

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 ¹ interest rates was on 10 May, when the bank announced a cut ² 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 ³ unemployment in Germany. Analysts had been forecasting a rise



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

of a sharp increase ⁶ Eurozone inflation. The increase ⁷ 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 ¹ the traditional high street bank, then Internet banking may be a solution.

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

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