



BBC RADIO 4 NEWS

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ELEMENTARY: CORRECT THE MISTAKE IN EACH SENTENCE

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2. It's now at its highest level for more than two years.
3. The first index we hear is the Consumer Prices Index.
4. Inflation fell by 1.5% between March and April.
5. The CPI measure of inflation fell to 3.5%.
6. The BBC's business correspondent is Jonty Broom.
7. He says this will be worrying news for the Bank of England.
8. The Bank of England has missed its inflation target for over 10 years.
9. The correspondent talks about previous increases in the cost of energy and food.
10. Retailers are cutting prices to draw in suppliers.
11. Most people will be feeling healthier.
12. Wages are increasing by over 5% a year.
13. This means people's money is not going as far as it did last month.

14. The OECD has warned there's a risk of the eurozone falling into 'a serious recession'.
15. The OECD has called on governments around the world to do more to tackle the crisis.

16. The Government is going to set out its plans for the future of energy provision in England.
17. It's thought investors in nuclear and renewable energy will be offered guaranteed energy supplies.
18. Ministers say energy bills will be simpler in the long term.

19. The CEO of Tesco, Philip Clarke, has chosen not to accept his annual bonus of about £317,000.
20. Tesco's shares have lost around a third of their value this year.

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22. Mr Clegg has just given a speech in Luton.
23. He said Britain had to 'shake off outdated, slobbish attitudes of class'.



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4. Inflation fell by 1.5% between March and April. 0.5% (It was 3% in April 'compared with 3½% in March'.)
5. The API measure of inflation fell to 3.5%. RPI
6. The BBC's business correspondent is Jonty Broom. Jonty Bloom
7. He says this will be worrying news for the Bank of England. 'welcome news'
8. The Bank of England has missed its inflation target for over 10 years. for over two years
9. The correspondent talks about previous increases in the cost of energy and food. energy and fuel
10. Retailers are cutting prices to draw in suppliers. to draw in customers
11. Most people will be feeling healthier. 'most people will be feeling poorer'
12. Wages are increasing by over 5% a year. Wages are increasing by under 1% a year.
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15. The OECD has called on governments around the world to do more to tackle the crisis. 'on governments across the EU'

16. The Government is going to set out its plans for the future of energy provision in England. in the UK
17. It's thought investors in nuclear and renewable energy will be offered guaranteed energy supplies. guaranteed profits
18. Ministers say energy bills will be simpler in the long term. 'will be cheaper in the long term'

19. The CEO of Tesco, Philip Clarke, has chosen not to accept his annual bonus of about £317,000. about £370, 000
20. Tesco's shares have lost around a third of their value this year. They've lost about a quarter of their value this year.

21. The deputy prime minister Nick Clegg has called for more children from poorer backgrounds to be given access to Scottish universities. access to top universities
22. Mr Clegg has just given a speech in Luton. in London
23. He said Britain had to 'shake off outdated, slobbish attitudes of class'. 'shake off outdated, snobbish attitudes of class'



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INTERMEDIATE: QUESTIONS

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 7. What is the business correspondent's surname?
 8. Which financial institution will welcome the news about inflation?
 9. How long has this institution missed its target for inflation?
 10. What have there been previous increases in the cost of?
 11. Why are retailers cutting prices?
 12. How might people be feeling, despite the fall in inflation?
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 26. What attitudes does Britain need to shake off, according to Mr Clegg?



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INTERMEDIATE: ANSWERS

1. What has the rate of inflation done? **It has fallen sharply.**
2. When was the last time inflation was so low? **more than two years ago**
3. Which index is mentioned? **the Consumer Prices Index**
4. How much did inflation fall by between March and April? **0.5% (It was 3% in April, 'compared with 3.5% in March'.)**
5. Which other measure of inflation is mentioned? **the RPI (the Retail Prices Index)**
6. How much did this measure of inflation fall by between March and April? **0.1% (It was 3.5% in April, 'down from 3.6%'.)**
7. What is the business correspondent's surname? **Bloom**
8. Which financial institution will welcome the news about inflation? **the Bank of England**
9. How long has this institution missed its target for inflation? **for over two years**
10. What have there been previous increases in the cost of? **energy and fuel**
11. Why are retailers cutting prices? **To draw in customers.**
12. How might people be feeling, despite the fall in inflation? **poorer**
13. What are increasing by under 1% a year? **wages**

14. What do the initials OECD stand for? **the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development**
15. What could the eurozone fall into, according to the OECD? **a severe recession**

