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Level 4 – 1st August, 2022

Ditch neckties to save energy, says Spain's PM

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220801-necktie-4.html>

Spain's leader has asked people to not wear neckties to save energy and help the planet. Pedro Sanchez addressed journalists tieless at a press conference. He called on Spaniards to follow his lead. He stated: "I have asked all ministers and public decision-makers to [go tieless]. That means we can all save energy." He added that the private sector should also not wear a tie. He said: "In that way, we will all be contributing to the energy savings that are so necessary."

Spain is adopting "urgent" energy-saving measures to tackle the climate crisis. It also wants to cut its reliance on Russian gas because of the Ukraine War. Mr Sanchez's government has already restricted the use of air conditioners and heaters. Spain has introduced a relief package of \$9.2 billion to help people with energy bills. More than 500 people have died in Spain in the past two weeks because of ongoing heatwaves.

Sources: <https://www.euronews.com/my-europe/2022/07/29/tieless-pedro-sanchez-asks-spaniards-to-ditch-the-tie-to-save-energy>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. save energy and help | a. makers |
| 2. at a press | b. sector |
| 3. He called on Spaniards to follow | c. are so necessary |
| 4. ministers and public decision- | d. the planet |
| 5. we can all save | e. conference |
| 6. the private | f. be contributing |
| 7. In that way, we will all | g. energy |
| 8. energy savings that | h. his lead |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Spain is adopting "urgent" energy- | a. air conditioners |
| 2. tackle the climate | b. the past two weeks |
| 3. cut its reliance | c. crisis |
| 4. restricted the use of | d. heatwaves |
| 5. Spain has introduced a relief | e. bills |
| 6. help people with energy | f. saving measures |
| 7. 500 people have died in Spain in | g. on Russian gas |
| 8. ongoing | h. package |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Spain's leader has asked people (1) _____ neckties to save energy and help the planet. Pedro Sanchez (2) _____ at a press conference. He called on Spaniards to (3) _____. He stated: "I have asked all ministers and public decision-makers to [go tieless]. That means (4) _____ save energy." He added that the private sector should also not wear a tie. He said: "(5) _____, we will all be contributing to the (6) _____ are so necessary."

Spain (7) _____ energy-saving measures to tackle the climate crisis. It also wants to (8) _____ on Russian gas because of the Ukraine War. Mr Sanchez's government has already restricted (9) _____ air conditioners and heaters. Spain has introduced (10) _____ of \$9.2 billion to help people (11) _____. More than 500 people have died in Spain in the past two weeks (12) _____ heatwaves.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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NECKTIES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about neckties 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) _____

