

Read the newspaper extract. Fill in the blanks with *in* or *of*.

## No change in Eurozone rates

■ The European Central Bank has left interest rates unchanged despite worries over the German economy. The last time there was a fall <sup>1</sup> ..... interest rates was on 10 May, when the bank announced a cut <sup>2</sup> ..... 0.25%, bringing the key interest rate for the Eurozone countries to 4.5%. The decision came hours after official figures showed a surprising increase <sup>3</sup> ..... unemployment in Germany. Analysts had been forecasting a rise



<sup>4</sup> ..... 5,500 but the official figures reported an increase <sup>5</sup> ..... 18,000, taking the total to just under four million. The ECB is also facing the problem

of a sharp increase <sup>6</sup> ..... Eurozone inflation. The increase <sup>7</sup> ..... 0.3% has pushed the annual rate to 2.9%, compared with a target of 2%.

## EXERCISE 4

## Review

Complete the following extract with the missing prepositions.



*If you're looking for an alternative <sup>1</sup> ..... the traditional high street bank, then Internet banking may be a solution.*

**PROS:** The main advantage <sup>2</sup> ..... Internet banks is that they have lower charges because they have no need <sup>3</sup> ..... buildings or a branch network. <sup>4</sup> ..... the whole, they also offer slightly better rates for savers. After getting set up, a further benefit <sup>5</sup> ..... Internet banks is that you can have access <sup>6</sup> ..... your money 24 hours a day and can make payments or transfer funds <sup>7</sup> ..... your convenience.

**CONS:** Some customers worry about the potential lack <sup>8</sup> ..... security of dealing with money online, but the banks have worked hard to find solutions <sup>9</sup> ..... security problems. Internet banks do not offer the facilities to meet a bank manager <sup>10</sup> ..... person, and paying in cheques still has to be done <sup>11</sup> ..... post. Some banks also suffer from a lack <sup>12</sup> ..... cash machines.