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Level 1 – 13th January, 2019

Macedonia agrees to change its name

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The Republic of Macedonia will change its name to the Republic of North Macedonia. The country became independent in 1991 after Yugoslavia broke up. It became a member of the United Nations in 1993. Greece's largest region is also called Macedonia and Greece said it owned the name "Macedonia". Greece blocked Macedonia from joining the EU because of this. Macedonia's Prime Minister said the name change would, "open the doors to the future".

Macedonia and Greece talked for ten years. Just over 67 per cent of Macedonia's parliament voted for the change. Opposition politicians did not vote. Hundreds of people protested in front of Macedonia's parliament. An opposition leader was angry. He said: "Look how publicly, how openly, this trade is going on with Macedonia's name and identity - just like at a market stall." The next step is for Greece to agree to the change.

Sources: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-macedonia-name-parliament/macedonian-parliament-agrees-to-change-countrys-name-idUSKCN1P5238>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190113-macedonia-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The country became | a. Prime Minister |
| 2. after Yugoslavia | b. region |
| 3. It became a member of the | c. broke up |
| 4. Greece's largest | d. to the future |
| 5. Greece said it owned the | e. from joining |
| 6. Greece blocked Macedonia | f. independent in 1991 |
| 7. Macedonia's | g. name "Macedonia" |
| 8. open the doors | h. United Nations |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Macedonia and Greece talked | a. step |
| 2. parliament voted | b. was angry |
| 3. An opposition leader | c. stall |
| 4. how openly this trade is | d. to the change |
| 5. Macedonia's name and | e. for the change |
| 6. just like at a market | f. identity |
| 7. The next | g. for ten years |
| 8. agree | h. going on |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190113-macedonia-1.html>

The Republic of Macedonia (1) _____ name to the Republic of North Macedonia. (2) _____ independent in 1991 after Yugoslavia broke up. It became a (3) _____ United Nations in 1993. Greece's largest (4) _____ called Macedonia and Greece said it owned the name "Macedonia". Greece blocked Macedonia from joining the EU (5) _____. Macedonia's Prime Minister said the name change would, "(6) _____ to the future".

Macedonia and Greece (7) _____ years. Just over 67 per cent of Macedonia's parliament (8) _____ change. Opposition politicians (9) _____. Hundreds of people protested in front of Macedonia's parliament. An opposition (10) _____. He said: "Look how publicly, how openly, this trade is (11) _____ Macedonia's name and identity - just like at (12) _____." The next step is for Greece to agree to the change.

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) _____

