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## **Level 5**

### **The Czech Republic to be renamed Czechia**

**17th April, 2016**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1604/160417-czechia-5.html>

The Czech Republic is about to get a new short name so it has an easier time at home and around the world. It wants to be known by the noun 'Czechia' instead of the adjective 'Czech'. The government says this shorter name will avoid confusion over what to call the country. Czechs are tired of being incorrectly called by names such as Czecho or Czechland. The foreign office said: "Our hope is that this step will overcome the problems we face with distorting the name." It hopes 'Czechia' will soon become general knowledge. The government will seek a formal change at the United Nations.

The Czech Republic said it is following the example of other countries around the world. A spokesman said the Commonwealth of Australia and the Republic of France are usually called Australia and France. The length of the three-word name, 'the Czech Republic,' is already shortened. A leading beer maker has a label that says its product is brewed in 'Czech'. Some national sports teams just put two words on their shirts - 'Czech Republic'. The Czech foreign minister said the name 'Czechia' is not widely popular. He said there seems to be no other alternative.

Sources: <http://edition.cnn.com/2016/04/15/europe/czech-republic-name-czechia/>  
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# MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1604/160417-czechia-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                      |                   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. so it has an                      | a. 'Czech'        |
| 2. It wants to be known by the       | b. knowledge      |
| 3. the adjective                     | c. easier time    |
| 4. avoid                             | d. we face        |
| 5. The foreign                       | e. change         |
| 6. overcome the problems             | f. noun 'Czechia' |
| 7. become general                    | g. office         |
| 8. The government will seek a formal | h. confusion      |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. following the              | a. in Czech     |
| 2. the Commonwealth           | b. word name    |
| 3. The length of the three-   | c. alternative  |
| 4. already                    | d. of Australia |
| 5. its product is brewed      | e. popular      |
| 6. national sports            | f. shortened    |
| 7. widely                     | g. example      |
| 8. there seems to be no other | h. teams        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Czech Republic (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a new short name so it has an easier (2) \_\_\_\_\_ and around the world. It wants to be known by the noun 'Czechia' (3) \_\_\_\_\_ adjective 'Czech'. The government says this shorter name will avoid confusion over what to call the country. Czechs (4) \_\_\_\_\_ being incorrectly called by names such as Czecho or Czechland. The foreign office said: "Our hope is (5) \_\_\_\_\_ overcome the problems we face with distorting the name." It hopes 'Czechia' will soon become general knowledge. The government will (6) \_\_\_\_\_ change at the United Nations.

The Czech Republic said it is following (7) \_\_\_\_\_ other countries around the world. A spokesman said the Commonwealth of Australia and the Republic of France (8) \_\_\_\_\_ Australia and France. The length of the (9) \_\_\_\_\_, 'the Czech Republic,' is already shortened. A leading beer maker (10) \_\_\_\_\_ says its product (11) \_\_\_\_\_ 'Czech'. Some national sports teams just put two words on their shirts - 'Czech Republic'. The Czech foreign minister said the name 'Czechia' is (12) \_\_\_\_\_. He said there seems to be no other alternative.

# COUNTRY NAMES SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1604/160417-czechia-5.html>

Write five GOOD questions about country names 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)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)

