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**ELEMENTARY: QUESTIONS**

1. In which parts of the world are financial sector regulators investigating major finance houses?
2. Name at least one of these finance houses:
3. What type of loan rates may these finance houses have manipulated? *Inter-  
\_\_\_\_\_ rates*
4. How much was Barclays Bank fined yesterday for attempting to manipulate the rates?
5. Who do these rates affect the cost of borrowing for?
  
6. Which Government office is mentioned in this next story?
7. How much did the UK economy contract (or shrink) by in the first quarter of 2012?
8. How much did GDP shrink by in the final quarter of 2011?
  
9. Where is Pentonville Prison?
10. How did the convicted murderer escape from the prison? *He \_\_\_\_\_ over the  
\_\_\_\_\_.*
11. Which police department is mentioned? \_\_\_\_\_ Yard
12. What is the BBC reporter's name?
13. What did John Massey use to escape over the prison wall? *a makeshift \_\_\_\_\_*
14. When was he found to be missing?
15. Which word do you hear after 'potentially'?
16. How long was Massey sent to prison for?
17. Where did he murder a man with a sawn-off shotgun?
18. When did the murder take place?
19. When was Massey released, before being recalled to jail?
  
20. Where is Turkey reportedly deploying anti-aircraft guns and other weapons?
21. What did Syria recently shoot down?
  
22. Who has died after falling from a block of flats?
23. Which floor did the girl fall from?
24. Which police force is mentioned?
25. What is the name of the block of flats?
26. Did the girl die when she fell?



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1. In which parts of the world are financial sector regulators investigating major finance houses? **in the United States, Europe and Asia**
2. Name at least one of these finance houses: **Citigroup (accept City Group), JP Morgan and Deutsche Bank**
3. What type of loan rates may these finance houses have manipulated? **inter-bank loan rates**
4. How much was Barclays Bank fined yesterday for attempting to manipulate the rates? **£190 million**
5. Who do these rates affect the cost of borrowing for? **millions of customers**
  
6. Which Government office is mentioned in this next story? **The Office for National Statistics**
7. How much did the UK economy contract (or shrink) by in the first quarter of 2012? **0.3%**
8. How much did GDP shrink by in the final quarter of 2011? **0.4%**
  
9. Where is Pentonville Prison? **It's in London.**
10. How did the convicted murderer escape from the prison? **He climbed over the wall.**
11. Which police department is mentioned? **Scotland Yard**
12. What is the BBC reporter's name? **Jane Peel**
13. What did John Massey use to escape over the prison wall? **a makeshift rope**
14. When was he found to be missing? **at 6.30 yesterday evening/at 6.30pm yesterday evening**
15. Which word do you hear after 'potentially'? **'dangerous'**
16. How long was Massey sent to prison for? **life**
17. Where did he murder a man with a sawn-off shotgun? **at a pub in east London**
18. When did the murder take place? **in 1975**
19. When was Massey released, before being recalled to jail? **five years ago**
  
20. Where is Turkey reportedly deploying anti-aircraft guns and other weapons? **along its border with Syria**
21. What did Syria recently shoot down? **a Turkish military jet**
  
22. Who has died after falling from a block of flats? **a two-year-old girl**
23. Which floor did the girl fall from? **the fourth floor**
24. Which police force is mentioned? **South Yorkshire Police**
25. What is the name of the block of flats? **North Bank Apartments**
26. Did the girl die when she fell? **No, she died in hospital.**



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**INTERMEDIATE: GAP-FILL**

1. Financial sector regulators in the US, Europe and \_\_\_\_\_ are investigating allegations against \_\_\_\_\_ finance \_\_\_\_\_.
2. These finance houses include Citigroup, \_\_\_\_\_ Morgan and Deutsche Bank.
3. They may have manipulated inter-bank \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Yesterday Barclays Bank was \_\_\_\_\_ £\_\_\_\_\_ million for attempting to fix the rates.
5. The rates affect the cost of \_\_\_\_\_ for millions of \_\_\_\_\_.
  
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ National Statistics has confirmed that the \_\_\_\_\_ economy contracted, or shrank, by \_\_\_\_\_% in the first \_\_\_\_\_ of 2012.
7. This is in \_\_\_\_\_ with its \_\_\_\_\_ estimate.
8. However, it's also announced that \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_% in the \_\_\_\_\_ quarter of 2011 - more than it \_\_\_\_\_ previously thought.
9. The figures mean that the current recession is more \_\_\_\_\_ than first \_\_\_\_\_.
  
10. It's emerged that a convicted murderer who \_\_\_\_\_ from Pentonville Prison in London climbed over the \_\_\_\_\_.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ Yard said \_\_\_\_\_ Massey is potentially \_\_\_\_\_.
12. They say he \_\_\_\_\_ not be approached.
13. John Massey used a makeshift \_\_\_\_\_ to climb over the prison wall.
14. He was found to be \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ pm yesterday.
15. Massey was sentenced for \_\_\_\_\_ for murdering a man with a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ at a \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ London in \_\_\_\_\_.
16. He was released \_\_\_\_\_ ago, but recalled to prison when he breached parole.
  
17. Turkey is reportedly deploying anti-aircraft \_\_\_\_\_ and other weapons \_\_\_\_\_ its \_\_\_\_\_ with Syria.
18. It's warned Damascus to \_\_\_\_\_ its troops away from the troubled border area.
19. Recently Syria \_\_\_\_\_ a Turkish military jet.
  
20. A \_\_\_\_\_-year-old \_\_\_\_\_ has died after falling from the fourth \_\_\_\_\_ of a block of \_\_\_\_\_.
21. \_\_\_\_\_ Yorkshire Police say the child \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ Apartments in Sheffield.
22. She died later in \_\_\_\_\_.
23. Police are calling it 'a \_\_\_\_\_ incident'.



