

Fiji returns to barter system as Covid-19 hits economy

Level 2 • Upper intermediate

KEY

2 Key words

1. barter
2. economic
3. limited
4. utilities
5. resurgence
6. suspension
7. outbreak
8. pastor
9. groceries
10. evacuation
11. equipment
12. practice

3 Comprehension check

1. F – It was set up in response to large increases in unemployment due to coronavirus. It is on Facebook.
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3. F – It allows the people of Fiji to get the things they need and want without spending money so they can save their limited cash for bills, utilities, transport etc.
4. F – The two in Samoa have just over 1,000 members, whereas Barter for Better Fiji alone has more than 100,000 members.
5. F – As of the end of April, there were only 260 cases in total in six Pacific countries and territories across the Pacific region.
6. F – Most of the tourists arriving on the Pacific islands come from nearby Australia and New Zealand.
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10. F – Bartering is a traditional practice in the area that began hundreds of years ago.

4 Phrases

- a.**
1. for – f
 2. to – d
 3. offer – a
 4. close – e
 5. feel – c
 6. out – b
- b.**
1. in response to
 2. closed their borders
 3. in exchange for
 4. out of interest
 5. feeling the impact
 6. offer a solution