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Swiss vote no to free monthly income for all

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THE ARTICLE

Voters in Switzerland have overwhelmingly rejected a proposal that would have meant introducing a guaranteed basic monthly income for all citizens. The referendum took place on Sunday and resulted in almost 77 per cent of voters opposing the plan. The idea was to provide a minimum salary to those who have been a citizen for at least five years, whether they worked or not. It was suggested the monthly amount could be around $2,500. The group behind the proposal argued that the initiative was necessary to overhaul Switzerland's social welfare system. A spokesperson said it would help fight poverty and inequality. He added that it would provide a top-up for people who earned less than the minimum wage.

Supporters of the plan argued that because work was becoming increasingly automated across Switzerland, there were fewer jobs available for workers. Che Wagner from the campaign group Basic Income Switzerland argued that the monthly income would not be money for nothing. He said: "In Switzerland, over 50 per cent of total work that is done is unpaid. It's care work. It's at home. It's in different communities, so that work would be more valued with a basic income." Opponents said it would cause the country many immigration problems. Luzi Stamm from the Swiss People's Party said: "You would have billions of people who would try to move into Switzerland."

WARM-UPS

1. MONTHLY SALARY: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about monthly salary. 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?

> voters / rejected / proposal / income / referendum / minimum / salary / welfare / supporters / automated / workers / Switzerland / communities / opponents / billions

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

3. EQUAL PAY: Students A **strongly** believe everyone should get the same salary; Students B **strongly** believe this would be stupid. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. MINIMUM: What should be the minimum that a country gives its citizens? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Who gets it?	Minimum?	Maximum?
Salary			
Unemployment benefit			
Healthcare			
Education			
Housing			
Business start-up help			

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

6. FREE: Rank these with your partner. Put the things a government should provide for free at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- healthcare
- school milk
- passports
- university education

- housing for the homeless
- bus passes for the elderly
- water
- Internet

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

   a. Nearly 77% of Swiss voters voted no to a free salary for all.   **T / F**
   b. The scheme was only for Swiss people who are citizens by birth.   **T / F**
   c. The suggested free monthly salary was around $2,500.   **T / F**
   d. People who were already working would not get any of the salary.   **T / F**
   e. Supporters argued that automation meant a free salary was necessary.   **T / F**
   f. A campaign group said the money would not be for nothing.   **T / F**
   g. The group said 25% of all work done in Switzerland was unpaid.   **T / F**
   h. The Swiss People's Party said millions would move to Switzerland.   **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

   1. rejected
   2. referendum
   3. initiative
   4. overhaul
   5. earned
   6. supporters
   7. increasingly
   8. unpaid
   9. communities
   10. problems

   a. revamp
   b. free
   c. was paid
   d. more and more
   e. plan
   f. neighbourhoods
   g. said no to
   h. complications
   i. public vote
   j. backers

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

   1. overwhelmingly
   2. provide a minimum
   3. overhaul Switzerland's social
   4. help fight poverty
   5. a top-up for people who earned less than
   6. work was becoming increasingly
   7. money for
   8. It's care
   9. immigration
   10. billions

   a. welfare system
   b. the minimum wage
   c. problems
   d. of people
   e. salary
   f. rejected a proposal
   g. work
   h. automated
   i. nothing
   j. and inequality

GAP FILL

Voters in Switzerland have overwhelmingly rejected a (1) _____ that would have meant introducing a (2) _____ basic monthly income for all citizens. The referendum took place on Sunday and resulted in almost 77 per cent of voters (3) _____ the plan. The idea was to provide a minimum salary to those who have been a (4) _____ for at least five years, whether they worked or not. It was suggested the monthly amount could be around $2,500. The group (5) _____ the proposal argued that the initiative was necessary to (6) _____ Switzerland's social welfare system. A spokesperson said it would help fight (7) _____ and inequality. He added that it would provide a top-up for people who (8) _____ less than the minimum wage.

citizen

poverty

proposal

opposing

earned

guaranteed

overhaul

behind

Supporters of the plan argued that because work was becoming (9) _____ automated across Switzerland, there were fewer jobs available for workers. Che Wagner from the (10) _____ group Basic Income Switzerland argued that the monthly income would not be money for (11) _____. He said: "In Switzerland, over 50 per cent of total work that is done is (12) _____. It's care work. It's at home. It's in different (13) _____, so that work would be more (14) _____ with a basic income." Opponents said it would cause the country many (15) _____ problems. Luzi Stamm from the Swiss People's Party said: "You would have (16) _____ of people who would try to move into Switzerland."

