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Women hold most government positions in Spain

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Women are on the rise in Spain. The new government has eleven women and six men. The new prime minister, Pedro Sanchez, put women in most of the top positions, including head of defence, the economy, education and finance. Spain now has the highest ratio of women in top government posts in Europe. Mr Sanchez said people in his government wanted to move Spain forward. He said: "All are highly qualified and bring a vocation for public service and reflect the best of Spain. [They are]...open to the world but anchored in the European Union."

Mr Sanchez looks like an unlikely leader. His party has just 84 of the 350 seats in parliament. He replaced the unpopular conservative leader Mariano Rajoy on Friday. Mr Rajoy was the focus of a corruption scandal. He was unpopular because of his austerity measures. Sanchez promised to change Spain. He has to work quickly to improve Spain's economy. He has promised to call elections in less than two years. This may not be enough time to change the last government's budget. One of his biggest challenges will be rebuilding relations with the region of Catalonia.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Women are on the | a. of women |
| 2. in most of the top | b. best of Spain |
| 3. the highest ratio | c. to move |
| 4. his government wanted | d. to the world |
| 5. All are highly | e. rise in Spain |
| 6. public | f. qualified |
| 7. reflect the | g. positions |
| 8. They are open | h. service |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Sanchez looks like an unlikely | a. call elections |
| 2. 84 of the 350 | b. challenges |
| 3. He has to work quickly | c. of Catalonia |
| 4. He has promised to | d. than two years |
| 5. in less | e. leader |
| 6. This may not be | f. to improve |
| 7. One of his biggest | g. seats in parliament |
| 8. the region | h. enough time |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Women are (1) _____ in Spain. The new government has eleven women and six men. The new prime minister, Pedro Sanchez, put women in (2) _____ top positions, including head of defence, the economy, education and finance. Spain now (3) _____ ratio of women in top government posts in Europe. Mr Sanchez said people in his government (4) _____ Spain forward. He said: "All are highly qualified and bring a vocation for public service and (5) _____ of Spain. [They are]...open to the world (6) _____ the European Union."

Mr Sanchez looks (7) _____ leader. His party has just 84 of the 350 seats in parliament. He (8) _____ conservative leader Mariano Rajoy on Friday. Mr Rajoy was the focus of a corruption scandal. He was unpopular because (9) _____ measures. Sanchez promised to change Spain. He has to work quickly to improve Spain's economy. He has promised to call (10) _____ than two years. This may not (11) _____ to change the last government's budget. One of his biggest challenges will be rebuilding relations with (12) _____ Catalonia.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WOMEN IN POWER SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180609-women-in-power-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about women in power in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

