

Use the word in brackets to form a new word that fits into each blank.

Turkey's government is letting some schools teach Kurdish. Only two decades ago speaking Kurdish in public was a crime, but now the government is easing its (1) _____ (RESTRICT) on the language of the Kurds. The Turkish Prime Minister Erdogan has stated that this is a (2) _____ (HISTORY) step for Turkey's largest minority group. The Kurds form about 20% of the country's population, mainly in the south-eastern part of the country. But many have gone to Istanbul and other cities in search of (3) _____ (EMPLOY) and a better life.

Kurds have been fighting for more rights and a certain degree of autonomy in Turkey. In the last decades thousands of people have been killed in (4) _____ (HOSTILE) between the Turkish government and the Kurdish rebel group PKK.

For a long time Turkey has outlawed Kurdish because government (5) _____ (OFFICE) are afraid that it would separate the country and (6) _____ (STRONG) the PKK. In the latest statement Erdogan said that if a school has enough students who want to take Kurdish as an (7) _____ (ELECT) subject a school is allowed to offer lessons. The Turkish government has found out that a (8) _____ (SOLVE) to the Kurdish problem cannot be achieved through violence alone. Kurdish language and culture is spreading (9) _____ (INCREASE) in Turkey, Iraq and Syria.

For Kurdish (10) _____ (ACTIVE) the proposed measures do not go far enough. They demand the right to educate students in Kurdish in all subjects. The European Union has (11) _____ (REPEAT) put (12) _____ (PRESS) on Turkey to pass better laws for Kurdish citizens. It says that if Turkey wants to become a full member of the EU minority rights must be granted.