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Level 5

Catalonia workers strike for independence

5th October, 2017

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THE READING

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A strike in Catalonia, Spain on Tuesday brought large parts of Barcelona to a standstill. Thousands of Catalans joined and blocked roads to protest over police violence during Sunday's independence referendum. Nearly 900 people were injured in a police crackdown against voters and referendum staff. Spain's government said the referendum was illegal. It ordered the police to break it up. Spain's King Felipe VI condemned the vote. In a televised speech, he said people had put themselves "outside the law". He said the situation in Catalonia was "extremely serious" and called for national unity.

The mayor of Barcelona said the Catalan people deserved a vote on independence. She said: "What we need is a democratic response...a political solution [and] an inclusive solution that listens to the cries of millions of people." She called for Spain's prime minister to resign. More unrest could come in the days ahead. A declaration of Catalan independence could send Spain into a constitutional crisis. It could risk the break-up of Spain if other regions copy Catalonia and have their own referendum. Spain's president asked the international community to help mediate.

Sources: <https://www.cnbc.com/2017/10/03/catalonia-goes-on-strike-as-calls-for-declaration-of-independence-grow.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. brought large parts of Barcelona | a. "outside the law" |
| 2. 900 people were injured in a police | b. it up |
| 3. the referendum was | c. unity |
| 4. It ordered the police to break | d. crackdown |
| 5. In a televised | e. serious |
| 6. people had put themselves | f. to a standstill |
| 7. extremely | g. speech |
| 8. called for national | h. illegal |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|--------------------|
| 1. the Catalan people | a. Catalonia |
| 2. What we need is a democratic | b. to resign |
| 3. a political | c. community |
| 4. She called for Spain's prime minister | d. deserved a vote |
| 5. More unrest could come in | e. up of Spain |
| 6. It could risk the break- | f. solution |
| 7. if other regions copy | g. response |
| 8. the international | h. the days ahead |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A strike in Catalonia, Spain on Tuesday brought (1) _____
Barcelona to a standstill. Thousands of Catalans (2) _____
roads to protest over police violence during Sunday's independence
referendum. Nearly 900 people (3) _____ a police
crackdown against voters and referendum staff. Spain's government said the
referendum was illegal. It ordered the police (4) _____.
Spain's King Felipe VI condemned the vote. In a televised speech, he said
people had put themselves "(5) _____". He said the
situation in Catalonia was "extremely serious" (6) _____
national unity.

The mayor of Barcelona said the Catalan (7) _____ a vote
on independence. She said: "What (8) _____ democratic
response...a political solution [and] (9) _____ that listens
to the cries of millions of people." She called for Spain's prime minister to
resign. More unrest (10) _____ the days ahead. A
declaration of Catalan independence could send Spain into a constitutional
crisis. It could (11) _____ of Spain if other regions copy
Catalonia and have their own referendum. Spain's president asked the
international community (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CATALONIAN INDEPENDENCE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171005-catalonia-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Catalonian independence 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) _____

