



## UK inflation reaches target for the first time in nearly three years

### Description

**Inflation** has reached the Bank of England's target for the first time in nearly three years, standing at 2% in the year to May. This marks a decrease from the previous month's 2.3%, according to official figures. The economy's performance is a major topic as the general election approaches on July 4, with political parties debating how to manage the cost of living. The **Conservatives** claim their "tough decisions" are **yielding** results, while Labour emphasizes the ongoing financial pressure on households. **Amidst** this backdrop, the Bank of England is expected to maintain the **interest rate** at 5.25%, a 16-year high, at its upcoming meeting. Despite the drop in overall inflation due to slower price increases in various sectors, challenges **persist**, particularly in the services industry. While **headline inflation** is stabilizing, there are concerns over sustained inflation in service prices, prompting caution around potential interest rate adjustments. The impact of these economic factors, contrasting political narratives, and everyday struggles of ordinary people paint a complex picture of the current financial landscape.

### Vocabulary List

1. **Inflation** /ˈnʌfleɪʃən/ (noun): The rate at which the general level of prices for goods and services is rising.
2. **Interest rate** /ˈɪntərɪst reɪt/ (noun): The proportion of a loan that is charged as interest to the borrower.
3. **Headline inflation** /ˈhɛdlaɪn ˈnʌfleɪʃən/ (noun): The raw inflation figure reported through the Consumer Price Index (CPI).
4. **Conservatives** /kənˈsɜːvətɪvz/ (noun): Members of the Conservative Party, a political party in the UK.
5. **Yielding** /ˈjiːldɪŋ/ (verb): Producing or providing (results, benefits, or profits).
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6. **Complex** /ˈkɒmpleks/ (adjective): Consisting of many different and connected parts.



## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. Which technical indicator is commonly used to identify overbought or oversold conditions in the market?  
Option: Relative strength index (RSI)  
Option: Breakout rally  
Option: Conservatives  
Option: Yielding
2. What economic term refers to the general increase in prices of goods and services within an economy over a period of time?  
Option: Inflation  
Option: Surged  
Option: Optimism  
Option: Safety
3. What does the central bank adjust to control inflation or stimulate economic growth?  
Option: Interest rate  
Option: Feature  
Option: Determination  
Option: Procedure
4. Which term describes the act of continuing firmly or obstinately in a course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition?  
Option: Persist  
Option: Benchmark  
Option: Strategic investments  
Option: Uncertainties
5. What term describes the rapid and significant price movements in financial markets?  
Option: Market volatility  
Option: Proverbial  
Option: Corrections  
Option: Significance
6. Which word means "in the middle of" or "surrounded by" something?



- Option: Amidst
- Option: Surged
- Option: Education
- Option: Awareness

7. What term describes the unwillingness or hesitation to do something?

- Option: Reluctance
- Option: Headline inflation
- Option: Safety
- Option: Disposition

8. What term refers to a decline or decrease in economic activity?

- Option: Downturn
- Option: Corrections
- Option: Attainable
- Option: Feature

9. Which term describes having knowledge or understanding of a particular situation or fact?

- Option: Awareness
- Option: Surged
- Option: Strategic investments
- Option: Optimism

10. What term refers to the condition of being protected from harm or danger?

- Option: Safety
- Option: Feature
- Option: Inherit
- Option: Conservatives

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

- 11. Investors are often attracted to \_\_\_\_\_ assets for their stable returns.
- 12. The legal \_\_\_\_\_ for starting a business can vary from country to country.
- 13. Success in entrepreneurship often requires strong \_\_\_\_\_ and resilience.
- 14. One \_\_\_\_\_ of the latest smartphone is its enhanced camera capabilities.
- 15. Despite the challenges there is a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ among the investors regarding the



company's future growth.

16. Some investors prefer \_\_\_\_\_ strategies that focus on long-term stability over high returns.

17. Setting \_\_\_\_\_ goals is essential for personal and professional growth.

18. Companies often make \_\_\_\_\_ to expand their market reach or enhance their technological capabilities.

19. When the media reports on \_\_\_\_\_ it typically refers to the overall rise in prices of goods and services.

20. The stock price \_\_\_\_\_ after the company announced record-breaking profits for the quarter.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. A is a standard or point of reference against which things may be compared or assessed.
22. To means to receive money property or a title as an heir at the death of the previous holder.
23. The wisdom about saving for retirement often includes starting early and being consistent.
24. Her friendly made her well-liked among colleagues and clients.
25. are individuals who start their own businesses taking on financial risks in the hope of profit.
26. The positive outlook and confidence in a successful outcome are characteristics of .
27. In times of economic turmoil businesses face increased regarding market stability and consumer behavior.
28. Market are temporary price declines that are considered a natural part of the market cycle.
29. The latest model of the car includes a new safety that alerts the driver of potential collisions.



30. Understanding the of economic indicators is crucial for making informed investment decisions.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Relative strength index (RSI) 2. Inflation 3. Interest rate 4. Persist 5. Market volatility 6. Amidst 7. Reluctance 8. Downturn 9. Awareness 10. Safety

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