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# UK Inflation Soars to 3.5% in April Amid Rising Household Costs

## Description

The U.K. has seen its inflation rate rise to 3.5% in April. This is higher than what many experts expected, according to a report from the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

Before this, the inflation rates were lower, with 2.8% in February and 2.6% in March.

Core inflation, which looks at prices of things like food and energy, went up by 3.8% in April. Housing, transport, and entertainment increased prices the most. However, clothing and shoes saw a drop in prices.

This rise in prices is putting more pressure on families. For example, energy prices went up by 6.7% and water bills increased by 26.1% in April.

Chancellor Rachel Reeves said she is "disappointed" by the news, as many people are still struggling financially.

The Bank of England is watching these changes closely. They recently cut interest rates but may change their plans if inflation continues to rise.

Despite this, some experts believe inflation will decrease over time, which could allow the bank to reduce rates further.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Inflation** /ɪnˈfleɪ.ʃən/ (noun): The rate at which the general level of prices for goods and services is rising.
2. **Statistics** /stəˈtɪs.tɪks/ (noun): The science of collecting analyzing and interpreting data.
3. **Core** /kɔːr/ (adjective): Central or most important.
4. **Pressure** /ˈpreʃər/ (noun): The use of persuasion or intimidation to make someone do something.
5. **Chancellor** /ˈtʃæŋ.səl.ər/ (noun): A senior state or legal official.
6. **Decrease** /dɪˈkriːs/ (verb): To make or become smaller or less in amount degree or size.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice



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1. What was the inflation rate in the U.K. in April?
    - Option: 2.8%
    - Option: 3.5%
    - Option: 3.8%
    - Option: 6.7%
  
  2. Which sector experienced the highest price increase in April?
    - Option: Clothing and shoes
    - Option: Energy
    - Option: Transport
    - Option: Housing
  
  3. Who expressed disappointment regarding the rise in inflation?
    - Option: Chancellor Rachel Reeves
    - Option: Bank of England
    - Option: The public
    - Option: Economic experts
  
  4. What action did the Bank of England recently take regarding interest rates?
    - Option: Increased rates
    - Option: Maintained rates
    - Option: Cut rates
    - Option: Froze rates
  
  5. Which prices saw a decrease in April?
    - Option: Energy
    - Option: Water bills
    - Option: Transportation
    - Option: Housing
  
  6. What is the core inflation rate in April?
    - Option: 2.6%
    - Option: 3.5%
    - Option: 3.8%
    - Option: 6.7%

**True-False**



7. Inflation rates were lower in March compared to February.
8. Some experts predict that inflation will continue to rise.
9. Clothing and shoes had a price increase in April.
10. The Bank of England may adjust its plans if inflation rises.
11. Chancellor Rachel Reeves believes people are financially stable despite inflation.
12. Core inflation mainly focuses on prices of food and energy.

### Gap-Fill

13. Energy prices went up by \_\_\_\_\_ % in April.
14. Water bills increased by \_\_\_\_\_ % in April.
15. The Bank of England recently cut \_\_\_\_\_ rates.
16. Core inflation includes prices of food and \_\_\_\_\_.
17. The rise in prices is causing more \_\_\_\_\_ on families.
18. Some experts believe inflation will \_\_\_\_\_ over time.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. 3.5% 2. Housing 3. Chancellor Rachel Reeves 4. Cut rates 5. Clothing and shoes 6. 3.8%

**True-False:** 7. True 8. False 9. False 10. True 11. False 12. True

**Gap-Fill:** 13. 6.7 14. 26.1 15. interest 16. energy 17. pressure 18. decrease

### Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. Which financial instrument allows investors to speculate on the future price of an asset?



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- Option: Stocks  
Option: Bonds  
Option: Futures  
Option: Options
2. What term describes the act of conforming to rules or regulations?  
Option: Inflation  
Option: Compliance  
Option: Monetary  
Option: Earnings
3. Where are large amounts of computer servers and networking equipment typically housed?  
Option: Data center  
Option: Project  
Option: Partnership  
Option: Connections
4. What term is used to describe the force exerted by something or someone?  
Option: Decrease  
Option: Pressure  
Option: Cut  
Option: Merger
5. Which field involves the collection analysis interpretation and presentation of data?  
Option: Core  
Option: Statistics  
Option: Discount  
Option: Uncertain
6. What term is used to describe relationships or links between people or things?  
Option: Production  
Option: Discount  
Option: Connections  
Option: Project
7. Who is typically the head of government of a country or region?  
Option: Chancellor  
Option: Alert  
Option: Awareness  
Option: Semiconductor
8. Buying stocks bonds or real estate with the hope of making a profit is known as what?  
Option: Matching



- Option: Investment
- Option: Earnings
- Option: Uncertain

9. Which financial term refers to the profits of a company after expenses have been deducted?

- Option: Alert
- Option: Earnings
- Option: Privacy
- Option: Sensitive

10. What term describes the reduction in the amount or size of something?

- Option: Project
- Option: Cut
- Option: Decrease
- Option: Workforce

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

11. \_\_\_\_\_ policy involves managing the country's money supply and interest rates to achieve macroeconomic objectives.

12. Price and \_\_\_\_\_ are factors that influence the market for goods and services.

13. The \_\_\_\_\_ values of a company often guide its decision-making and strategic direction.

14. An \_\_\_\_\_ was issued to warn customers about a potential security breach.

15. Optimizing \_\_\_\_\_ processes can lead to improved efficiency and cost savings.

16. High \_\_\_\_\_ on employees can lead to stress and decreased morale.

17. The outcome of the negotiation remains \_\_\_\_\_ due to conflicting interests.

18. Customers enjoy shopping during sales to get items at a \_\_\_\_\_ price.

19. Rapid \_\_\_\_\_ can erode the purchasing power of a currency.



20. The organization launched an educational campaign to raise public \_\_\_\_\_  
of environmental issues.

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

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| 21. It is important to handle personal information with care as it may be .                                   |
| 22. When two companies combine to form a single entity it is known as a .                                     |
| 23. The employees of a company collectively form its .  |
| 24. A temporary endeavor undertaken to create a unique product service or result is called a .                |
| 25. A deduction from the original price of an item is referred to as a .                                      |
| 26. Building strong relationships with others helps create a valuable that can lead to opportunities.         |
| 27. When two or more parties come together to achieve a common goal through shared resources it is called a . |
| 28. The ability to influence or control outcomes is often associated with .                                   |
| 29. An urgent warning issued to notify individuals about a potential threat is known as an .                  |
| 30. The electronics industry heavily relies on components for various devices.                                |

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Futures 2. Compliance 3. Data center 4. Pressure 5. Statistics 6. Connections 7. Chancellor 8. Investment 9. Earnings 10. Decrease

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Monetary 12. Demand 13. Core 14. Alert 15. Production 16. Pressure 17. Uncertain 18. Discount 19. Inflation 20. Awareness

**Matching sentence:** 1. Sensitive 2. Merger 3. Workforce 4. Project 5. Discount 6. Connection 7. Partnership 8. Power 9. Alert 10. Semiconductor

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