16. What type of provision in the UK does the Government have big plans for? **energy provision**
17. Which two types of energy sources are mentioned? **nuclear and renewable energy**
18. What will investors in these sources of energy probably be offered? **guaranteed profits**
19. What will energy bills be in the long term, according to ministers? **cheaper**

20. What is Philip Clarke's position at Tesco, the supermarket chain? **chief executive**
21. How much is the annual bonus worth that he's decided to turn down? **about £370,000**
22. How much have Tesco's shares fallen by this year? **about a quarter**
23. What is Mr Clarke not satisfied with? **the company's performance in Britain**

24. Who is Nick Clegg? **He's the deputy prime minister.**
25. Who should be given access to top universities, according to Mr Clegg? **more children from poorer backgrounds**
26. What attitudes does Britain need to shake off, according to Mr Clegg? **'outdated, snobbish attitudes of class'**



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ADVANCED: GAP-FILL

1. The rate of inflation has _____.
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3. Inflation as _____ by the CPI (Consumer _____ Index) in April was 3%.
4. This means it fell by 0.5% between _____ and April.
5. The _____ measure of inflation fell by _____% between March and April.
6. The BBC's business correspondent is Jonty _____.
7. He said prices are _____ by 3% a year.
8. This will be _____ news for the Bank of _____ whose _____ it is to keep inflation _____ control.
9. It has _____ its inflation target for over two years.
10. Previous increases in the cost of _____ and _____ have now dropped out of the _____.
11. Retailers are cutting _____ to _____ in customers.
12. This gives the Bank of England more _____ to stimulate the economy without _____ about the possible inflationary _____.
13. However, even with this _____ in inflation, most people _____.
14. _____ are rising by less than 1% a year.
15. Most people are finding that their _____ isn't going as _____ as it did last _____.

16. The OECD (the Organisation for Economic _____ and Development) has warned the eurozone could fall into a _____.
17. The OECD has _____ on governments across the _____ to do more to _____ the crisis.

18. The Government is going to _____ its plans for the _____ of energy provision in the _____.
19. It's thought _____ in nuclear and _____ energy _____ be offered guaranteed _____.
20. Analysts _____ that consumers may have to pay more.
21. Ministers say energy _____ will be _____ in the long term.

22. The CEO of Tesco, Philip Clarke, has _____ not to accept his _____ bonus of around £_____.
23. The company's _____ have _____ nearly 25% of their _____ this year.
24. Mr Clarke said he wasn't _____ with Tesco's _____ in Britain.

25. The _____ prime minister Nick Clegg wants more children from _____ to be _____ access to _____ universities.
26. In a speech in _____, Mr Clegg said Britain 'had to _____ attitudes of _____'.



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3. Inflation as **measured** by the CPI (Consumer **Prices** Index) in April was 3%.
4. This means it fell by 0.5% between **March** and April.
5. The **RPI** measure of inflation fell by **0.1%** between March and April.
6. The BBC's business correspondent is Jonty **Bloom**.
7. He said prices are **rising** by 3% a year.
8. This will be **welcome** news for the Bank of **England** whose **job** it is to keep inflation **under** control.
9. It has **missed** its inflation target for over two years.
10. Previous increases in the cost of **energy** and **fuel** have now dropped out of the **calculation**.
11. Retailers are cutting **prices** to **draw** in customers.
12. This gives the Bank of England more **room** to stimulate the economy without **worrying** about the possible inflationary **consequences**.
13. However, even with this **fall** in inflation, most people **will be feeling poorer**.
14. **Wages** are rising by less than 1% a year.
15. Most people are finding that their **money** isn't going as **far** as it did last **year**.

16. The OECD (the Organisation for Economic **Cooperation/Co-operation** and Development) has warned the eurozone could fall into a **severe recession**.
17. The OECD has **called** on governments across the **EU** to do more to **tackle** the crisis.

18. The Government is going to **set out** its plans for the **future** of energy provision in the **UK**.
19. It's thought **investors** in nuclear and **renewable** energy **will** be offered guaranteed **profits**.
20. Analysts **estimate** that consumers may have to pay more.
21. Ministers say energy **bills** will be **cheaper** in the long term.

22. The CEO of Tesco, Philip Clarke, has **chosen** not to accept his **annual** bonus of around **£370,000**.
23. The company's **shares** have **lost** nearly 25% of their **value** this year.
24. Mr Clarke said he wasn't **satisfied** with Tesco's **performance** in Britain.

25. The **deputy** prime minister Nick Clegg wants more children from **poorer** **backgrounds** to be **given** access to **top** universities.
26. In a speech in **London**, Mr Clegg said Britain 'had to **shake off outdated, snobbish** attitudes of **class**'.