unpaid

increasingly

valued

communities

nothing

immigration

campaign

billions

LISTENING – **Guess the answers. Listen to check.**

1) Voters in Switzerland have overwhelmingly _____
   a. rejected the proposal
   b. rejection a proposal
   c. rejected a proposal
   d. reject it a proposal

2) took place on Sunday and resulted in almost 77 per cent of voters _____
   a. oppose in the plan
   b. opposed in a plan
   c. opposing a plan
   d. opposing the plan

3) those who have been a citizen for at least five years, whether they _____
   a. worked or not
   b. worked nor not
   c. worked or not nor
   d. worked or no

4) the initiative was necessary to overhaul Switzerland's social _____
   a. well fare system
   b. welfare systems
   c. welfare system
   d. well fair systems

5) it would provide a top-up for people who earned less than _____
   a. the minimal wage
   b. the minimum waged
   c. a minimum wage
   d. the minimum wage

6) Supporters of the plan argued that because work was becoming _____
   a. increasingly automated
   b. increasingly automate it
   c. increasing automated
   d. increasingly automates it

7) argued that the monthly income would not be _____
   a. money for no thing
   b. money for something
   c. money for nothing
   d. money for some thing

8) In Switzerland, over 50 per cent of total work that is _____
   a. done is non-paid
   b. done is unpaid
   c. done was unpaid
   d. done was non-paid

9) It's in different communities, so that work would be more valued with _____
   a. a basic income
   b. a basics income
   c. a basically income
   d. a bay sick income

10) You would have billions of people who would try to _____
   a. move onto Switzerland
   b. move unto Switzerland
   c. moving to Switzerland
   d. move into Switzerland

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

Voters in Switzerland have overwhelmingly (1) _____ that would have meant introducing a (2) _____ monthly income for all citizens. The referendum took place on Sunday and resulted in almost 77 per cent (3) _____ the plan. The idea was to provide a minimum salary to those who have (4) _____ at least five years, whether they worked or not. It was suggested the monthly amount could be around $2,500. The group behind the proposal argued that the (5) _____ to overhaul Switzerland's social welfare system. A spokesperson said it would help fight poverty and inequality. He added that it would provide a top-up for people (6) _____ than the minimum wage.

Supporters of the plan argued that because work was becoming increasingly (7) _____ Switzerland, there were fewer jobs available for workers. Che Wagner from (8) _____ Basic Income Switzerland argued that the (9) _____ would not be money for nothing. He said: "In Switzerland, over 50 per cent of total work that is done is unpaid. It's care work. It's at home. It's in (10) _____, so that work would be more valued with a basic income." Opponents said it would cause the country (11) _____ problems. Luzi Stamm from the Swiss People's Party said: "You would have (12) _____ who would try to move into Switzerland."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. What did voters reject that was guaranteed every month?

2. What percentage of voters opposed the plan?

3. What was it suggested the monthly salary would be?

4. What did someone say the plan was to overhaul in Switzerland?

5. What did a supporter say the income would fight, besides inequality?

6. What did supporters say was becoming increasingly automated?

7. What did a campaign group say the money would not be for?

8. How much work in Switzerland did a campaigner say was unpaid?

9. What kind of problems did the Swiss People's Party predict?

10. How many people did a party say would move to Switzerland?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

1) What did voters reject that was guaranteed every month?
a) a referendum
b) monthly income
c) a vote
d) a job

2) What percentage of voters opposed the plan?
a) around 77%
b) just over 77%
c) exactly 77%
d) nearly 77%

3) What was it suggested the monthly salary would be?
a) about $2,500
b) just over $2,500
c) exactly $2,500
d) just under $2,500

4) What did someone say the plan was to overhaul in Switzerland?
a) basic income
b) all social problems
c) the social welfare system
d) unemployment

5) What did a supporter say the income would fight, besides inequality?
a) privacy
b) poverty
c) property
d) puberty

6) What did supporters say was becoming increasingly automated?
a) workers
b) campaigns
c) work
d) robots

7) What did a campaign group say the money would not be for?
a) home
b) care work
c) non-Swiss
d) nothing

8) How much work in Switzerland did a campaigner say was unpaid?
a) more than half
b) three-quarters
c) two-fifths
d) two-thirds

9) What kind of problems did the Swiss People's Party predict?
a) immigration problems
b) opponents' problems
c) financial problems
d) monthly problems

10) How many people did a party say would move to Switzerland?
a) millions
b) billions
c) trillions
d) quadrillions

ROLE PLAY

Role A – Lunch for school kids

You think lunch for school kids is the most important thing governments should provide for free. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): healthcare, housing for the homeless or the Internet.

