



**BBC RADIO 4 NEWS**  
Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> August 2011  
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**ELEMENTARY: CORRECT THE MISTAKE IN EACH SENTENCE**

1. There's been a fall in inflation.
2. The Consumer Prices Index (CPI) stood at 4.4% in May.
3. The CPI rose by 0.4% between June and July.
4. The Retail Prices Index was unchanged at 0.5%.
5. The BBC's business correspondent is Jonty Broom.
6. The newsreader says 'rail fares will rise shortly'.
7. The correspondent says many fares, including Eurostar tickets, will rise by 8% on average in 2012.
8. The cost of leaving is now higher than many people's incomes.
9. The correspondent talks about 'higher personal food charges'.
10. Water and electricity bills have risen sharply.
11. The Bank of England doesn't expect price rises to fall below its target before 2030.
  
12. New figures suggest a slowdown in the Greek economy.
13. Germany makes up nearly a quarter of the eurozone.
14. Economic growth in Germany fell almost to a standstill between June and July.
15. The stock markets in Frankfurt and Paris have dropped by 0.2%.
  
16. The Government is setting up an independent panel which will allow victims of last month's riots in England to have their voices heard.
17. The findings will be reported by the end of the year.
  
18. Police forces across England and Scotland are going to be given new guidelines on how to deal with disorder on the streets.
19. The home secretary is Theresa May.
20. She has asked the body that inspects police forces to advise on tactics and officers' jumpers.
  
21. Jell says it has discovered a second oil leak at an offshore platform in the North Sea.
22. More than 200 tons has already spilled into the ship.
23. The platform is 100 kilometres east of Aberdeen.
24. The company says the second leak is enormous.



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**ELEMENTARY: ANSWERS**

1. There's been a fall in inflation. **'There's been a rise in inflation.'**
2. The Consumer Prices Index (CPI) stood at 4.4% in May. **'last month' i.e. in July**
3. The CPI rose by 0.4% between June and July. **It was 4.4% last month 'compared with 4.2% in June', so it rose by 0.2%.**
4. The Retail Prices Index was unchanged at 0.5%. **5%**
5. The BBC's business correspondent is Jonty Broom. **Jonty Bloom**
6. The newsreader says 'rail fares will rise shortly'. **'rail fares will rise sharply'**
7. The correspondent says many fares, including Eurostar tickets, will rise by 8% on average in 2012. **'including season tickets'**
8. The cost of living is now higher than many people's incomes. **'the cost of living'**
9. The correspondent talks about 'higher personal food charges'. **'higher personal finance charges'**
10. Water and electricity bills have risen sharply. **gas and electricity bills**
11. The Bank of England doesn't expect price rises to fall below its target before 2030. **before 2013**
  
12. New figures suggest a slowdown in the Greek economy. **in the German economy**
13. Germany makes up nearly a quarter of the eurozone. **nearly a third**
14. Economic growth in Germany fell almost to a standstill between June and July. **between April and June**
15. The stock markets in Frankfurt and Paris have dropped by 0.2%. **2%**
  
16. The Government is setting up an independent panel which will allow victims of last month's riots in England to have their voices heard. **last week's riots**
17. The findings will be reported by the end of the year. **'within nine months'**
  
18. Police forces across England and Scotland are going to be given new guidelines on how to deal with disorder on the streets. **across England and Scotland**
19. The home secretary is Theresa May. **Theresa May**
20. She has asked the body that inspects police forces to advise on tactics and officers' jumpers. **'tactics and officer numbers'**
  
21. Jell says it has discovered a second oil leak at an offshore platform in the North Sea. **Shell, not Jell**
22. More than 200 tons has already spilled into the ship. **into the sea**
23. The platform is 100 kilometres east of Aberdeen. **100 miles east of Aberdeen**
24. The company says the second leak is enormous. **'is small'**



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**INTERMEDIATE: QUESTIONS**

1. How much did inflation rise by between June and July, according to the Consumer Prices Index?
2. What did the Retail Prices Index stand at a) in June and b) in July?
3. What will happen to rail fares in the New Year?
4. How much will train fares rise by in 2012 on average?
5. Which word do you hear in front of 'families'?
6. What is rising faster than many people's incomes at the moment?
7. Which finance charges have risen recently?
8. Which energy bills have risen sharply recently?
9. When does the Bank of England expect to reach its target rate for inflation?
  
10. What do new figures suggest?
11. What proportion of the eurozone does Germany make up?
12. Which word means 'a complete halt'?
13. What have fallen by 2% today?
  
14. What will the independent panel allow victims of last week's riots in England to do?
15. How long has the panel been given to present its findings?
  
16. Which police forces are going to be given new guidance on how to deal with disorder on the streets?
17. What is the home secretary's surname?
18. What will the body that inspects police forces give advice on?
  
19. Which company has discovered a second oil leak?
20. Where is the leak?
21. How much oil has already spilled into the sea?
22. Where is the platform in relation to Aberdeen?



