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Rio police strike before Carnival

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Police officers in Rio de Janeiro have gone on strike just a week before the world-famous Carnival begins. Up to 70 per cent of the city's 58,000 police have joined the strike. The officers are striking over pay. They are unhappy with a 39 per cent raise over the next two years, with a promise of more in 2014. The offer was half of what they wanted. The strike for higher wages followed an earlier walkout by police in the city of Salvador. This led to a crime wave with more than 150 murders and serious vandalism.

Rio city officials are worried the police strike might hurt its tourism. The Carnival brings in around 800,000 tourists each February. Fears over security may mean many of those stay at home. Rio is also due to host games for the 2014 World Cup and the 2016 Olympic Games. Rio Governor Sergio Cabral asked all officers to go back to their jobs. He told them it was their duty and responsibility to keep the city safe. "You cannot have a strike in essential services like public safety. Rio de Janeiro doesn't deserve this," he said.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Police | a. pay |
| 2. gone on | b. officers |
| 3. officers are striking over | c. wave |
| 4. a 39 per cent | d. strike |
| 5. half of what | e. raise |
| 6. a crime | f. they wanted |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. city | a. safe |
| 2. hurt its | b. over security |
| 3. Fears | c. officials |
| 4. it was their duty | d. tourism |
| 5. keep the city | e. services |
| 6. a strike in essential | f. and responsibility |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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Police officers in Rio de Janeiro have _____ just a week before the world-famous Carnival begins. Up to 70 per cent of the city's 58,000 police have _____. The officers are striking over pay. They are unhappy with a 39 per cent raise _____ years, with a _____ in 2014. The offer was half of what they wanted. The strike for higher wages followed an _____ by police in the city of Salvador. This led to a crime wave with more than 150 murders and _____.

Rio city officials are worried the police _____ its tourism. The Carnival brings in around 800,000 tourists each February. Fears over security _____ of those stay at home. Rio is also due _____ for the 2014 World Cup and the 2016 Olympic Games. Rio Governor Sergio Cabral asked all officers _____ their jobs. He told them it was their duty and responsibility to keep the city safe. "You cannot have a strike in essential services _____." Rio de Janeiro _____," he said.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Police officers in Rio de Janeiro have (1) _____ on strike just a week before the world-famous Carnival begins. (2) _____ to 70 per cent of the city's 58,000 police have joined the strike. The officers are striking over pay. They are unhappy (3) _____ a 39 per cent raise over the next two years, with a promise of (4) _____ in 2014. The offer was half of what they wanted. The strike for higher wages followed an (5) _____ walkout by police in the city of Salvador. This led to a crime (6) _____ with more than 150 murders and serious vandalism.

Rio city officials are worried the police strike might hurt (7) _____ tourism. The Carnival brings in around 800,000 tourists each February. Fears over security may (8) _____ many of those stay at home. Rio is also (9) _____ to host games for the 2014 World Cup and the 2016 Olympic Games. Rio Governor Sergio Cabral asked all officers to go (10) _____ to their jobs. He told them it was their duty and responsibility to (11) _____ the city safe. "You cannot have a strike in essential services like public safety. Rio de Janeiro doesn't deserve (12) _____," he said.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. | (a) gone | (b) went | (c) arrived |
| 2. | (a) down | (b) around | (c) up |
| 3. | (a) with | (b) as | (c) so |
| 4. | (a) most | (b) more | (c) many |
| 5. | (a) later | (b) on time | (c) earlier |
| 6. | (a) tsunami | (b) wave | (c) ripple |
| 7. | (a) its | (b) that | (c) world |
| 8. | (a) meant | (b) meanie | (c) mean |
| 9. | (a) sue | (b) due | (c) cue |
| 10. | (a) back | (b) reverse | (c) rewind |
| 11. | (a) stay | (b) do | (c) keep |
| 12. | (a) they | (b) this | (c) their |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. Police rfofcies
2. irkgtins over pay
3. a ormesip of more
4. he strike for gehhri wages
5. a cmrie wave
6. more than 150 druemrs

Paragraph 2

7. hurt its muiosrt
8. 800,000 roiusstt
9. Fears over resyctui
10. etnaiessl services
11. public etfays
12. doesn't evderse this

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () all officers to go back to their jobs. He told them it was their duty and
- () of more in 2014. The offer was half of what they wanted. The strike for higher
- (**1**) Police officers in Rio de Janeiro have gone on strike just a week before the world-
- () services like public safety. Rio de Janeiro doesn't deserve this," he said.
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- () to host games for the 2014 World Cup and the 2016 Olympic Games. Rio Governor Sergio Cabral asked
- () striking over pay. They are unhappy with a 39 per cent raise over the next two years, with a promise
- () Rio city officials are worried the police strike might hurt its tourism. The Carnival brings
- () to a crime wave with more than 150 murders and serious vandalism.
- () in around 800,000 tourists each February. Fears over security may mean many of those stay at home. Rio is also due
- () famous Carnival begins. Up to 70 per cent of the city's 58,000 police have joined the strike. The officers are
- () responsibility to keep the city safe. "You cannot have a strike in essential

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With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. Carnival A the famous before - begins week world.

2. striking pay The are over officers.

3. a cent They with per unhappy 39 raise are.

4. wages higher for strike The.

5. with more A than crime 150 wave murders.

6. might strike police The tourism its hurt.

7. in brings 800,000 tourists Carnival The around.

8. back to their jobs Cabral asked all officers to go.

9. to the safe Responsibility keep city.

10. safety public like services Essential.

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. _____

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. STRIKES: Search the Internet and find more information about the strike in Rio. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about strikes. Include an imaginary interview with a striker and an employer. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. 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.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to a strikes expert. Ask him/her three questions about strikes. Give him/her three of your opinions on them. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.