Role B – Healthcare

You think healthcare is the most important thing governments should provide for free. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): lunch for school kids, housing for the homeless or the Internet.

Role C – Housing for the homeless

You think housing for the homeless is the most important thing governments should provide for free. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): healthcare, lunch for school kids or the Internet.

Role D – The Internet

You think the Internet is the most important thing governments should provide for free. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): healthcare, housing for the homeless or lunch for school kids.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

monthly	income

- 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:

• meant	• across
• resulted	• group
• those	• nothing
• around	• total
• system	• cause
• less	• move

MONTHLY SALARY SURVEY

Write five GOOD questions about monthly salary 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.

MONTHLY SALARY DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?

2. What springs to mind when you hear the word 'salary'?

3. What do you think about what you read?

4. Why do you think voters rejected the proposal?

5. Is a guaranteed monthly state income a good idea?

6. How happy would you be at getting a $2,500 monthly salary for free?

7. Is it better to give people a salary or give them welfare payments?

8. What are salaries like in your country?

9. What's the best way to deal with income inequality?

10. What advice do you have for supporters of this plan?

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MONTHLY SALARY DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?

12. What problems does automating jobs create?

13. What do you think of robots doing all the work and people getting paid?

14. Should everyone get the same salary, whatever his/her job?

15. Should people get paid for housework and looking after elderly parents?

16. Is there such a thing as 'money for nothing'?

17. What things should a basic income cover?

18. Would Switzerland have immigration problems if it introduced the plan?

19. How should governments help poorer-paid people?

20. What questions would you like to ask those who said no?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

<u>STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)</u>

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

<u>STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)</u>

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Supporters of the plan argued that because work was becoming increasingly (7) _____ across Switzerland, there were fewer jobs available for workers. Che Wagner from the campaign group Basic Income Switzerland argued that the monthly income would not be money for (8) _____. He said: "In Switzerland, over 50 per cent of total work that is done is (9) _____. It's care work. It's at home. It's in different (10) _____, so that work would be more valued with a basic income." Opponents said it would (11) _____ the country many immigration problems. Luzi Stamm from the Swiss People's Party said: "You would have (12) _____ of people who would try to move into Switzerland."

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

1.	(a)	underwhelming	(b)	overwhelmingly	(c)	welcoming	(d)	overdone
2.	(a)	basics	(b)	basic	(c)	basically	(d)	the basics
3.	(a)	these	(b)	then	(c)	them	(d)	those
4.	(a)	volume	(b)	amount	(c)	transaction	(d)	fee
5.	(a)	over-rule	(b)	overcharge	(c)	overact	(d)	overhaul
6.	(a)	burned	(b)	learned	(c)	earned	(d)	yearned
7.	(a)	automated	(b)	automatic	(c)	automaton	(d)	autos
8.	(a)	no thing	(b)	none thing	(c)	nothing	(d)	nonsense
9.	(a)	replayed	(b)	plaid	(c)	repaid	(d)	unpaid
10.	(a)	communities	(b)	communes	(c)	committees	(d)	combinations
11.	(a)	cause	(b)	because	(c)	course	(d)	case
12.	(a)	billions	(b)	quadrillions	(c)	trillions	(d)	millions

SPELLING

Paragraph 1

1. overwhelmingly jdcrteee

2. a euaeatndrg basic monthly income

3. The munederfer took place on Sunday

4. 77 per cent of voters gisnoopp the plan

5. The group behind the ropaoslp

6. the ieitvnatii was necessary

Paragraph 2

7. work was becoming increasingly matuetado

8. fewer jobs laalaivbe for workers

9. the cmpaigan group

10. It's in different ioimutmnsec

11. many gmiormtiina problems

12. blsliino of people

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

( )   of total work that is done is unpaid. It's care work. It's at home. It's in different communities, so that work would

( )   behind the proposal argued that the initiative was necessary to overhaul Switzerland's social welfare

( )   system. A spokesperson said it would help fight poverty and inequality. He added that it would

( )   provide a top-up for people who earned less than the minimum wage.

