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Tuesday, 28th February 2012
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ELEMENTARY: CORRECT THE MISTAKE IN EACH SENTENCE

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11. The former Liberal Democrat spokesman, Lord Oakshott, is against the move.
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13. He went on 'I'm angry they've done this.'
14. He said banks like this must be 'known and shamed' by the Treasury.
15. He went on 'Barclays, and businesses like that, are the real scroungers in Britain. They take in everything they can.'
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4. He was injured last week in the bombardment that injured the journalist Marie Colvin. **'in the bombardment that killed the journalist, Marie Colvin'**
5. Barclays Bank has been ordered to pay £100 million in tax which it tried to avoid. **'hundreds of millions of pounds'**
6. The Queen has introduced retrospective legislation to end 'aggressive tax avoidance schemes'. **The Government, not the Queen**
7. The Treasury minister, Donald Gauke, said the bank had signed up to a code of practice. **David Gauke**
8. He said the bank 'should have devised the schemes'. **'shouldn't have devised the schemes'**
9. Barclays has expressed shock. **surprise, not shock**
10. It says it kept officials partly informed. **'fully informed'**
11. The former Liberal Democrat spokesman, Lord Oakshott, is against the move. He **'welcomed the move'.**
12. He said 'It's two chairs, certainly, for the Treasury.' **It's two cheers, not chairs.**
13. He went on 'I'm angry they've done this.' **'I'm glad they've done this.'**
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19. He also said that suppliers were increasingly taking advantage of social situations. **social media**
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INTERMEDIATE: GAP-FILL

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14. The professor predicted that _____ would increase if laws were _____.
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16. MPs on the Commons _____ Affairs Select Committee are currently investigating _____ Britain's drug laws are _____.

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ADVANCED: QUESTIONS

1. Who was wounded in the besieged Syrian city of Homs recently?
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3. What is Mr Conroy's first name?
4. Which newspaper does he work for?
5. Who smuggled him out of Syria yesterday?
6. Who was Marie Colvin, the woman who died last week when Homs was bombarded by government forces?

7. What has Barclays Bank been ordered to do?
8. What type of legislation has the Government introduced?
9. What will this legislation end, according to the Government?
10. Which Government department is David Gauke a minister in?
11. What had Barclays signed up to, according to Mr Gauke?
12. What shouldn't it have done?
13. What does it say it did with officials?
14. What is Lord Oakshott's first sentence?
15. What must the Treasury do with banks like Barclays, if they break the code, according to Lord Oakshott?
16. What do you call people who always take and never give anything back?

17. What did the head of the UN's efforts to tackle drug abuse say about the case for relaxing legalisation?
18. In what circumstances would drug use increase, according to the professor?
19. What are drug suppliers using these days to sell drugs?
20. What are MPs on the House of Commons Home Affairs Committee investigating?

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24. What did the chief cabinet official say exactly?

25. Where did Ian Paisley use to be First Minister?
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4. Which newspaper does he work for? **The Sunday Times**
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6. Who was Marie Colvin, the woman who died last week when Homs was bombarded by government forces? **She was a journalist.**

7. What has Barclays Bank been ordered to do? **It has been ordered to pay hundreds of millions of pounds in tax (which it tried to avoid).**
8. What type of legislation has the Government introduced? **retrospective legislation**
9. What will this legislation end, according to the Government? **'aggressive tax avoidance schemes'**
10. Which Government department is David Gauke a minister in? **The Treasury**
11. What had Barclays signed up to, according to Mr Gauke? **a code of practice**
12. What shouldn't it have done? **It shouldn't have devised the (tax avoidance) schemes.**
13. What does it say it did with officials? **It says it kept them fully informed.**
14. What is Lord Oakshott's first sentence? **'It's two cheers, certainly, for the Treasury.'**
15. What must the Treasury do with banks like Barclays, if they break the code, according to Lord Oakshott? **It must name and shame them.**
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24. What did the chief cabinet official say exactly? **'Tokyo could be finished.'**

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