



**BBC RADIO 4 NEWS**

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**ELEMENTARY: QUESTIONS**

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3. What type of investment will David Cameron appeal for today?
4. Why have the business leaders and politicians at the conference travelled to Britain?
5. Which word did Mr Cameron use to describe the latest output figures?
6. What does British need in order to recover from having such a huge budget deficit?
7. Which expression means 'We're going to get ready to work really hard.'? 'We're going to \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_.'
8. Which three sectors of the economy is the Government trying to get going?
  
9. How does the newsreader describe Aleppo?
10. Where is the BBC correspondent at the moment?
11. What are government and opposition forces preparing for?
12. What are columns of tanks doing? *They are \_\_\_\_\_*
  
13. Which company does Centrica own?
14. What has helped boost profits? *a \_\_\_\_\_ start to the \_\_\_\_\_*
15. How much profit did British Gas Residential make in the six months to June?
16. What is this an increase of?
17. What type of organisation is Consumer Focus?
18. What are energy companies slow to cut when wholesale costs fall?
  
19. How much profit has BSkyB announced?
20. How many new customers did BSkyB announce over the past year?
21. How many customers does it have now?
  
22. Who shot a man at an address in Surrey?
23. Where is the man now?
24. What have police officers recovered from a house in Woking?
25. Who have the police arrested?
  
26. Which word does the newsreader use to describe yesterday's Olympic flag error?
27. Which country's flag was flown alongside pictures of the North Korean women's football team?
28. What have the Olympic organisers described the mistake as? 'a \_\_\_\_\_ error'
29. What have they promised? *That it \_\_\_\_\_ happen again.*



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**ELEMENTARY: ANSWERS**

1. How much did Britain's output shrink by between April and June? **0.7%**
2. For how many quarters has output been contracting (i.e. falling)? **three ('the third quarterly contraction in a row')**
3. What type of investment will David Cameron appeal for today? **international investment**
4. Why have the business leaders and politicians at the conference travelled to Britain? **for the Olympics**
5. Which word did Mr Cameron use to describe the latest output figures? **'disappointing'**
6. What does British need in order to recover from having such a huge budget deficit? **time**
7. Which expression means 'We're going to get ready to work really hard.'? **'We're going to roll up our sleeves.'**
8. Which three sectors of the economy is the Government trying to get going? **business, housing and jobs**
  
9. How does the newsreader describe Aleppo? **as Syria's second city**
10. Where is the BBC correspondent at the moment? **He's on the outskirts of Aleppo.**
11. What are government and opposition forces preparing for? **a battle**
12. What are columns of tanks doing? **They are moving towards the city.**
  
13. Which company does Centrica own? **British Gas**
14. What has helped boost profits? **a cool start to the summer**
15. How much profit did British Gas Residential make in the six months to June? **£345 million**
16. What is this an increase of? **23%**
17. What type of organisation is Consumer Focus? **It's a watchdog.**
18. What are energy companies slow to cut when wholesale costs fall? **prices**
  
19. How much profit has BSkyB announced? **£1.2 billion**
20. How many new customers did BSkyB announce over the past year? **300,000**
21. How many customers does it have now? **10.6 million**
  
22. Who shot a man at an address in Surrey? **the police**
23. Where is the man now? **He's in hospital.**
24. What have police officers recovered from a house in Woking? **a firearm**
25. Who have the police arrested? **a man in his 30s**
  
26. Which word does the newsreader use to describe yesterday's Olympic flag error? **'embarrassing'**
27. Which country's flag was flown alongside pictures of the North Korean women's football team? **South Korea's**
28. What have the Olympic organisers described the mistake as? **'a simple human error'**
29. What have they promised? **That it won't happen again.**



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**INTERMEDIATE: GAP-FILL**

1. David Cameron has said the Government \_\_\_\_\_ to get Britain \_\_\_\_\_ of recession.
2. Recent figures show that \_\_\_\_\_ shrank by \_\_\_\_\_% between April and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. This is the third \_\_\_\_\_ contraction in a row.
4. Mr Cameron will make an appeal for \_\_\_\_\_ investment in Britain at a conference today.
5. The conference delegates consist of politicians and \_\_\_\_\_ leaders \_\_\_\_\_ travelled \_\_\_\_\_ London \_\_\_\_\_ the Olympics.
6. Mr Cameron accepted that the latest Olympic figures were '\_\_\_\_\_'.  
7. He said 'We \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ budget deficit of virtually any country anywhere in the \_\_\_\_\_.'
8. He said it took \_\_\_\_\_ to recover from that.
9. He said the Government was going to roll up its \_\_\_\_\_ and do everything possible to get \_\_\_\_\_ going in Britain, to get \_\_\_\_\_ going, to get \_\_\_\_\_ going.
  
