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Millionaires say 'tax us more'

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220526-millionaires-tax.html>

Times are hard for many people. Prices are rising around the world. The COVID-19 pandemic and Ukraine War have pushed up food and energy bills. In some countries, the price of energy has tripled. In other countries, food is 20 per cent more expensive than a year ago. A group of wealthy business leaders who own multi-billion-dollar companies has asked their governments to tax them more. The leaders met at a meeting of global leaders in Davos, Switzerland. The group of multi-millionaires and billionaires actually protested in the streets. They called for governments to increase taxes for people like them. They marched in the streets with left-wing activists. The protestors wanted fairer tax systems.

The World Economic Forum has been held in Davos, Switzerland since 1971. World leaders meet there once a year to discuss global problems. The group of wealthy business people called themselves the Patriotic Millionaires. A UK millionaire said: "It's outrageous that our political leaders listen to those who have the most but know the least about the economic impact of this cost of living crisis." He said many super-rich people "pay infamously little in taxes". He added: "The only acceptable outcome from this conference is to tax the richest and tax us now." Another millionaire at the protest said: "We have hit the end of the line when another quarter of a billion people will be pushed into extreme poverty this year."

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WARM-UPS

1. TAX: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about tax. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

times / prices / the world / pandemic / Ukraine / expensive / millionaire / tax /
leaders / global problems / wealthy / leaders / cost of living / crisis / poverty

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. HIGHER TAXES: Students A **strongly** believe rich people should pay much higher taxes; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. HARD TIMES: Have you experienced these hard times? What can we do to survive them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Your Experience	How to Survive
Money		
Stress		
No food		
No friends		
Being cold		
Bullying		

5. CRISIS: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "crisis". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. PRICES: Rank these with your partner. Put the worst things to increase in price at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Bread
- Internet
- Chocolate
- Coffee
- Books
- Electricity
- Water
- English lessons

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------|---|
| 1. hard | a. Having three times the usual size. |
| 2. rising | b. Difficult. |
| 3. bill | c. A paper that tells how much you must pay for the gas, electricity, water you used. |
| 4. tripled | d. The side of politics that believes in changing society. |
| 5. wealthy | e. A person who campaigns to bring political or social change. |
| 6. left-wing | f. Going up. |
| 7. activist | g. Very, very, very rich. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 8. held | h. The effect of one thing on another thing. |
| 9. patriotic | i. A time of intense difficulty or danger. |
| 10. outrageous | j. The way a thing turns out; the result of something. |
| 11. impact | k. Really, really, really shocking. |
| 12. crisis | l. The state of being very, very poor. |
| 13. outcome | m. Arrange and take part in an event or party. |
| 14. poverty | n. Having a love for one's country. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220526-millionaires-tax.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The article says many people are hard at times. **T / F**
2. Food prices went up by 20% in a year in some countries. **T / F**
3. A group of rich people wants governments to tax them more. **T / F**
4. Millionaires marched in the streets calling for higher taxes. **T / F**
5. World leaders meet at Davos every two years. **T / F**
6. A millionaire said the people who have the most know the least. **T / F**
7. A millionaire said rich people are famous for paying high taxes. **T / F**
8. A millionaire said a quarter of a billion people will experience poverty. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. hard | a. shocking |
| 2. pushed up | b. demonstrated |
| 3. wealthy | c. worldwide |
| 4. protested | d. rich |
| 5. activists | e. difficult |
| 6. global | f. very great |
| 7. outrageous | g. result |
| 8. impact | h. increased |
| 9. outcome | i. effect |
| 10. extreme | j. campaigners |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 1. Times are | a. billionaires |
| 2. the price of energy | b. of the line |
| 3. A group of wealthy | c. with left-wing activists |
| 4. multi-millionaires and | d. of living crisis |
| 5. They marched in the streets | e. business leaders |
| 6. World leaders meet there | f. a billion people |
| 7. the economic impact of this cost | g. hard for many people |
| 8. We have hit the end | h. poverty |
| 9. another quarter of | i. has tripled |
| 10. people will be pushed into extreme | j. once a year |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220526-millionaires-tax.html>

