

Topic 9

The Economy and Everyday life

1. Give an example of an organization of professional workers.
2. What is the normal retirement age for most people in Britain?
3. When was the law against sex discrimination passed in Britain? Give the year.
4. What was the reason for the long miners' strike in 1984?
5. What is the Trades Union Congress? What does it do?
6. What are some of the local branches of the unions called? (reflecting the historical links to non-conformism).
7. What is the name of the organization in Britain which gathers agricultural employees?
8. Explain what privatization / denationalization of companies means.
9. What kind of tax is VAT? Explain.
10. Which institution is nicknamed the old lady Threadneedle Street?