10. A \_\_\_\_\_ correspondent on the \_\_\_\_\_ of Syria's \_\_\_\_\_ Aleppo says government and opposition forces are preparing for a battle in which many civilians will inevitably \_\_\_\_\_.
11. The correspondent says \_\_\_\_\_ of army tanks are moving \_\_\_\_\_ the city.
12. Rebel forces occupy \_\_\_\_\_ areas of the city.
  
13. Centrica is the \_\_\_\_\_ of British Gas.
14. It says a \_\_\_\_\_ start to the \_\_\_\_\_ has helped boost profits.
15. British Gas Residential made £\_\_\_\_\_ million in the six months to \_\_\_\_\_ - an increase of \_\_\_\_\_%.
16. The \_\_\_\_\_ Consumer Focus has accused energy companies of being \_\_\_\_\_ to pass on rising wholesale costs to consumers, but \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ prices when they \_\_\_\_\_.
  
17. BSkyB has announced a \_\_\_\_\_% rise in profits to a record £\_\_\_\_\_ million.
18. The company has added \_\_\_\_\_ new customers over the past \_\_\_\_\_.
19. It now has \_\_\_\_\_ million customers.
  
20. A man's being treated in \_\_\_\_\_ after being shot by police at an \_\_\_\_\_ in Surrey.
21. Officers have recovered a \_\_\_\_\_ from a \_\_\_\_\_ in Woking.
22. Police have arrested a man in his \_\_\_\_\_.
  
23. The Olympic organisers say yesterday's \_\_\_\_\_ flag error - when the \_\_\_\_\_ Korean flag was displayed alongside pictures of the \_\_\_\_\_ Korean women's football \_\_\_\_\_ - was 'a simple \_\_\_\_\_ error'.
24. The organisers have \_\_\_\_\_ and promised it \_\_\_\_\_ happen again.



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**INTERMEDIATE: ANSWERS**

1. David Cameron has said the Government **must do more** to get Britain **out** of recession.
2. Recent figures show that **output** shrank by **0.7%** between April and **June**.
3. This is the third **quarterly** contraction in a row.
4. Mr Cameron will make an appeal for **international** investment in Britain at a conference today.
5. The conference delegates consist of politicians and **business** leaders **who've** travelled **to** London **for** the Olympics.
6. Mr Cameron accepted that the latest Olympic figures were '**disappointing**'.
7. He said 'We **had** the **biggest** budget deficit of virtually any country anywhere in the **world**.'
8. He said it took **time** to recover from that.
9. He said the Government was going to roll up its **sleeves** and do everything possible to get **business** going in Britain, to get **housing** going, to get **jobs** going.
  
10. A **BBC** correspondent on the **outskirts** of Syria's **second city** Aleppo says government and opposition forces are preparing for a battle in which many civilians will inevitably **die**.
11. The correspondent says **columns** of army tanks are moving **towards** the city.
12. Rebel forces occupy **large** areas of the city.
  
13. Centrica is the **owner** of British Gas.
14. It says a **cool** start to the **summer** has helped boost profits.
15. British Gas Residential made **£345** million in the six months to **June** - an increase of **23%**.
16. The **watchdog** Consumer Focus has accused energy companies of being **quick** to pass on rising wholesale costs to consumers, but **slow** to **cut** prices when they **fall**.
  
17. BSkyB has announced a **14%** rise in profits to a record **£1.2** million.
18. The company has added **300,000** new customers over the past **year**.
19. It now has **10.6** million customers.
  
20. A man's being treated in **hospital** after being shot by police at an **address** in Surrey.
21. Officers have recovered a **firearm** from a **house** in Woking.
22. Police have arrested a man in his **30s**.
  
23. The Olympic organisers say yesterday's **embarrassing** flag error - when the **South** Korean flag was displayed alongside pictures of the **North** Korean women's football **team** - was 'a simple **human** error'.
24. The organisers have **apologised** and promised it **won't** happen again.