Times are (1) _____ for many people. Prices are rising around the world. The COVID-19 pandemic and Ukraine War have (2) _____ up food and energy bills. In some countries, the price of energy has tripled. In other countries, food is 20 per cent more expensive than a year ago. A group of (3) _____ business leaders who own multi-billion-dollar companies has asked their governments to tax them more. The leaders (4) _____ at a meeting of global leaders in Davos, Switzerland. The group of multi-millionaires and billionaires actually (5) _____ in the streets. They called for governments to increase (6) _____ for people like them. They marched in the streets with left-wing (7) _____. The protestors wanted (8) _____ tax systems.

met
hard
activists
protested
fairer
pushed
wealthy
taxes

The World Economic Forum has been (9) _____ in Davos, Switzerland since 1971. World leaders meet there (10) _____ a year to discuss global problems. The group of wealthy business people called (11) _____ the Patriotic Millionaires. A UK millionaire said: "It's (12) _____ that our political leaders listen to those who have the most but know the (13) _____ about the economic impact of this cost of living crisis." He said many super-rich people "pay infamously little in taxes". He added: "The only acceptable outcome from this conference is to tax the (14) _____ and tax us now." Another millionaire at the protest said: "We have hit the (15) _____ of the line when another quarter of a billion people will be pushed into extreme (16) _____ this year."

least
held
end
themselves
once
poverty
richest
outrageous

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Times are hard for many people. Prices are rising _____
 - a. around the world
 - b. abound the world
 - c. round the world
 - d. are round the world
- 2) The COVID-19 pandemic and Ukraine War have pushed up food _____
 - a. and energy dills
 - b. and energy bills
 - c. and energy veils
 - d. and energy balls
- 3) multi-billion-dollar companies has asked their governments to _____
 - a. tax them ore
 - b. tax them moor
 - c. tax them more
 - d. tax them oar
- 4) They marched in the streets with _____
 - a. left-ring activists
 - b. left-win activists
 - c. left-wing activists
 - d. left-thing activists
- 5) The protestors wanted _____
 - a. fairer tax systems
 - b. fairy tax systems
 - c. father tax systems
 - d. farther tax systems
- 6) The World Economic Forum has been held in Davos, _____
 - a. Switzerland since 1971
 - b. Switzerland sins 1971
 - c. Switzerland for 1971
 - d. Switzerland sinks 1971
- 7) those who have the most but know the least about _____
 - a. the economic compact
 - b. the economic imp pact
 - c. the economic impact
 - d. the economic in pact
- 8) The only acceptable outcome from this conference is to _____
 - a. tax a richest
 - b. tax the riches
 - c. tax the richest
 - d. tax the riches
- 9) Another millionaire at the protest said: "We have hit the end _____"
 - a. off the line
 - b. on the line
 - c. offer line
 - d. of the line
- 10) another quarter of a billion people will be pushed _____
 - a. into egg stream poverty
 - b. into extreme poverty
 - c. into extremity poverty
 - d. into extremely poverty

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Times (1) _____ many people. Prices are rising around the world. The COVID-19 pandemic and Ukraine War (2) _____ food and energy bills. In some countries, the price of energy has tripled. In other countries, food is 20 per cent more expensive (3) _____ ago. A group of wealthy business (4) _____ multi-billion-dollar companies has asked their governments to tax them more. The leaders met at a meeting (5) _____ in Davos, Switzerland. The group of multi-millionaires and billionaires actually protested in the streets. They called for governments to increase taxes for people like them. They marched in the streets with left-wing activists. The protestors (6) _____ systems.

The World Economic Forum (7) _____ in Davos, Switzerland since 1971. World leaders meet there once a year to discuss global problems. The (8) _____ business people called themselves the Patriotic Millionaires. A UK millionaire said: "It's outrageous that our political leaders (9) _____ who have the most but know the least about the economic impact of this cost of living crisis." He said many super-rich people "pay infamously (10) _____". He added: "The only acceptable outcome from this conference is to tax the richest and tax us now." Another millionaire at the protest said: "We have (11) _____ of the line when another quarter of a billion people will be pushed into extreme (12) _____."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220526-millionaires-tax.html>

