

 LYCEE D'EXCELLENCE	Année Scolaire: 2016-2017	Devoir Anglais
	Premier Semestre	Classes: Premières C & D
	Deuxième Série	Durée : 2 Heures

I- Linguistic competence (5 pts)

Put the verbs in the correct tense and form.

- 1- They were let (to go) early yesterday.
- 2- They (to notice) this phenomenon since 2000.
- 3- They (to fly) to London two days ago.
- 4- Many students were seen (to leave) their classroom yesterday.
- 5- If he (to carry) it to the bank it would have been safe.

II- Comprehension

A read the text and whether these sentences are true or false.

HSBC bank helped the rich hide money

12th February, 2015

The BBC says that HSBC, the world's second largest bank, helped rich people to hide money so they would not have to pay tax. A BBC documentary programme got access to the details of thousands of private bank accounts, worth \$128 billion, from an HSBC bank in Switzerland. The information was leaked by a whistleblower in 2007. It shows that HSBC helped its wealthy clients to evade tax. The whistleblower was a computer expert working for HSBC in Geneva. He stole the details of more than 100,000 clients worldwide. A French banking team looked at the stolen data in 2013. It concluded that 99.8% of French citizens on the list were probably evading tax. HSBC said the bank has changed a lot since 2007. It said: "HSBC has [put in place] numerous

initiatives designed to prevent its banking services

being used to evade taxes or launder money."

The

Guardian newspaper in the U.K. said HSBC told its reporters that the bank understood that it failed to

follow the law properly. One woman who complained when the bank did not make changes

lost her job. Sue Shelley was responsible for making sure HSBC followed the law. The BBC said

that when she complained that the bank was not keeping its promise to change, the bank fired her.

The BBC said HSBC is now facing criminal investigations in the USA, France, Belgium and Argentina.

Sources: BBC / The Independent / The Guardian

True / False (4 pts)

- a) HSBC is the world's third largest bank.
- b) The article reports on a documentary made by CNN.
- c) Someone stole private data about HSBC's rich clients in 2007.
- d) A team said many of HSBC's wealthy French customers evaded tax.
- e) HSBC has done very little to change since 2007.
- f) HSBC told a British newspaper that it had done wrong.
- g) An HSBC worker complained about the bank so the bank fired her
- h) HSBC is facing an investigation in the UK.

Synonym Match (5 pts)

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| 1. rich | a. globally |
| 2 got | b. specialist |
| 3. shows | c. certain |
| 4. expert | d. gained |
| 5. worldwide | e. many |
| 6. numerous | f. correctly |
| 7. prevent | g. wealthy |
| 8. properly | h. questioning |
| 9. sure | i. stop |
| 10. investigations | j. reveals |

III- Writing : People says that money brings happiness. Do you support or not? (6 pts)