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Tonga prime minister challenges leaders to lose weight

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The prime minister of Tonga has asked other leaders to join the fight against obesity by taking part in a year-long weight-loss challenge. Akilisi Pohiva told a newspaper that he will set the challenge at the Pacific Island Forum in the tiny nation of Nauru in September. He said: "We should all get together for a weight-loss competition for an entire year, so when we meet the following year, we will weigh in again and see who has lost the most." He added: "We have been [talking about] the same issue, over the years but it doesn't seem to work."

Mr Pohiva also spoke about Tonga's life expectancy going down because of obesity. He said: "It is now down to 68 years old from 71. It has reduced [a lot]." He hopes his challenge will encourage Pacific islanders to lose weight. He believes they will look after their weight better if they see their leaders doing the same. The Pacific Island Forum said Pacific island nations were losing their fight against child obesity. The World Health Organization said 20 per cent of children between the ages of five and 19 were obese in 10 Pacific island countries.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/aug/14/tonga-pm-obesity-challenges-pacific-leaders-weight-loss-battle>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. join the fight | a. following year |
| 2. a year-long weight- | b. years |
| 3. for an entire | c. against obesity |
| 4. when we meet the | d. to work |
| 5. see who | e. year |
| 6. talking about | f. has lost the most |
| 7. over the | g. loss challenge |
| 8. it doesn't seem | h. the same issue |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. life | a. child obesity |
| 2. going down because | b. to lose weight |
| 3. It is now down | c. expectancy |
| 4. encourage Pacific islanders | d. better |
| 5. look after their weight | e. doing the same |
| 6. if they see their leaders | f. of obesity |
| 7. losing their fight against | g. of five and 19 |
| 8. between the ages | h. to 68 years |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180816-losing-weight-2.html>

The prime minister of Tonga (1) _____ leaders to join the fight against obesity (2) _____ in a year-long weight-loss challenge. Akilisi Pohiva told a newspaper that he will (3) _____ at the Pacific Island Forum in the tiny nation of Nauru in September. He said: "We should all get together for a weight-loss competition for (4) _____, so when we meet the following year, we will (5) _____ and see who has lost the most." He added: "We have been [talking about] (6) _____, over the years but it doesn't seem to work."

Mr Pohiva also spoke about Tonga's (7) _____ down because of obesity. He said: "It is now down to 68 years old from 71. (8) _____ [a lot]." He hopes his challenge will encourage Pacific islanders (9) _____. He believes they will look after their weight better if they see their leaders (10) _____. The Pacific Island Forum said Pacific island nations were losing (11) _____ child obesity. The World Health Organization said 20 per cent of children between the ages of five and 19 (12) _____ 10 Pacific island countries.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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LOSING WEIGHT SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180816-losing-weight-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Losing weight in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