1. What does the article say is hard?
2. What pushed up prices besides COVID-19?
3. By how much has food risen in some countries in the past year?
4. Where in Davos did the millionaires protest?
5. Who did the group of millionaires march with?
6. When was the first meeting in Davos held?
7. What name did the millionaire protestors give to themselves?
8. Who did a millionaire say knew the least?
9. What did a millionaire protestor say we had hit the end of?
10. What will a quarter of a billion people be pushed into?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220526-millionaires-tax.html>

- 1) What does the article say is hard?
 - a) food
 - b) times
 - c) prices
 - d) COVID-19
- 2) What pushed up prices besides COVID-19?
 - a) gas prices
 - b) global warming
 - c) inflation
 - d) the Ukraine War
- 3) By how much has food risen in some countries in the past year?
 - a) a little
 - b) a lot
 - c) 20%
 - d) 12%
- 4) Where in Davos did the millionaires protest?
 - a) in the streets
 - b) in a billionaire's luxury mansion
 - c) in a conference hall
 - d) in a shopping mall
- 5) Who did the group of millionaires march with?
 - a) billionaires
 - b) left-wing activists
 - c) a marching band
 - d) children
- 6) When was the first meeting in Davos held?
 - a) 1971
 - b) 1972
 - c) 1973
 - d) 1974
- 7) What name did the millionaire protestors give to themselves?
 - a) the Millionaire Patriots
 - b) the Millionaire Patrons
 - c) the Patriotic Millionaires
 - d) the Patron Millionaires
- 8) Who did a millionaire say knew the least?
 - a) those who have the most
 - b) professors
 - c) billionaires
 - d) business leaders
- 9) What did a millionaire protestor say we had hit the end of?
 - a) good times
 - b) the road
 - c) our patience
 - d) the line
- 10) What will a quarter of a billion people be pushed into?
 - a) poor houses
 - b) eating less
 - c) extreme poverty
 - d) working extra hours

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Bread

You think bread is the worst thing to increase in price. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why it isn't so bad if their things go up in price. Also, tell the others which is the least painful of these (and why): Internet fees, electricity or English lessons.

Role B – Internet

You think Internet fees are the worst things to increase in price. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why it isn't so bad if their things go up in price. Also, tell the others which is the least painful of these (and why): bread, electricity or English lessons.

Role C – Electricity

You think electricity is the worst thing to increase in price. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why it isn't so bad if their things go up in price. Also, tell the others which is the least painful of these (and why): Internet fees, bread or English lessons.

Role D – English Lessons

You think English lessons are the worst things to increase in price. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why it isn't so bad if their things go up in price. Also, tell the others which is the least painful of these (and why): Internet fees, electricity or bread.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220526-millionaires-tax.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'millionaire' and 'tax'.

millionaire	tax
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• hard• rising• ago• actually• streets• systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• held• once• listen• crisis• now• pushed
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TAX SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220526-millionaires-tax.html>

Write five GOOD questions about tax 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.

TAX DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'millionaire'?
3. How hard is life for you?
4. Is life getting harder or easier for you?
5. What are food prices like in your country?
6. What things do you not buy if you have little money?
7. Should wealthy people pay more tax?
8. Why do governments not tax wealthy people more?
9. What do you think of the millionaires who want to pay more tax?
10. What would make you march in the streets?

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TAX DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'tax'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How patriotic are you?
15. What do world leaders need to discuss?
16. Do people who have the most know the least about life?
17. What would make life better for you?
18. What do you think of tax?
19. Why do people live in poverty in the 21st century?
20. What questions would you like to ask the Patriotic Millionaires?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) hard | (b) hardly | (c) harden | (d) hardens |
| 2. | (a) arising | (b) raising | (c) rising | (d) rise |
| 3. | (a) triplet | (b) trio | (c) tripled | (d) tripped |
| 4. | (a) down | (b) disown | (c) drown | (d) own |
| 5. | (a) at | (b) to | (c) in | (d) of |
| 6. | (a) leg | (b) wing | (c) arm | (d) tentacle |
| 7. | (a) grasped | (b) held | (c) gripped | (d) touched |
| 8. | (a) scourges | (b) outrageous | (c) ages | (d) courageous |
| 9. | (a) enliven | (b) lively | (c) living | (d) livelihood |
| 10. | (a) well known | (b) famously | (c) unknown | (d) infamously |
| 11. | (a) income | (b) overcome | (c) come | (d) outcome |
| 12. | (a) cash | (b) century | (c) tether | (d) line |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. The COVID-19 emdcpnia
2. the price of energy has eitplrd
3. A group of eahytwl business leaders
4. millionaires and irolsiialben
5. rsetttoep in the streets
6. left-wing itvcasits