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**INTERMEDIATE: ANSWERS**

1. How much did inflation rise by between June and July, according to the Consumer Prices Index? **0.2%** (The Consumer Prices Index stood at 4.4% last month, 'compared with 4.2% in June'.)
2. What did the Retail Prices Index stand at a) in June and b) in July? **a) 5% and b) 5%** ('The Retail Prices Index was unchanged at 5%.')
3. What will happen to rail fares in the New Year? **They will rise sharply.**
4. How much will train fares rise by in 2012 on average? **8%**
5. Which word do you hear in front of 'families'? **'hard-pressed'**
6. What is rising faster than many people's incomes at the moment? **the cost of living**
7. Which finance charges have risen recently? **personal finance charges**
8. Which energy bills have risen sharply recently? **gas and electricity bills**
9. When does the Bank of England expect to reach its target rate for inflation? **not before 2013**
  
10. What do new figures suggest? **a slowdown in the German economy**
11. What proportion of the eurozone does Germany make up? **nearly a third**
12. Which word means 'a complete halt'? **'a standstill'**
13. What have fallen by 2% today? **the stock markets in Frankfurt and Paris**
  
14. What will the independent panel allow victims of last week's riots in England to do? **It will allow them to have their voices heard.**
15. How long has the panel been given to present its findings? **nine months**
  
16. Which police forces are going to be given new guidance on how to deal with disorder on the streets? **police forces across England and Wales**
17. What is the home secretary's surname? **May**
18. What will the body that inspects police forces give advice on? **tactics and officer numbers**
  
19. Which company has discovered a second oil leak? **Shell**
20. Where is the leak? **at an offshore platform in the North Sea**
21. How much oil has already spilled into the sea? **more than 200 tons**
22. Where is the platform in relation to Aberdeen? **It's 100 miles east of Aberdeen.**



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**ADVANCED: GAP-FILL AND TRANSFORMATIONS**

1. Inflation has \_\_\_\_\_ once again.
2. The Consumer Prices Index (CPI) rose \_\_\_\_\_% between June and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The Retail Prices Index (RPI) did not \_\_\_\_\_ last month and remained at \_\_\_\_%.
4. The BBC's business correspondent is Jonty \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ figure means there will be a \_\_\_\_\_ in rail fares next year.
6. This month's inflation figures are used as a basis for \_\_\_\_\_ how much train fares will rise in the \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Many fares, \_\_\_\_\_ tickets, will rise by an \_\_\_\_\_ of 8% in 2012.
8. This will be another \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ families.
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is rising much faster than many people's \_\_\_\_\_ at the moment.
10. One of the reasons for inflation is the increase in \_\_\_\_\_ charges.
11. Meanwhile \_\_\_\_\_ and electricity \_\_\_\_\_ have risen \_\_\_\_\_ in recent weeks.
12. The Bank of England isn't \_\_\_\_\_ prices rises to fall \_\_\_\_\_ its \_\_\_\_\_ rate for inflation before 2013.
  
13. New figures indicate there's been a \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ economic growth.
14. Germany makes up nearly a \_\_\_\_\_ of the eurozone.
15. Economic growth in Germany almost came to a \_\_\_\_\_ between April and June.
16. The news was probably a factor in France's and \_\_\_\_\_ stock markets \_\_\_\_\_ by 2% this morning.
  
17. There's been an \_\_\_\_\_ from Nick Clegg about a new independent panel.
18. The panel will allow victims of last week's rioting in England to \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_.
19. The panel's \_\_\_\_\_ will be reported to all three \_\_\_\_\_ party leaders \_\_\_\_\_ nine months.
  
20. Police forces \_\_\_\_\_ England and \_\_\_\_\_ are going \_\_\_\_\_ new guidelines on how to deal with \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_.
21. The \_\_\_\_\_ secretary, Theresa \_\_\_\_\_, has asked the body responsible for \_\_\_\_\_ the police for \_\_\_\_\_ on tactics and officer numbers.
  
22. \_\_\_\_\_ has discovered another oil \_\_\_\_\_ at an \_\_\_\_\_ platform in the \_\_\_\_\_.
23. More than 200 \_\_\_\_\_ have already \_\_\_\_\_ into the sea \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday.
24. The platform is \_\_\_\_\_ east of \_\_\_\_\_.
25. Shell says the second leak \_\_\_\_\_ very big, but efforts to deal with it are \_\_\_\_\_ to be 'a \_\_\_\_\_'.



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1. Inflation has risen once again.
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3. The Retail Prices Index (RPI) did not change last month and remained at 5%.
4. The BBC's business correspondent is Jonty Bloom.
5. The RPI figure means there will be a sharp rise in rail fares next year.
6. This month's inflation figures are used as a basis for calculating how much train fares will rise in the New Year.
7. Many fares, including season tickets, will rise by an average of 8% in 2012.
8. This will be another blow to hard-pressed families.
9. The cost of living is rising much faster than many people's incomes at the moment.
10. One of the reasons for inflation is the increase in personal finance charges.
11. Meanwhile gas and electricity bills have risen sharply in recent weeks.
12. The Bank of England isn't expecting prices rises to fall below its target rate for inflation before 2013.
  
13. New figures indicate there's been a slowdown in Germany's/ German economic growth.
14. Germany makes up nearly a third of the eurozone.
15. Economic growth in Germany almost came to a standstill between April and June.
16. The news was probably a factor in France's and Germany's stock markets dropping by 2% this morning.
  
17. There's been an announcement from Nick Clegg about a new independent panel.
18. The panel will allow victims of last week's rioting in England to have their voices heard.
19. The panel's findings will be reported to all three main party leaders within nine months.
  
20. Police forces across England and Wales are going to be given new guidelines on how to deal with disorder on the streets.
21. The home secretary, Theresa May, has asked the body responsible for inspecting the police for advice on tactics and officer numbers.
  
22. Shell has discovered another oil leak at an offshore platform in the North Sea.
23. More than 200 tons have already spilled/spilt into the sea since Wednesday.
24. The platform is 100 miles east of Aberdeen.
25. Shell says the second leak isn't very big, but efforts to deal with it are proving to be 'a challenge'.