



Unit 60

Protests Erupt in France Over Pension Reforms

A EXERCISE • 實戰演練

Massive protests have erupted across France in response to proposed pension reforms. Citizens oppose raising the retirement age, citing concerns over worker rights and quality of life. The government argues the changes are necessary to address an aging population and economic pressures. Strikes have disrupted transportation and services, intensifying pressure on lawmakers to reconsider the proposal.

B LANGUAGE FOCUS • 學習焦點

■ in response to + N / V-ing (回應於)

[說明] in response to 是介系詞，後面跟名詞或動名詞。表達因某件事情而採取的行動或反應。

• *Massive protests have erupted in response to proposed pension reforms.*

(大規模抗議爆發，對於提議的退休金改革作出回應。)

• *The company issued a statement in response to the customer complaints.*

(該公司發表聲明，回應顧客的投訴。)

C WORDS & PHRASES • 詞彙片語

1.	erupt	[ɪˈrʌpt]	(v.) (火山) 爆發，噴發；突然發生
2.	in response to		(phr.) 回應於
3.	pension	[ˈpenʃən]	(n.) 養老金；退休金；撫恤金
4.	reform	[rɪˈfɔrm]	(n.)(v.) 改革，改進
5.	oppose	[əˈpoz]	(v.) 反對，抗拒
6.	retirement	[rɪˈtaɪərmənt]	(n.) 退休
7.	cite	[saɪt]	(v.) 舉例，引證
8.	concern	[kənˈsɜrn]	(n.)(v.) 關心，擔心
9.	right	[raɪt]	(n.) 權利 (adj.) 對的，正確的，恰當的；右邊的 (adv.) 右邊地；[強調]恰好；完全地
10.	argument	[ˈɑɡjʊmənt]	(n.) 論點，爭論
11.	pressure	[ˈpreʃər]	(n.) 壓力
12.	strike	[straɪk]	(n.) 罷工 (v.) 突然侵襲，使遭受重創；打
13.	disrupt	[dɪsˈrʌpt]	(v.) 擾亂，中斷
14.	intensify	[ɪnˈtensɪfaɪ]	(v.) 使加劇，強化
15.	proposal	[prəˈpəʊzəl]	(n.) 建議；計劃；提案