Paragraph 2

7. sudicss global problems
8. iopialctl leaders
9. super-rich people pay flsuoayimn little
10. The only bcpetcaela outcome
11. another etarruq of a billion people
12. pushed into emxeret poverty

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220526-millionaires-tax.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () billionaires actually protested in the streets. They called for governments to increase taxes for people like them. They marched
- () and Ukraine War have pushed up food and energy bills. In some countries, the price of energy has
- () taxes". He added: "The only acceptable outcome from this conference is to tax the richest
- (**1**) Times are hard for many people. Prices are rising around the world. The COVID-19 pandemic
- () quarter of a billion people will be pushed into extreme poverty this year."
- () a year to discuss global problems. The group of wealthy business people called themselves the
- () least about the economic impact of this cost of living crisis." He said many super-rich people "pay infamously little in
- () of wealthy business leaders who own multi-billion-dollar companies has asked their governments to tax them
- () and tax us now." Another millionaire at the protest said: "We have hit the end of the line when another
- () Patriotic Millionaires. A UK millionaire said: "It's outrageous that our political leaders listen to those who have the most but know the
- () in the streets with left-wing activists. The protestors wanted fairer tax systems.
- () The World Economic Forum has been held in Davos, Switzerland since 1971. World leaders meet there once
- () more. The leaders met at a meeting of global leaders in Davos, Switzerland. The group of multi-millionaires and
- () tripled. In other countries, food is 20 per cent more expensive than a year ago. A group

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220526-millionaires-tax.html>

1. are Prices world . around the rising all
2. some In of price tripled . the countries, energy
3. to more . They tax asked them their governments
4. increase governments for called to They taxes .
5. left-wing the They streets with marched in activists .
6. meet year . once leaders World a there
7. have but least . most the know the They
8. conference . acceptable from The only outcome this
9. end of the the line . hit We have
10. pushed poverty . into will People be extreme

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220526-millionaires-tax.html>

Times are hard for many people. Prices are *raising* / *rising* around the world. The COVID-19 pandemic and Ukraine War have pushed *up* / *out* food and energy bills. In some countries, the price of energy has *troubled* / *tripled*. In other countries, food is 20 per cent more expensive *for* / *than* a year ago. A group of wealthy business leaders who *own* / *down* multi-billion-dollar companies has asked their governments to tax them *much* / *more*. The leaders met at a meeting of *globe* / *global* leaders in Davos, Switzerland. The group of multi-millionaires and billionaires actually *protected* / *protested* in the streets. They called for governments to *increase* / *decrease* taxes for people like them. They marched in the streets with left-wing activists. The protestors wanted *fairer* / *fairy* tax systems.

The World Economic Forum has been *hold* / *held* in Davos, Switzerland since 1971. World leaders meet there *once* / *ones* a year to discuss global problems. The group of *wealth* / *wealthy* business people called themselves the Patriotic Millionaires. A UK millionaire said: "It's *courageous* / *outrageous* that our political leaders listen *to* / *at* those who have the most but know the least about the economic impact of this cost *of* / *off* living crisis." He said many super-rich people "pay infamously *little* / *small* in taxes". He added: "The only acceptable *outcome* / *income* from this conference is to tax the richest and tax us *know* / *now*." Another millionaire at the protest said: "We have hit the end of the line when another quarter of a billion people will be pushed into *extreme* / *extremely* poverty this year."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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T_m_s _r_ h_r_d f_r m_ny p__pl_. Pr_c_s _r_ r_s_ng
_r__nd th_ w_rld. Th_ C_V_D-19 p_nd_m_c _nd _kr__n_
W_r h_v_ p_sh_d _p f__d _nd _n_rgy b_lls. _n s_m_
c__ntr__s, th_ pr_c_ _f _n_rgy h_s tr_pl_d. _n _th_r
c__ntr__s, f__d _s 20 p_r c_nt m_r_ _xp_ns_v_ th_n _
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g_v_rnm_nts t_ t_x th_m m_r_. Th_ l__d_rs m_t t_ _
m__t_ng _f gl_b_l l__d_rs _n D_v_s, Sw_tz_rl_nd. Th_
gr__p _f m_lt_-m_ll__n__r_s _nd b_ll__n__r_s _ct__lly
pr_t_st_d _n th_ str__ts. Th_y c_ll_d f_r g_v_rnm_nts
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w_nt_d f__r_r t_x syst_ms.