(*1*)   Voters in Switzerland have overwhelmingly rejected a proposal that would have meant introducing a guaranteed

( )   income would not be money for nothing. He said: "In Switzerland, over 50 per cent

( )   jobs available for workers. Che Wagner from the campaign group Basic Income Switzerland argued that the monthly

( )   opposing the plan. The idea was to provide a minimum salary to those who have been a citizen for at least

( )   be more valued with a basic income." Opponents said it would cause the

( )   Supporters of the plan argued that because work was becoming increasingly automated across Switzerland, there were fewer

( )   five years, whether they worked or not. It was suggested the monthly amount could be around $2,500. The group

( )   have billions of people who would try to move into Switzerland."

( )   basic monthly income for all citizens. The referendum took place on Sunday and resulted in almost 77 per cent of voters

( )   country many immigration problems. Luzi Stamm from the Swiss People's Party said: "You would

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

1. basic   guaranteed   A   citizens   all   for   income   monthly   .

2. five   years   Those   who   have   been   a   citizen   for   at   least   .

3. social   to   welfare   overhaul   system   Switzerland's   Necessary   .

4. poverty   fight   help   would   it   said   spokesperson   A   .

5. people   top-up   than   or A   less   for   wage   earned minimum   who   the   .

6. there   jobs   workers   , fewer   for   Switzerland   were   available   Across   .

7. is   done   is   that   work   total   of   cent   per   50   Over   unpaid   .

8. more   income   valued   Work   with   would   a   be   basic   .

9. many   country   the   cause   would   It   problems   immigration   .

10. to   move   You   would   have   billions   of   people   who would   try   .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

Voters in Switzerland have *overwhelmingly / overwhelmed* rejected a proposal that would have meant introducing a guaranteed *basically / basic* monthly income for all citizens. The referendum took *place / placing* on Sunday and resulted in almost 77 per cent of voters *opposite / opposing* the plan. The idea was to provide a minimum salary to *them / those* who have been a citizen for at least five years, whether they worked or *working / not*. It was suggested the monthly amount could be around $2,500. The group behind the proposal *argued / argument* that the initiative was necessary to overhaul Switzerland's *social / socially* welfare system. A spokesperson said it would help fight poverty and *inequality / unequal*. He added that it would provide a top-up for people who earned less than the minimum *wage / wager*.

Supporters of the plan argued that because work was becoming increasingly *automated / automation* across Switzerland, there were *less / fewer* jobs available for workers. Che Wagner from the *campaign / campaigner* group Basic Income Switzerland argued that the monthly income would not be money for *something / nothing*. He said: "In Switzerland, over 50 per cent of total work that is *doing / done* is unpaid. It's *care / cared* work. It's at home. It's in different communities, so that work would be more *value / valued* with a basic income." Opponents said it would *cause / create* the country many immigration *problem / problems*. Luzi Stamm from the Swiss People's Party said: "You would have billions of people who would try to move *onto / into* Switzerland."

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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V_t_rs _n Sw_tz_rl_nd h_v_ _v_rwh_lm_ngly r_j_ct_d _ pr_p_s_l th_t w__ld h_v_ m__nt _ntr_d_c_ng _ g__r_nt__d b_s_c m_nthly _nc_m_ f_r _ll c_t_z_ns. Th_ r_f_r_nd_m t__k pl_c_ _n S_nd_y _nd r_s_lt_d _n _lm_st 77 p_r c_nt _f v_t_rs _pp_s_ng th_ pl_n. Th_ _d__ w_s t_ pr_v_d_ _ m_n_m_m s_l_ry t_ th_s_ wh_ h_v_ b__n _ c_t_z_n f_r _t l__st f_v_ y__rs, wh_th_r th_y w_rk_d _r n_t. _t w_s s_gg_st_d th_ m_nthly _m__nt c__ld b_ _r__nd $2,500. Th_ gr__p b_h_nd th_ pr_p_s_l _rg__d th_t th_ _n_t__t_v_ w_s n_c_ss_ry t_ _v_rh__l Sw_tz_rl_nd's s_c__l w_lf_r_ syst_m. _ sp_k_sp_rs_n s__d _t w__ld h_lp f_ght p_v_rty _nd _n_q__l_ty. H_ _dd_d th_t _t w__ld pr_v_d_ _ t_p-_p f_r p__pl_ wh_ __rn_d l_ss th_n th_ m_n_m_m w_g_.

