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Level 0 – 13th January, 2019

Macedonia agrees to change its name

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190113-macedonia-0.html>

The Republic of Macedonia will change its name to the Republic of North Macedonia. The country became independent in 1991. It became a member of the U.N. in 1993. Greece's largest region is also called Macedonia. Greece said it owned the name. Greece stopped Macedonia from joining the E.U. because of this.

Over 67 per cent of Macedonia's politicians voted for the change. Opposition politicians did not vote. Hundreds of people protested. An opposition leader said the government traded Macedonia's name, "just like at a market stall." Macedonia's Prime Minister said the name change would, "open the doors to the future".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Macedonia will change | a. the name |
| 2. The country became independent | b. Macedonia |
| 3. It became a member | c. of this |
| 4. Greece's largest | d. its name |
| 5. also called | e. from joining |
| 6. Greece said it owned | f. region |
| 7. Greece stopped Macedonia | g. of the U.N. |
| 8. because | h. in 1991 |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Over | a. not vote |
| 2. Macedonia's politicians voted | b. Macedonia's name |
| 3. Opposition politicians did | c. to the future |
| 4. Hundreds of people | d. leader |
| 5. opposition | e. stall |
| 6. the government traded | f. for the change |
| 7. at a market | g. protested |
| 8. open the doors | h. 67 per cent |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Republic of Macedonia (1) _____ name to the Republic of North Macedonia. The country (2) _____ 1991. It became (3) _____ the U.N. in 1993. Greece's largest (4) _____ called Macedonia. Greece (5) _____ the name. Greece stopped Macedonia from joining the E.U. (6) _____.

Over 67 per cent of Macedonia's politicians (7) _____ change. Opposition (8) _____ vote. Hundreds of people protested. An opposition (9) _____ government traded Macedonia's name, "(10) _____ a market stall." Macedonia's Prime Minister (11) _____ change would, "open the doors (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MACEDONIA SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190113-macedonia-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Macedonia 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) _____

