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6. She thinks some customers could end up paying less. **paying more**
7. Customers can save money if they have jewel fuel. **dual fuel**
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9. Ms Robinson said if there wasn't much difference between tariffs, customers would die. **competition would die**

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INTERMEDIATE: GAP-FILL

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5. She thinks some customers could _____ more because firms would be forced to offer a single tariff.
6. Ms Robinson says 'Some of the _____ tariffs are if you, for _____, you do your deal online.'
7. It's also cheaper if customers _____ by _____ debit.
8. This is because it _____ the energy companies _____ to manage these accounts.
9. Ms Robinson says 'If there's not much _____ between these tariffs, _____ will just die completely.'
10. She goes on 'Why _____ people _____ switching?'

11. The number of crimes recorded by police _____ by _____% in the year to _____ compared _____ the _____ period in 2011.
12. The only area which _____ an increase was the category of 'theft from the _____'.
13. The figures were backed up by the Crime Survey for England and _____.
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3. Which verb means 'to make something clearer'?
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6. What type of website is youswitch.com?
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8. What are the three ways customers can pay less for their energy consumption? 1) *if they pay _____, 2) if they have _____ fuel and 3) if they pay by _____.*
9. Why are these accounts cheaper? *Because it _____ the companies _____ to _____ them.*
10. What will 'die completely' if there is not much difference between tariffs, according to Ms Robinson?
11. What is Ms Robinson's final sentence? *Why should people _____?*

12. What fell by 6% in the year to June compared to the same period in 2011?
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16. How many people were trafficked into the UK in 2011?
17. What was the 2010 figure?

18. What should the EU be able to intervene in to a greater extent, according to the German chancellor, Angela Merkel?
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22. What is the full name of the commission which runs this police force?
23. Why is the commission taking this step? *'Because of a _____ to _____ and _____.'*



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