S_pp_rt_rs _f th_ pl_n _rg__d th_t b_c__s_ w_rk w_s b_c_m_ng _ncr__s_ngly __t_m_t_d _cr_ss Sw_tz_rl_nd, th_r_ w_r_ f_w_r j_bs _v__l_bl_ f_r w_rk_rs. Ch_ W_gn_r fr_m th_ c_mp__gn gr__p B_s_c _nc_m_ Sw_tz_rl_nd _rg__d th_t th_ m_nthly _nc_m_ w__ld n_t b_ m_n_y f_r n_th_ng. H_ s__d: "_n Sw_tz_rl_nd, _v_r 50 p_r c_nt _f t_t_l w_rk th_t _s d_n_ _s _np__d. _t's c_r_ w_rk. _t's _t h_m_. _t's _n d_ff_r_nt c_mm_n_t__s, s_ th_t w_rk w__ld b_ m_r_ v_l__d w_th _ b_s_c _nc_m_." _pp_n_nts s__d _t w__ld c__s_ th_ c__ntry m_ny _mm_gr_t__n pr_bl_ms. L_z_ St_mm fr_m th_ Sw_ss P__pl_'s P_rty s__d: "Y__ w__ld h_v_ b_ll__ns _f p__pl_ wh_ w__ld try t_ m_v_ _nt_ Sw_tz_rl_nd."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

voters in switzerland have overwhelmingly rejected a proposal that would have meant introducing a guaranteed basic monthly income for all citizens the referendum took place on sunday and resulted in almost 77 per cent of voters opposing the plan the idea was to provide a minimum salary to those who have been a citizen for at least five years whether they worked or not it was suggested the monthly amount could be around $2500 the group behind the proposal argued that the initiative was necessary to overhaul switzerland's social welfare system a spokesperson said it would help fight poverty and inequality he added that it would provide a top-up for people who earned less than the minimum wage

supporters of the plan argued that because work was becoming increasingly automated across switzerland there were fewer jobs available for workers che wagner from the campaign group basic income switzerland argued that the monthly income would not be money for nothing he said "in switzerland over 50 per cent of total work that is done is unpaid it's care work it's at home it's in different communities so that work would be more valued with a basic income" opponents said it would cause the country many immigration problems luzi stamm from the swiss people's party said "you would have billions of people who would try to move into switzerland"

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

VotersinSwitzerlandhaveoverwhelminglyrejectedaproposalthatwou
ldhavemeantintroducingaguaranteedbasicmonthlyincomeforallcitiz
ens.ThereferendumtookplaceonSundayandresultedinalmost77perc
entofvotersopposingtheplan.Theideawastoprovideaminimumsalary
tothosewhohavebeenacitizenforatleastfiveyears,whethertheywork
edornot.Itwassuggestedthemonthlyamountcouldbearound$2,500.
Thegroupbehindtheproposalarguedthattheinitiativewasnecessaryt
ooverhaulSwitzerland'ssocialwelfaresystem.Aspokespersonsaiditw
ouldhelpfightpovertyandinequality.Headdedthatitwouldprovideato
p-upforpeoplewhoearnedlessthantheminimumwage.Supporterso
ftheplanarguedthatbecauseworkwasbecomingincreasinglyautomat
edacrossSwitzerland,therewerefewerjobsavailableforworkers.Che
WagnerfromthecampaigngroupBasicIncomeSwitzerlandarguedthat
themonthlyincomewouldnotbemoneyfornothing.Hesaid:"InSwitzerl
and,over50percentoftotalworkthatisdoneisunpaid.It'scarework.It's
athome.It'sindifferentcommunities,sothatworkwouldbemorevalued
withabasicincome."Opponentssaiditwouldcausethecountrymanyim
migrationproblems.LuziStammfromtheSwissPeople'sPartysaid:"Yo
uwouldhavebillionsofpeoplewhowouldtrytomoveintoSwitzerland."

FREE WRITING

Write about **monthly salary** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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ACADEMIC WRITING

For a fairer society, all salaries should be the same, regardless of the job. Discuss.

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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 the Swiss referendum. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. WELFARE SYSTEMS: Make a poster about welfare systems around the world. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. SALARIES: Write a magazine article about all salaries in a country being the same, regardless of the job. 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 salaries. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas to reduce income inequality. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a T   b F   c T   d F   e T   f T   g F   h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

1.	rejected	a.	said no to
2.	referendum	b.	public vote
3.	initiative	c.	plan
4.	overhaul	d.	revamp
5.	earned	e.	was paid
6.	supporters	f.	backers
7.	increasingly	g.	more and more
8.	unpaid	h.	free
9.	communities	i.	neighbourhoods
10.	problems	j.	complications

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1.   A basic income
2.   Almost 77 per cent
3.   Around $2,500
4.   The social welfare system
5.   Poverty
6.   Work
7.   Nothing
8.   Over 50 per cent
9.   Immigration problems
10.   Billions

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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