



BBC RADIO 4 NEWS

Tuesday, 15th May 2012

10.00am

ELEMENTARY: FILL IN THE MISSING WORDS

1. In the past _____ minutes we've heard that the former CEO of News International Rebekah Brooks and her _____, the racehorse trainer Charlie Brooks, are to be charged _____ perverting _____ course of justice during the phone-hacking scandal.
2. The news emerged in a statement made by the _____.
3. _____ other people will be told later if they'll be prosecuted.

4. Francois Hollande has been _____ in this morning as the president of _____.
5. He is the _____ Socialist in _____ years to occupy the Elysee Palace.
6. After _____ his prime minister Mr Hollande will _____ to Berlin.
7. He and the _____ chancellor are going to hold talks on the eurozone crisis.
8. Mr Hollande has criticised the German-_____ focus on austerity.
9. He has stressed the need to stimulate _____.

10. The number of _____ in England who receive _____ for special educational needs will probably be reduced.
11. This is the _____ shake-up of the system in _____ years.
12. About _____ million children are classed as having 'special needs'.
13. The Government says many are _____ labelled and could be helped in _____ ways.
14. The _____ of children with severe needs are going to be given a _____ budget to _____ specialist care.

15. The European Union Naval Task Force was _____ to combat Somali pirates.
16. The task force has attacked _____ bases on the _____ for the _____ time.
17. The EU force includes _____ ships.
18. Overnight European Union forces conducted their _____ raid on pirate bases on _____.
19. They used helicopters and two _____.
20. They attacked and destroyed a _____ of pirate vessels known as 'skiffs' _____ to the port of Haradhere.
21. A spokesperson said there were _____ casualties on either _____.
22. The spokesperson said the aim was to deny the pirates a _____ haven on shore.

23. _____ leaders in Derby are offering a reward of £_____ for information about a fire at a _____ in the _____ last _____ which killed six _____.
24. Police believe the fire was _____ deliberately.



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ELEMENTARY: ANSWERS

1. In the past **few** minutes we've heard that the former CEO of News International Rebekah Brooks and her **husband**, the racehorse trainer Charlie Brooks, are to be charged **with** perverting **the** course of justice during the phone-hacking scandal.
2. The news emerged in a statement made by the **couple**.
3. **Five** other people will be told later if they'll be prosecuted.

4. Francois Hollande has been **sworn** in this morning as the president of **France**.
5. He is the **first** Socialist in **17** years to occupy the Elysee Palace.
6. After **naming** his prime minister Mr Hollande will **fly** to Berlin.
7. He and the **German** chancellor are going to hold talks on the eurozone crisis.
8. Mr Hollande has criticised the German-**led** focus on austerity.
9. He has stressed the need to stimulate **growth**.

10. The number of **schoolchildren** in England who receive **help** for special educational needs will probably be reduced.
11. This is the **biggest** shake-up of the system in **30** years.
12. About **1.7** million children are classed as having 'special needs'.
13. The Government says many are **wrongly** labelled and could be helped in **other** ways.
14. The **parents** of children with severe needs are going to be given a **personal** budget to **buy** specialist care.

15. The European Union Naval Task Force was **set up** to combat Somali pirates.
16. The task force has attacked **their** bases on the **mainland** for the **first** time.
17. The EU force includes **British** ships.
18. Overnight European Union forces conducted their **first** raid on pirate bases on **land**.
19. They used helicopters and two **warships**.
20. They attacked and destroyed a **number** of pirate vessels known as 'skiffs' **close** to the port of Haradhere.
21. A spokesperson said there were **no** casualties on either **side**.
22. The spokesperson said the aim was to deny the pirates a **safe** haven on shore.

23. **Business** leaders in Derby are offering a reward of **£3,500** for information about a fire at a **house** in the **city** last **Friday** which killed six **children**.
24. Police believe the fire was **started** deliberately.



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INTERMEDIATE: QUESTIONS

1. What was Rebekah Brooks' position at News International?
2. What does her husband Charlie Brooks do for a living?
3. What are Mr and Mrs Brooks going to be charged with perverting during the phone-hacking scandal?
4. Who made the statement?

