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Nigeria becomes Africa's biggest economy

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THE READING

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Nigeria changed how it measures gross domestic product (GDP) and is now Africa's largest economy, for the first time. Nigeria "rebased" its GDP data to include newer industries not under the old measuring rules. Telecommunications, information technology, movie production and online commerce helped Nigeria overtake the old economic powerhouse, South Africa. Nigeria's GDP for 2013 totalled \$510 billion, bigger than South Africa's GDP of \$370 billion.

Most countries rebase GDP every three years to account for economic changes. Nigeria hadn't done it for 20 years. It has many new industries. The new figures do not mean Nigerians are suddenly richer. A statistician said it was better measuring. A Nigerian newspaper said that despite pockets of great wealth, most Nigerians live on \$2 a day. It added that, "key services such as water and electricity provision are poor".

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/business-26913497>
<http://www.tribune.com.ng/news/top-stories/item/2894-nigeria-now-africa-s-largest-economy>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. data to include newer | a. totalled \$510 billion |
| 2. information | b. industries |
| 3. online | c. GDP of \$370 billion |
| 4. economic | d. technology |
| 5. Nigeria's GDP for 2013 | e. powerhouse |
| 6. bigger than South Africa's | f. commerce |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. account for | a. great wealth |
| 2. new figures do not mean Nigerians | b. economic changes |
| 3. it was better | c. services |
| 4. pockets of | d. are suddenly richer |
| 5. key | e. are poor |
| 6. water and electricity provision | f. measuring |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Nigeria changed (1) _____ gross domestic product (GDP) and is now Africa's largest economy, (2) _____. Nigeria "rebased" its GDP data (3) _____ industries not under the old measuring rules. Telecommunications, information technology, movie production and (4) _____ helped Nigeria overtake the old (5) _____, South Africa. Nigeria's GDP for 2013 totalled \$510 billion, bigger than South Africa's (6) _____ billion.

Most countries rebase GDP every three (7) _____ economic changes. Nigeria hadn't done it for 20 years. It has many new industries. The new (8) _____ Nigerians are suddenly richer. A statistician said it was (9) _____. A Nigerian newspaper said that (10) _____ great wealth, most Nigerians (11) _____. It added that, "key services such as water and electricity (12) _____".

ECONOMICS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about economics 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) _____

FREE WRITING

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