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_ y__r t_ d_sc_ss gl_b_l pr_bl_ms. Th_ gr__p _f
w__lthy b_s_n_ss p__pl_ c_ll_d th_ms_lv_s th_
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220526-millionaires-tax.html>

times are hard for many people prices are rising around the world the covid19 pandemic and ukraine war have pushed up food and energy bills in some countries the price of energy has tripled in other countries food is 20 per cent more expensive than a year ago a group of wealthy business leaders who own multibilliondollar companies has asked their governments to tax them more the leaders met at a meeting of global leaders in davos switzerland the group of multimillionaires and billionaires actually protested in the streets they called for governments to increase taxes for people like them they marched in the streets with leftwing activists the protestors wanted fairer tax systems

the world economic forum has been held in davos switzerland since 1971 world leaders meet there once a year to discuss global problems the group of wealthy business people called themselves the patriotic millionaires a uk millionaire said its outrageous that our political leaders listen to those who have the most but know the least about the economic impact of this cost of living crisis he said many superrich people pay infamously little in taxes he added the only acceptable outcome from this conference is to tax the richest and tax us now another millionaire at the protest said we have hit the end of the line when another quarter of a billion people will be pushed into extreme poverty this year

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Times are hard for many people. Prices are rising around the world. The COVID-19 pandemic and Ukraine War have pushed up food and energy bills. In some countries, the price of energy has tripled. In other countries, food is 20 percent more expensive than a year ago. A group of wealthy business leaders who own multi-billion-dollar companies has asked their government to tax them more. The leaders met at a meeting of global leaders in Davos, Switzerland. The group of multi-millionaires and billionaires actually protested in the streets. They called for governments to increase taxes for people like them. They marched in the streets with left-wing activists. The protestors wanted fairer tax systems. The World Economic Forum has been held in Davos, Switzerland since 1971. World leaders meet there once a year to discuss global problems. The group of wealthy business people called themselves the Patriotic Millionaires. A UK millionaire said: "It's outrageous that our political leaders listen to those who have the most but know the least about the economic impact of this cost of living crisis." He said many super-rich people "pay in famously little in taxes". He added: "The only acceptable outcome from this conference is to tax the richest and tax us now." Another millionaire at the protest said: "We have hit the end of the line when another quarter of a billion people will be pushed into extreme poverty this year."

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. TAX: Make a poster about tax. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. MAXIMUM TAX: Write a magazine article about taxing the wealthy and big companies to the maximum. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on tax. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on tax. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. f 3. c 4. a 5. g 6. d 7. e
8. m 9. n 10. k 11. h 12. i 13. j 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 T 3 T 4 T 5 F 6 T 7 F 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. e	2. h	3. d	4. b	5. j
6. c	7. a	8. i	9. g	10. f

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Times
2. The Ukraine War
3. 20%
4. In the streets
5. Left-wing activists
6. 1971
7. The Patriotic Millionaires
8. Those who have the most
9. The line
10. Extreme poverty

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Prices are rising all around the world.
2. In some countries, the price of energy tripled.
3. They asked their governments to tax them more.
4. They called for governments to increase taxes.
5. They marched in the streets with left-wing activists.
6. World leaders meet there once a year.
7. They have the most but know the least.
8. The only acceptable outcome from this conference.
9. We have hit the end of the line.
10. People will be pushed into extreme poverty.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. c 4. a 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. d 10. c

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)