5. What has Francois Hollande become this morning?
6. How long is it since a Socialist occupied the Elysee Palace?
7. Who is Mr Hollande going to name shortly?
8. How will he travel to Berlin?
9. What are he and the German chancellor going to hold talks on?
10. What needs to be stimulated, according to Mr Hollande?

11. What is going to happen to the number of schoolchildren in England who receive help for special educational needs? *It's going to be _____.*
12. How long is it since there was such a big shake-up of the education system?
13. What are about 1.7 million children classed as having?
14. What does the Government say? *That many children are _____ labelled and could be _____ in other ways.*
15. What will the parents of children with severe needs be given?
16. What will they be able to buy with this budget?

17. What was the European Union Naval Task Force set up to combat?
18. What has it attacked for the first time?
19. What does the EU force include?
20. What did the multinational force use in the attack on the Somali pirates' bases?
21. What are 'skiffs'?
22. What is Haradhere?
23. Was anyone hurt in the attack?
24. What was the aim of the attack? *To deny the pirates a _____ _____ on _____.*

25. Who are offering a reward for information about a fire in Derby?
26. How much money are they offering?
27. Where and when did the fire break out?
28. How many children lost their lives in the fire?
29. What do police believe? *That the fire was _____ _____.*



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INTERMEDIATE: ANSWERS

1. What was Rebekah Brooks' position at News International? **chief executive**
2. What does her husband Charlie Brooks do for a living? **He trains racehorses.**
3. What are Mr and Mrs Brooks going to be charged with perverting during the phone-hacking scandal? **the course of justice**
4. Who made the statement? **the couple**

5. What has Francois Hollande become this morning? **the president of France**
6. How long is it since a Socialist occupied the Elysee Palace? **17 years**
7. Who is Mr Hollande going to name shortly? **his prime minister**
8. How will he travel to Berlin? **by plane (He 'will fly to Berlin'.)**
9. What are he and the German chancellor going to hold talks on? **the eurozone crisis**
10. What needs to be stimulated, according to Mr Hollande? **growth**

11. What is going to happen to the number of schoolchildren in England who receive help for special educational needs? **It's going to be reduced.**
12. How long is it since there was such a big shake-up of the education system? **30 years**
13. What are about 1.7 million children classed as having? **special needs**
14. What does the Government say? **That many children are wrongly labelled and could be helped in other ways.**
15. What will the parents of children with severe needs be given? **a personal budget**
16. What will they be able to buy with this budget? **specialist care**

17. What was the European Union Naval Task Force set up to combat? **Somali pirates**
18. What has it attacked for the first time? **their bases on the mainland**
19. What does the EU force include? **British ships**
20. What did the multinational force use in the attack on the Somali pirates' bases? **helicopters and warships**
21. What are 'skiffs'? **They are pirate vessels. (i.e. ships)**
22. What is Haradhere? **It's a port.**
23. Was anyone hurt in the attack? **No. ('there were no casualties on either side')**
24. What was the aim of the attack? **To deny the pirates a safe haven on shore.**

25. Who are offering a reward for information about a fire in Derby? **business leaders**
26. How much money are they offering? **£3,500**
27. Where and when did the fire break out? **It broke out at a house in the city last Friday.**
28. How many children lost their lives in the fire? **six**
29. What do police believe? **That the fire was started deliberately.**



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ADVANCED: TRUE/FALSE

1. The first story is about the former CEO of New International Rebekah Brooks and her husband Charlie Brooks.
2. Charlie Brooks trains racehorses.
3. The two are going to be charged with perverting the cause of justice.
4. Mr and Mrs Brooks made the announcement themselves.
5. Five other people are also going to be prosecuted.

6. Francois Hollande has been sworn at this morning as the president of France.
7. He is the first Socialist since 1995 to occupy the Elysee Palace.
8. It seems he hasn't named his prime minister yet.
9. Later today Mr Hollande will be taking the train to Berlin for talks with the German chancellor.
10. They will discuss the eurozone crisis.
11. Mr Hollande has been critical of the focus on austerity which is favoured by the Germans.
12. He has stressed the need for measures that simulate growth.

