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**Level 0 – 4th December 2025**

## Greece is the world's best place to retire

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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/2512/251204-retiring-in-greece-0.html>

Many people want to retire overseas. A lifestyle magazine said Greece was the best place they found for 2026. The magazine looked at what was important for people who wanted to retire overseas. These included the climate and the cost of living. It is the first time for Greece to be the number-one choice.

Greece is "beautiful, welcoming, and affordable". A Greek website said people love Greece because of its beauty. It has a beautiful coastline, lots of sunshine, great countryside, mountains, and paradise islands. A woman who moved to Greece four years ago loves the Greek way of taking life slowly.

Sources: <https://greekreporter.com/2025/12/01/greece-named-world-number-one-retirement-destination/>  
<https://www.newsweek.com/greece-worlds-top-retirement-destination-how-americans-can-move-there-11124134>  
<https://edition.cnn.com/2025/12/01/travel/worlds-best-retirement-destinations-2026>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Many people want to retire     | a. time for Greece |
| 2. a lifestyle                    | b. was important   |
| 3. Greece was the best place they | c. one choice      |
| 4. The magazine looked at what    | d. the climate     |
| 5. These included                 | e. overseas        |
| 6. the cost                       | f. found           |
| 7. It is the first                | g. of living       |
| 8. the number-                    | h. magazine        |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Greece is beautiful, welcoming, | a. to Greece      |
| 2. people love Greece because      | b. coastline      |
| 3. It has a beautiful              | c. slowly         |
| 4. lots                            | d. islands        |
| 5. paradise                        | e. way            |
| 6. A woman who moved               | f. of sunshine    |
| 7. the Greek                       | g. of its beauty  |
| 8. taking life                     | h. and affordable |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251204-retiring-in-greece-0.html>

Many people want (1) \_\_\_\_\_. A lifestyle magazine said Greece was (2) \_\_\_\_\_ they found for 2026. The magazine (3) \_\_\_\_\_ was important for people who wanted (4) \_\_\_\_\_. These \_\_\_\_\_ included \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ climate \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the (5) \_\_\_\_\_. It is the first time for Greece to be the (6) \_\_\_\_\_. Greece (7) \_\_\_\_\_, and affordable". A Greek website said people love Greece (8) \_\_\_\_\_ beauty. It has a beautiful coastline, (9) \_\_\_\_\_, great countryside, mountains, (10) \_\_\_\_\_. A woman who moved to Greece (11) \_\_\_\_\_ loves the Greek way of (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251204-retiring-in-greece-0.html>

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# RETIREMENT

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251204-retiring-in-greece-0.html>

Write five GOOD questions about retirement 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<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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) \_\_\_\_\_

## WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251204-retiring-in-greece-0.html>

Write about **retirement** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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