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**ADVANCED: TRUE/FALSE**

1. David Cameron has said the Government must do more to get Britain out of depression.
2. Figures out yesterday show a 0.7% drop in output between April and June.
3. Output has been contracting for the last nine months.
4. The prime minister will make an appeal today for more British investment overseas.
5. He is going to attend a conference of business leaders and politicians who are here on business.
6. Mr Cameron accepted that the latest output figures were disappointing.
7. He said 'We have the biggest budget deficit er, of virtually any country anywhere in the world.'
8. He said the Government had got to roll up its shorts.
9. He spoke about three areas where more needs to be done: business, housing and jobs.
  
10. The BBC correspondent is in the centre of Syria's second city, Aleppo.
11. He says government and opposition forces are fighting once again.
12. He says a lot of civilians are bound to die in the fighting.
13. He says columns of tanks are leaving the city.
14. Rebel forces control large parts of Aleppo.
  
15. Centrica, which owns British Gas, has said a cool start to the summer has helped push profits up.
16. British Gas Influential made £345 million in the first half of the year.
17. The watchdog Consumer Folk are Us has said energy companies are quick to pass on rising wholesale costs to consumers, but slow to cut prices when they fall.
  
18. BSkyB has announced a 40% increase in profits to a record £1.2 billion.
19. Over the next year 300,000 people have signed up to BSkyB.
20. It now has 10.6 million customers.
  
21. A man's being treated in hospital after police shot him at an address in Surrey.
22. Officers have recovered a firearm from the house in Voking.
23. They have arrested a pensioner.
  
24. The Olympic organisers say yesterday's embarrassing flag error - when the South Korean flag was displayed alongside pictures of the North Korean women's football team - was a simple computer error.
25. They've apologised and said it won't happen again.



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**ADVANCED: ANSWERS**

1. David Cameron has said the Government must do more to get Britain out of depression. (F 'out of recession')
2. Figures out yesterday show a 0.7% drop in output between April and June. (T 'output shrank by 0.7%')
3. Output has been contracting for the last nine months. (T 'the third quarterly contraction in a row' There are three months in a quarter.)
4. The prime minister will make an appeal today for more British investment overseas. (F 'will make an appeal for international investment in Britain')
5. He is going to attend a conference of business leaders and politicians who are here on business. (F 'who've travelled to London for the Olympics')
6. Mr Cameron accepted that the latest output figures were disappointing. (T)
7. He said 'We have the biggest budget deficit er, of virtually any country anywhere in the world.' (F 'We had the biggest budget deficit...')
8. He said the Government had got to roll up its shorts. (F 'roll up our sleeves')
9. He spoke about three areas where more needs to be done: business, housing and jobs. (T)
  
10. The BBC correspondent is in the centre of Syria's second city, Aleppo. (F He's 'on the outskirts' of Aleppo.)
11. He says government and opposition forces are fighting once again. (F They 'are preparing for a battle'.)
12. He says a lot of civilians are bound to die in the fighting. (T 'in which many civilians will inevitably die')
13. He says columns of tanks are leaving the city. (F 'columns of army tanks are moving towards the city')
14. Rebel forces control large parts of Aleppo. (T 'where rebel forces occupy large areas')
  
15. Centrica, which owns British Gas, has said a cool start to the summer has helped push profits up. (T)
16. British Gas Influential made £345 million in the first half of the year. (F British Gas Residential)
17. The watchdog Consumer Focus are Us has said energy companies are quick to pass on rising wholesale costs to consumers, but slow to cut prices when they fall. (F Consumer Focus, not Consumer Folk are Us)
  
18. BSkyB has announced a 40% increase in profits to a record £1.2 billion. (F 'a 14% rise in profits')
19. Over the next year 300,000 people have signed up to BSkyB. (T 'it added 300,000 customers over the past year')
20. It now has 10.6 million customers. (T)
  
21. A man's being treated in hospital after police shot him at an address in Surrey. (T)
22. Officers have recovered a firearm from the house in Woking. (F 'Woking')
23. They have arrested a pensioner. (F 'A man in his 30s has been arrested.')
  
24. The Olympic organisers say yesterday's embarrassing flag incident - when the South Korean flag was displayed alongside pictures of the North Korean women's football team - was a simple computer error. (F 'a simple human error')
25. They've apologised and said it won't happen again. (T 'They've apologised and given the assurance that it won't happen again.')