

LESSON 3



Pakikinig: Excerpt from Dagdag-sahod na Makabuluhan, Kailangang Ipaglaban Struggle for Substantial Wage Increase

Listen to this short audio (1 minute and 7 seconds) on the relationship between commodity prices and wage increases. You can listen to the CD (filename: inter tag lesson 3) or access the full audio/video at <http://www.maydaymultimedia.org/2011/04/25/kwentong-obrero-1/>. This video was produced by Mayday Multimedia Productions and the Koalisyon ng mga Progresibong Manggagawa at Mamamayan (Coalition of Progressive Workers and Citizens.)

To prepare for this listening exercise, review/study the following words: **nagtataka** (wondering); **sardinas** (sardines); **batayang mga bilihan** (basic commodities); **sahod** (wages); **paghihilik** (snoring); **pananahimik** (silence); **iginigiit** (insisting on); **hindi na maabot** (cannot be reached); **katuwiran** (reason); **NCR** (National Capital Region); **mumu** (a very small amount).

Also, study how English words are pronounced using a Filipino accent, and how their usage changes slightly: **misis** (Mrs.; used as “my wife”); **makontrol** (can be controlled); **across-the-board** (across the board wage increase).

Here are names you will hear in the video: **Noynoy** (refers to the current President [as of the year 2012] of the Philippines, Benigno Aquino, whose nickname is Noynoy); and **Arroyo** (refers to former President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, 2001–2010).

Answer the following questions. You may give your answers in Tagalog/Filipino or in English since the focus of the exercise is Listening Comprehension.

1. What is the old price of sardines? What is the new price of sardines?
2. What is the old price of rice? What is the new price of rice?
3. What can the government not control?
4. What do the people want? What is the response of the Aquino government?
5. How much increase did the Arroyo government give to the workers? What are the workers asking for?
6. What is the present-day equivalent of the increase given by the Arroyo government?