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3. They may have manipulated inter-bank loan rates.
4. Yesterday Barclays Bank was fined £290 million for attempting to fix the rates.
5. The rates affect the cost of borrowing for millions of customers.
  
6. The Office for National Statistics has confirmed that the UK economy contracted, or shrank, by 0.3% in the first quarter of 2012.
7. This is in line with its earlier estimate.
8. However, it's also announced that GDP shrank by 0.4% in the final quarter of 2011 - more than it had previously thought.
9. The figures mean that the current recession is more severe than first thought.
  
10. It's emerged that a convicted murderer who escaped from Pentonville Prison in London climbed over the wall.
11. Scotland Yard said John Massey is potentially dangerous.
12. They say he should not be approached.
13. John Massey used a makeshift rope to climb over the prison wall.
14. He was found to be missing at 6.30pm yesterday.
15. Massey was sentenced for life for murdering a man with a sawn-off shotgun at a pub in east London in 1975.
16. He was released five years ago, but recalled to prison when he breached parole.
  
17. Turkey is reportedly deploying anti-aircraft guns and other weapons along its border with Syria.
18. It's warned Damascus to keep its troops away from the troubled border area.
19. Recently Syria shot down a Turkish military jet.
  
20. A two-year-old girl has died after falling from the fourth floor of a block of flats.
21. South Yorkshire Police say the child fell from North Bank Apartments in Sheffield.
22. She died later in hospital.
23. Police are calling it 'a tragic incident'.



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**ADVANCED: TRUE/FALSE**

1. The first story mentions financial sector regulators from all over the world.
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3. These include Citigroup, GP Morgan and Deutsche Bank.
4. The finance houses deliberately manipulated inter-bank loan rates.
5. Yesterday Barclays Bank was fined £219 million for attempting to fix the rates.
6. The inter-bank rates affect the cost of lending for millions of customers.
  
7. The Office for National Statistics says the UK economy shrank by 0.3% in the first three months of 2012.
8. This is much worse than the Office for National Statistics had expected.
9. GDP shrank by 0.4% between October and December last year.
10. These figures mean that Britain is in a severe recession.
  
11. A man found guilty of murder escaped from Pentonville Prison in London by climbing over the wall.
12. Scotland Yard says John Massey could be dangerous and shouldn't be approached.
13. The BBC reporter is Jane Beel.
14. John Massey escaped over the prison wall by using 'a makeshift rope'.
15. Massey has been missing for days.
16. He was sentenced to life imprisonment for stabbing a man to death in a pub in east London in 1975.
17. It's understood he was released in 2007, but then recalled for breaching his parole.
  
18. Turkey is reportedly deploying anti-tank guns and other weapons along its border with Syria.
19. It's warned Damascus to keep its troops away from the troubled border.
20. Syria recently shot down a Turkish passenger jet.
  
21. A teenage girl has died after falling from the fourth floor of a block of flats.
22. The child fell from Norse Bank Apartments in Sheffield.
23. She died instantly.
24. South Yorkshire Police are calling it 'a tragic accident'.



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**ADVANCED: ANSWERS**

1. The first story mentions financial sector regulators from all over the world. (F 'in the United States, Europe and Asia' i.e. not in Australia, Africa, etc.)
2. The regulators are investigating allegations against major finance houses. (T)
3. These include Citigroup, GP Morgan and Deutsche Bank. (F 'JP Morgan')
4. The finance houses deliberately manipulated inter-bank loan rates. (F 'may have manipulated')
5. Yesterday Barclays Bank was fined £219 million for attempting to fix the rates. (F '£290 million')
6. The inter-bank rates affect the cost of lending for millions of customers. (F 'the cost of borrowing')
  
7. The Office for National Statistics says the UK economy shrank by 0.3% in the first three months of 2012. (T to contract = to shrink)
8. This is much worse than the Office for National Statistics had expected. (F 'in line with its earlier estimate')
9. GDP shrank by 0.4% between October and December last year. (T 'in the last quarter of 2011')
10. These figures mean that Britain is in a severe recession. (F 'The figures show that the current recession is more severe than first thought...')
  
11. A man found guilty of murder escaped from Pentonville Prison in London by climbing over the wall. (T 'a committed murder' i.e. someone found guilty of murder)
12. Scotland Yard says John Massey could be dangerous and shouldn't be approached. (T They said he is potentially dangerous and should not be approached.)
13. The BBC reporter is Jane Beel. (F Jane Peel)
14. John Massey escaped over the prison wall by using 'a makeshift rope'. (T)
15. Massey has been missing for days. (F 'he was found to be missing at 6.30 yesterday evening')
16. He was sentenced to life imprisonment for stabbing a man to death in a pub in east London in 1975. (F 'Massey was sentenced to life for murdering a man with a sawn-off shotgun at a pub in east London in 1975.')
17. It's understood he was released in 2007, but then recalled for breaching his parole. (T 'He's understood to have been released five years ago, but recalled for breaching his parole.')
  
18. Turkey is reportedly deploying anti-tank guns and other weapons along its border with Syria. (F 'anti-aircraft guns')
19. It's warned Damascus to keep its troops away from the troubled border. (T)
20. Syria recently shot down a Turkish passenger jet. (F 'a Turkish military jet')
  
21. A teenage girl has died after falling from the fourth floor of a block of flats. (F 'A two-year-old girl...')
22. The child fell from Norse Bank Apartments in Sheffield. (F 'North Bank')
23. She died instantly. (F 'and died later in hospital')
24. South Yorkshire Police are calling it 'a tragic accident'. (F 'a tragic incident')