any responsibility'.

13. The French authorities are seeking nearly £116 million in back taxes from Amazon.
14. Amazon says it disagrees with the nation.

15. The radical Christian cleric Abu Qatada is being freed from prison today.
16. A legal ruling states the Abu Qatada cannot be deported to Jerusalem.
17. Jordan wants to put Abu Qatada on trial in connection with two murders

18. The US colonel, John Allen, is under investigation.
19. John Allen is in charge of the American force in Afghanistan.
20. The authorities are looking at thousands of emails he sent to a woman in Kabul.
21. Last week the director of the Sea Eye Air, David Petraeus, resigned after admitting an affair.

22. New parents are going to get more freedom to arrange how they share up to six months off work after the births of their babies.
23. This only applies to couples in England.
24. Couples will be able to take leave together or in Turkey.



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ELEMENTARY: ANSWERS

1. Inflation has risen by 0.25%. 'a half of one per cent' i.e. 0.5%
2. This is the biggest rise since 2006. 'the biggest rise for a year'
3. The rate is measured by the CBI index. the CPI index
4. The index stood at 5.2% last month. 2.7% last month
5. The Office for National Statistics says the rise is partly due to the increase in student tuition fees and the costs of vegetarians. the costs of vegetables
6. Simon Wales works for HSBC. Simon Wells
7. He says analysts in the EU had not been expecting the change. 'analysts in the City'
8. He spoke about 'a trebling of the cat on tuition fees'. 'a trebling of the cap on tuition fees'
9. Transport and fuel have become more expensive. transport and food
10. The energy regulator and the FSA are looking into claims that traders in the wholesale cheese market have tried to manipulate the markets. the wholesale gas market
11. There are 60 big energy companies in the UK. 'six', not 60
12. Four of them 'deny any responsibility'. 'deny any wrongdoing'
13. The French authorities are seeking nearly £116 million in back taxes from Amazon. nearly £160 million
14. Amazon says it disagrees with the nation. with the calculation
15. The radical Christian cleric Abu Qatada is being freed from prison today. The radical Muslim cleric
16. A legal ruling states the Abu Qatada cannot be deported to Jerusalem. to Jordan, not Jerusalem
17. Jordan wants to put Abu Qatada on trial in connection with two murders in connection with two bomb plots
18. The US colonel, John Allen, is under investigation. general, not colonel
19. John Allen is in charge of the American force in Afghanistan. the International Force
20. The authorities are looking at thousands of emails he sent to a woman in Kabul. a woman in Florida
21. Last week the director of the Sea Eye Air, David Petraeus, resigned after admitting an affair. director of the CIA
22. New parents are going to get more freedom to arrange how they share up to six months off work after the births of their babies. up to a year off work
23. This only applies to couples in England. couples in England, Scotland and Wales (but not Northern Ireland)
24. Couples will be able to take leave together or in Turkey. together or in turns



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INTERMEDIATE: QUESTIONS

1. How much has inflation gone up by?
2. Which index is used to measure inflation?
3. What did the index stand at last month?
4. What was the September figure?
5. What cost has gone up?
6. What is the name of the HSBC spokesman?
7. What has tripled recently? *the _____ on tuition fees*
8. Which two things now cost more than they did a couple of months ago?

9. Which traders may have tried to manipulate the markets? *traders in the wholesale _____ market*
10. How many big energy companies operate in the UK?

11. How much money are the French authorities seeking in back taxes from Amazon?
12. What does Amazon disagree with?

13. How is Abu Qatada described? *as 'the radical _____ cleric'*
14. What has happened to him today, following a new legal ruling? *He's being freed from _____.*
15. Where can he not be deported to, according to the ruling?
16. Why does that country want to put him on trial? *in connection _____*

17. What rank is John Allen?
18. What is he in charge of in Afghanistan?
19. Who did he send thousands of emails to?
20. What position did David Petraeus hold until last week?
21. What did he do, after admitting to an affair?

