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**Level 4** – 13th December, 2018

## 'Yellow Vests' protests to continue in France

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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/1812/181213-yellow-vests-protests-4.html>

France is famous for revolution but is now seeing unrest it has not seen for decades. It is being hit by violent nationwide protests. Hundreds of thousands of people are taking to the streets, causing chaos to business, transport and the economy. The Yellow Vests Movement is leading the protests. Its protestors wear high-visibility jackets. The protestors were angry about rising fuel prices, the high cost of living, and tax reforms that are unfair for workers.

France's President declared "a state of social and economic emergency". The violence has caused over a billion dollars in damages. Paris has seen the worst of the protests. The President will cancel his planned fuel-price rise and lower tax for the poor. He called for the chaos to end and for calm to return. He said: "No anger justifies attacking a police officer...or damaging a shop or public building. When violence is unleashed, freedom ends."

Sources: <https://www.npr.org/2018/12/10/675425153/macron-promises-minimum-wage-hike-and-tax-cuts-to-end-yellow-vest-protests>  
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<https://www.liberationnews.org/french-mass-rebellion-grows-and-deepens/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181213-yellow-vests-protests-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                              |                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. unrest it has not         | a. for workers        |
| 2. hit by violent nationwide | b. seen for decades   |
| 3. causing chaos             | c. visibility jackets |
| 4. Its protestors wear high- | d. reforms            |
| 5. angry about rising fuel   | e. cost of living     |
| 6. the high                  | f. to business        |
| 7. tax                       | g. prices             |
| 8. unfair                    | h. protests           |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. a state of social and economic | a. a police officer |
| 2. caused over a billion dollars  | b. of the protests  |
| 3. Paris has seen the worst       | c. in damages       |
| 4. cancel his planned fuel-       | d. freedom ends     |
| 5. lower tax                      | e. to end           |
| 6. He called for the chaos        | f. emergency        |
| 7. No anger justifies attacking   | g. price rise       |
| 8. When violence is unleashed,    | h. for the poor     |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181213-yellow-vests-protests-4.html>

France (1) \_\_\_\_\_ revolution but is now seeing unrest it has not seen for decades. It is being (2) \_\_\_\_\_ nationwide protests. Hundreds of thousands of people (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the streets, causing chaos to business, transport and the economy. The Yellow Vests Movement (4) \_\_\_\_\_ protests. Its protestors wear high-visibility jackets. The protestors were (5) \_\_\_\_\_ fuel prices, the high cost of living, and tax reforms that (6) \_\_\_\_\_ workers.

France's President declared "a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ and economic emergency". The violence has (8) \_\_\_\_\_ billion dollars in damages. Paris has seen (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the protests. The President will cancel his planned fuel-price (10) \_\_\_\_\_ tax for the poor. He called for the chaos to end and for (11) \_\_\_\_\_. He said: "No anger justifies attacking a police officer...or damaging a shop or public building. (12) \_\_\_\_\_ unleashed, freedom ends."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# STREET PROTESTS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181213-yellow-vests-protests-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about street protests 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) \_\_\_\_\_

