## Anger in UK over wildlife pictures on banknotes

***Read the text. Pay attention to the highlighted words.***

Some people in the UK are angry that pictures on British banknotes will change. Their anger has been caused by the Bank of England replacing famous historical figures with wildlife. The process to make this change was democratic. More than 26,000 people voted after a public discussion. The theme of nature was the most popular choice. This means national heroes like WWII leader Sir Winston Churchill, writer Jane Austen, and artist JMW Turner will be replaced by animals and birds. Sustainability expert Ali Fisher said: "This is a powerful reminder of how deeply people feel connected to and value British wildlife." She added: "It's a beautiful opportunity to put biodiversity in all our hands."

The Bank explained that images of wildlife would make faking banknotes more difficult. It said nature was a great choice when looking at the security of banknotes. Despite this, many leading politicians are very unhappy about removing the historical figures. The head of the Conservative Party said: "Removing Churchill from banknotes is erasing our history. Changing the pictures to put wild animals on them is a silly thing to do. I absolutely do not support it." The Liberal Democrat Party leader said: "I can't think of a worse time to do this with a war waging in Europe." However, Churchill's granddaughter had no problem with an animal replacing her grandfather.

***Complete the sentences with the highlighted words from the text.***

- The speech had a _____ effect on the crowd – many people were moved to tears.
- The airport introduced new measures to improve passenger _____ after a series of incidents.
- Many zoos work hard to protect endangered _____ by breeding rare species in captivity.
- The two countries have been _____ a trade war for several years, with neither side willing to back down.
- _____ farming means producing food in a way that doesn't damage the environment for future generations.
- He was caught _____ designer handbags and selling them online for profit.

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***Match the verbs (1–6) with the correct nouns/phrases (a–f) to make collocations from the text.***

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| **1.** make ..... | **a.** a banknote |
| **2.** cast / hold ..... | **b.** a war |
| **3.** erase ..... | **c.** a vote |
| **4.** wage ..... | **d.** history |
| **5.** fake ..... | **e.** a decision |
| **6.** put _____ in someone's hands ..... | **f.** responsibility / power |

***Fill in the missing parts of the collocations.***

- The government needs to _____ a decision about the new environmental policy soon.
- Scientists warn that climate change could erase _____ of rare plants and animals forever.
- The school held a _____ to choose a new name for the library.
- Two neighbouring countries have been waging a _____ over the border for decades.
- Criminals are constantly finding new ways to _____ banknotes and trick people.
- The president said he wanted to put the future of the country _____ of ordinary citizens.

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