

LISTENING : FILL-IN THE GAPS.

You will hear a radio report about a town in Wales. Read through the notes below, which are not literal, and complete them by filling in gaps 1 – 8 according to what you hear. You will only need to use **ONE** word in each gap. *Item 0* is an example. Do not forget to transfer your answers to the answer sheet. (4 points: 0.5 each)

WELSH TOWN AGAINST TAX PRIVILEGES

0. *In the UK, some companies are going offshore to avoid paying taxes.*

1. Crickhowell is a tourist town thanks to its _____ setting.
2. Starbucks and other companies declare their _____ in other lower-taxed countries.
3. It was when a chain store _____ to settle in the town that many people took action.
4. A coffee shop and other businesses have come up with a plan that _____ multinationals' tactics to avoid taxes.
5. The woman wants to force the Government to be stricter with big tax _____ like Facebook.
6. Samantha explains that small businesses are the _____ of the country.
7. The town might be _____ penalties from the HM Revenue and Customs office.
8. Due to budget cuts, the locals are now facing library _____.

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FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS: IN GROUPS OF 4 DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING POINTS.

1. WHY DO YOU THINK THE GOVERNMENT GIVES BIGGER TAX BREAKS TO MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES THAN OTHER CITIZENS?
2. DO YOU THINK THE WORKING CONDITIONS IN THESE BIG COMPANIES ARE BETTER THAN IN SMALL SHOPS?
3. WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF WORKING IN A MULTINATIONAL COMPANY?

KEY:

1. PICTURESQUE
2. HEADQUARTERS
3. PROPOSED
4. MIMICS
5. AVOIDERS
6. BACKBONE
7. RISKING
8. CLOSURES