22. How much time will new parents have off work?
23. What will they be able to do with this time? *They will be able to _____ it.*
24. In which UK country will the new arrangements not apply?
25. What will new parents be able to do in future? *They will be able to take leave _____ or in _____.*



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INTERMEDIATE: ANSWERS

1. How much has inflation gone up by? **0.5%**
2. Which index is used to measure inflation? **the CPI (Consumer Prices Index)**
3. What did the index stand at last month? **2.7%**
4. What was the September figure? **2.2%**
5. What cost has gone up? **the cost of vegetables**
6. What is the name of the HSBC spokesman? **Simon Wells**
7. What has tripled recently? **the cap on tuition fees**
8. Which two things now cost more than they did a couple of months ago? **transport and fuel**

9. Which traders may have tried to manipulate the markets? **traders in the wholesale gas market**
10. How many big energy companies operate in the UK? **six**

11. How much money are the French authorities seeking in back taxes from Amazon? **nearly £160 million**
12. What does Amazon disagree with? **the calculation**

13. How is Abu Qatada described? **as 'the radical Muslim cleric'**
14. What has happened to him today, following a new legal ruling? **He's being freed from prison.**
15. Where can he not be deported to, according to the ruling? **Jordan**
16. Why does that country want to put him on trial? **in connection with two bomb plots**

17. What rank is John Allen? **general**
18. What is he in charge of in Afghanistan? **the International Force**
19. Who did he send thousands of emails to? **a woman in Florida**
20. What position did David Petraeus hold until last week? **director of the CIA**
21. What did he do, after admitting to an affair? **He resigned.**

22. How much time will new parents have off work? **up to a year**
23. What will they be able to do with this time? **They will be able to share it.**
24. In which UK country will the new arrangements not apply? **Northern Ireland (but it does apply in England, Scotland and Wales)**
25. What will new parents be able to do in future? **They will be able to take leave together or in turns.**



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ADVANCED: GAP-FILL

1. The rate of _____ has _____ by 0.5% - the _____ increase for a _____.
2. The rate is _____ by the _____ index.
3. The rate of inflation was _____% in September.
4. The Office for National Statistics says much of the increase can be _____ to the rise in student tuition fees and the cost of _____.
5. _____ works for _____ bank.
6. He says analysts in the City _____ expecting the rise.
7. He spoke about the _____ of the _____ on tuition fees.
8. He said this was 'one big _____', but added that they had already been _____ in.
9. _____ and _____ were among the things that rose in price.
10. The spokesman said the rise had come as 'a _____ of a _____'.

11. The _____ regulator and the FSA are _____ claims that traders in the _____ market _____ have tried to _____ prices.
12. Four of the six big energy companies deny any _____.

13. The French authorities are seeking nearly £ _____ million in back _____ from the _____ retailer Amazon.
14. Amazon said it _____ with the _____ and would _____ the claim.

15. The _____ cleric Abu Qatada _____ from _____ today.
16. This follows a _____ ruling that he can't be _____ to Jordan.
17. Mr Qatada will be _____ to _____ bail conditions, including a curfew.
18. Jordan wants to put Abu Qatada on _____ in connection with two _____.

19. The _____ general in _____ of the International Force in Afghanistan is _____ investigation.
20. John Allen _____ thousands of _____ to a woman in _____.
21. Last _____ the director of the _____, David Petraeus, _____ after he admitted an _____.
22. New parents are going to be _____ more freedom to arrange how they _____ up to 12 months _____ after the _____ of their babies.
23. _____ in England, _____ and Wales will be able to take leave together or _____, up to a _____ of 12 months.



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7. He spoke about the trebling of the cap on tuition fees.
8. He said this was 'one big driver', but added that they had already been factored in.
9. Transport and food were among the things that rose in price.
10. The spokesman said the rise had come as 'a bit of a surprise'.

11. The energy regulator and the FSA are looking into claims that traders in the wholesale gas market may have tried to manipulate prices.
12. Four of the six big energy companies deny any wrongdoing.

13. The French authorities are seeking nearly £160 million in back taxes from the online retailer Amazon.
14. Amazon said it disagreed with the calculation and would contest the claim.

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16. This follows a legal ruling that he can't be deported to Jordan.
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23. Couples in England, Scotland and Wales will be able to take leave together or in turns, up to a total of 12 months.