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Level 2 – 13th January, 2019

Macedonia agrees to change its name

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Please try Levels 0, 1 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. It agreed on the new name of the Republic of North Macedonia. The change is after a 27-year dispute with Greece. Macedonia became independent in 1991 after the former Yugoslavia broke up. It became a member of the United Nations in 1993. Its name caused an argument with Greece. Greece's largest region is also called Macedonia and said it owned the name "Macedonia". Greece blocked Macedonia from joining the EU because of the name "Macedonia". The Prime Minister said the change would, "open the doors to the future".

There was a decade of talks between Macedonia and Greece. Just over 67 per cent of Macedonia's 120-seat parliament voted for the change. Opposition politicians boycotted the vote. Several hundred people protested against the deal in front of Macedonia's parliament. An opposition leader was angry because of the talks to change the country's name. 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.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. It agreed | a. Macedonia" |
| 2. after the former Yugoslavia | b. on the new name |
| 3. Its name caused an argument | c. region |
| 4. Greece's largest | d. the future |
| 5. it owned the | e. from joining |
| 6. Greece blocked Macedonia | f. with Greece |
| 7. because of the name " | g. broke up |
| 8. open the doors to | h. name "Macedonia" |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Macedonia's 120- | a. stall |
| 2. Opposition politicians boycotted | b. seat parliament |
| 3. talks to change | c. step |
| 4. this trade is | d. the country's name |
| 5. Macedonia's name | e. to the change |
| 6. just like at a market | f. and identity |
| 7. The next | g. the vote |
| 8. agree | h. going on |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Republic of Macedonia (1) _____ name. It agreed on the new name of the Republic of North Macedonia. The (2) _____ a 27-year dispute with Greece. Macedonia became independent in 1991 (3) _____ Yugoslavia broke up. It became a member of the United Nations in 1993. Its name caused (4) _____ Greece. Greece's largest region is also called Macedonia and said it owned the name "Macedonia". Greece blocked Macedonia (5) _____ EU because of the name "Macedonia". The Prime Minister said the change would, "(6) _____ to the future".

There was a (7) _____ between Macedonia and Greece. Just over 67 per cent of Macedonia's 120-seat parliament voted (8) _____. Opposition politicians boycotted the vote. Several hundred people protested (9) _____ in front of Macedonia's parliament. An opposition leader was angry because of the talks to change the country's name. He said: "(10) _____, how openly, this trade (11) _____ with 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

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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) _____