13. The number of schoolchildren in England who receive help for special educational needs is likely to be increased.
14. This will be the largest shake-up of the system since 1999.
15. About 1.7 million children are classed as having special needs.
16. The Government says many of these children are wrongly labelled.
17. The parents of children with several needs are going to be given a personal budget to buy specialist care.

18. The European Union Naval Task Force was set up to combat smelly pirates.
19. The task force has attacked the pirates' bases on mainland Somalia for the first time.
20. British ships make up part of the task force.
21. The BBC security correspondent is Fran Gardner.
22. The attack happened during the night.
23. The task force used helicopters and two warships to destroy a number of pirate ships.
24. The pirate ships are known as 'skips'.
25. Nobody was hurt in the attack.
26. The EU spokesperson said the aim of the attack was to deny the pirates a safe haven on shore.

27. Business leaders in Derby are offering a £3,500 reward for information about a fire.
28. The fire broke out in an office block in the city last Friday, killing six children.
29. Police believe the fire wasn't an accident.



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ADVANCED: ANSWERS

1. The first story is about the former CEO of News International Rebekah Brooks and her husband Charlie Brooks. (F **News International**)
2. Charlie Brooks trains racehorses. (T **'the racehorse trainer'**)
3. The two are going to be charged with perverting the cause of justice. (F **'perverting the course of justice'**)
4. Mr and Mrs Brooks made the announcement themselves. (T **'The news has emerged in a statement by the couple.'**)
5. Five other people are also going to be prosecuted. (F **'Five other people are due to be told if they're to be prosecuted.'**)
6. Francois Hollande has been sworn at this morning as the president of France. (F **'has been sworn in'**)
7. He is the first Socialist since 1958 to occupy the Elysee Palace. (T **'the first Socialist in 17 years to occupy the Elysee Palace'**)
8. It seems he hasn't named his prime minister yet. (T **'After naming his prime minister, Mr Hollande will fly to Berlin...'**)
9. Later today Mr Hollande will be taking the train to Berlin for talks with the German chancellor. (F **He 'will fly to Berlin'.**)
10. They will discuss the eurozone crisis. (T)
11. Mr Hollande has been critical of the focus on austerity which is favoured by the Germans. (T **'He's criticised the German-led focus on austerity...'**)
12. He has stressed the need for measures that stimulate growth. (F **'that stimulate growth'**)
13. The number of schoolchildren in England who receive help for special educational needs is likely to be increased. (F **'is likely to be reduced'**)
14. This will be the largest shake-up of the system since 1999. (F **'in the biggest shake-up of the system in 30 years' i.e. since 1982**)
15. About 1.7 million children are classed as having special needs. (F **'special needs'**)
16. The Government says many of these children are wrongly labelled. (T)
17. The parents of children with several needs are going to be given a personal budget to buy specialist care. (F **'The parents of those with severe needs...'**)
18. The European Union Naval Task Force was set up to combat smelly pirates. (F **'set up to combat Somali pirates'**)
19. The task force has attacked the pirates' bases on mainland Somalia for the first time. (T)
20. British ships make up part of the task force. (T **'The EU force includes British ships.'**)
21. The BBC security correspondent is Fran Gardner. (F **Frank Gardner NB You can't hear the final letter -k of Frank because of elision - that sound is missed out. However, Fran is a girl's name and this is definitely a man talking.**)
22. The attack happened during the night. (T **'Overnight...'**)
23. The task force used helicopters and two warships to destroy a number of pirate ships. (T)
24. The pirate ships are known as 'skips'. (F **'skiffs'**)
25. Nobody was hurt in the attack. (T **'there were no casualties on either side'**)
26. The EU spokesperson said the aim of the attack was to deny the pirates a safe haven on shore. (T)
27. Business leaders in Derby are offering a £3,500 reward for information about a fire. (T)
28. The fire broke out in an office block in the city last Friday, killing six children. (F **The fire broke out 'at a house in the city last Friday which killed six children'.**)
29. Police believe the fire wasn't an accident. (T **'Police believe it was started deliberately.'**)