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**Level 0 – 10th March, 2019**

## Finland's government resigns

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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/1903/190310-finland-0.html>

Finland's government resigned. It couldn't make changes to welfare and healthcare. Politicians voted against the changes. Finland's leader was very disappointed. He will stay in power until elections in April. Finland's population is aging. It needs a lot of money. The planned changes could save \$3.4 billion over ten years.

Politicians think the government is making a mistake. It should stay in power until the elections. Mr Sipila said it had no support and had to resign. Sipila said he takes responsibility. One of Sipila's colleagues said resigning was a good example of "political responsibility".

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-47496326>  
<https://www.foxnews.com/world/finlands-entire-government-resigns-after-breakdown-of-agreement-on-welfare-state-reform>  
<http://www.helsinkitimes.fi/finland/finland-news/politics/16248-finnish-government-hands-in-resignation-after-collapse-of-care-reform.html>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190310-finland-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. make changes to welfare   | a. \$3.4 billion  |
| 2. Finland's leader was very | b. is aging       |
| 3. He will stay              | c. ten years      |
| 4. Finland's population      | d. disappointed   |
| 5. It needs a                | e. changes        |
| 6. planned                   | f. and healthcare |
| 7. save                      | g. lot of money   |
| 8. over                      | h. in power       |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. the government is | a. colleagues       |
| 2. It should stay in | b. resign           |
| 3. until the         | c. responsibility   |
| 4. it had no         | d. support          |
| 5. had to            | e. example          |
| 6. One of Sipila's   | f. power            |
| 7. a good            | g. making a mistake |
| 8. political         | h. elections        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190310-finland-0.html>

Finland's government resigned. (1) \_\_\_\_\_

changes to welfare and healthcare. Politicians

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ changes. Finland's leader

(3) \_\_\_\_\_. He will stay in power

(4) \_\_\_\_\_ April. Finland's population is aging. It

(5) \_\_\_\_\_ of money. The planned changes could

save \$3.4 billion (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Politicians (7) \_\_\_\_\_ is making a mistake. It

should (8) \_\_\_\_\_ until the elections. Mr Sipila

said (9) \_\_\_\_\_ support and had to resign. Sipila

said (10) \_\_\_\_\_. One of Sipila's colleagues

(11) \_\_\_\_\_ a good example

(12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# FINLAND SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190310-finland-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Finland 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) \_\_\_\_\_

