

Use the word in brackets to form a new word that fits into each blank.

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Kurds have been fighting for more rights and a certain degree of autonomy in Turkey. In the last decades thousands of people have been killed in (4) _____ **(HOSTILE)** between the Turkish government and the Kurdish rebel group PKK.

For a long time Turkey has outlawed Kurdish because government (5) _____ **(OFFICE)** are afraid that it would separate the country and (6) _____ **(STRONG)** the PKK. In the latest statement Erdogan said that if a school has enough students who want to take Kurdish as an (7) _____ **(ELECT)** subject a school is allowed to offer lessons. The Turkish government has found out that a (8) _____ **(SOLVE)** to the Kurdish problem cannot be achieved through violence alone. Kurdish language and culture is spreading (9) _____ **(INCREASE)** in Turkey, Iraq and Syria.

For Kurdish (10) _____ **(ACTIVE)** the proposed measures do not go far enough. They demand the right to educate students in Kurdish in all subjects. The European Union has (11) _____ **(REPEAT)** put (12) _____ **(PRESS)** on Turkey to pass better laws for Kurdish citizens. It says that if Turkey wants to become a full member of the EU minority rights must be granted.

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