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**Level 5 – 1st August, 2022**

## Ditch neckties to save energy, says Spain's PM

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# THE READING

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Spain's Prime Minister has urged citizens to ditch their neckties to help save energy and the planet. Pedro Sanchez made his plea at a press conference. He addressed journalists tieless, and called on Spaniards to follow his lead in ditching his tie. He stated: "I have asked all ministers and public decision-makers to [go tieless]. That means we can all save energy." He added: "I would also like to ask the private sector that...they should not wear a tie either because, in that way, we will all be contributing to the energy savings that are so necessary for our country."

Spain will soon adopt "urgent" energy-saving measures to tackle the climate crisis, and to cut its reliance on Russian gas. Other European countries are moving away from Russian fuel because of the Ukraine War. Sanchez's government has already restricted the use of air conditioners and heating appliances in workplaces. The recent heatwaves and rising energy prices have taken their toll in Spain. More than 500 people have died in the past two weeks because of the heat. Spain has also introduced a relief package of \$9.2 billion to help people with energy bills.

Sources: <https://www.euronews.com/my-europe/2022/07/29/tieless-pedro-sanchez-asks-spaniards-to-ditch-the-tie-to-save-energy>  
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<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/spanish-pm-calls-on-workers-to-stop-wearing-ties/ar-AA106y16>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. help save energy               | a. be contributing  |
| 2. at a press                     | b. tieless          |
| 3. He addressed journalists       | c. makers           |
| 4. called on Spaniards to follow  | d. conference       |
| 5. ministers and public decision- | e. are so necessary |
| 6. the private                    | f. and the planet   |
| 7. we will all                    | g. his lead         |
| 8. energy savings that            | h. sector           |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                             |                        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. energy-saving            | a. package             |
| 2. tackle the climate       | b. from Russian fuel   |
| 3. cut its reliance         | c. of air conditioners |
| 4. moving away              | d. crisis              |
| 5. restricted the use       | e. their toll          |
| 6. energy prices have taken | f. measures            |
| 7. a relief                 | g. bills               |
| 8. help people with energy  | h. on Russian gas      |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Spain's Prime Minister (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to ditch their neckties to help save energy and the planet. Pedro Sanchez made his (2) \_\_\_\_\_ press conference. He addressed journalists tieless, and called on Spaniards to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in ditching his tie. He stated: "I have asked all ministers and public decision-makers to [go tieless]. That means we (4) \_\_\_\_\_ energy." He added: "I would also like to ask the (5) \_\_\_\_\_...they should not wear a tie either because, in that way, we will (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to the energy savings that are so necessary for our country."

Spain will (7) \_\_\_\_\_ energy-saving measures to tackle the climate crisis, and to (8) \_\_\_\_\_ on Russian gas. Other European countries are moving away from Russian (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the Ukraine War. Sanchez's government has already restricted the use of air conditioners and (10) \_\_\_\_\_ workplaces. The recent heatwaves and rising energy prices have (11) \_\_\_\_\_ in Spain. More than 500 people have died in the past two weeks because of the heat. Spain has also introduced (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of \$9.2 billion to help people with energy bills.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# NECKTIES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220801-necktie-4.html>

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

