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Man sues parents for being born

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902.html>

A man in India is unhappy that he was born. He did not want to be born. He is suing his parents because they did not ask him if he wanted to be born. The man lives in the city of Mumbai. His name is Raphael Samuel and he is 27 years old. He is suing his parents for giving birth to him without his consent. Mr Samuel calls himself an anti-natalist. This is someone who believes in a philosophy called anti-natalism. This philosophy puts a negative value on birth. Anti-natalists believe that people should try not to have children. They believe that having children is morally wrong. They believe that the world is a better place with fewer children in it. China's one-child policy was a result of anti-natalism.

Raphael Samuel has posted a video on YouTube explaining why he wants to sue his parents. The video has gone viral. In the video, Mr Samuel answers questions from his followers and from reporters. He said: "I want everyone in India and the world to realise one thing - that they are born without their consent. I want them to understand that they do not owe their parents anything. If we are born without our consent, we should be maintained for our life. We should be paid by our parents to live." He added: "I love my parents...but they had me for their joy and their pleasure." Samuel's mother said she would accept fault if her son could explain how she could have asked for his consent to be born.

Sources: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/life-style/relationships/love-sex/what-is-antinatalism-and-why-raphael-samuel-of-mumbai-is-suing-his-parents-for-giving-birth-to-him/articleshow/67882775.cms>
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WARM-UPS

1. BEING BORN: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about being born. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

unhappy / born / ask / city / giving birth / consent / philosophy / negative / children / video / YouTube / follower / understand / life / pleasure / joy / mother / explain / son

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. FEWER CHILDREN: Students A **strongly** believe people should have fewer children; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. COST: How much do children cost? How could we reduce this cost? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Cost	How we can reduce this
Infancy		
Education		
Toys		
Clothes		
Birthdays		
Going out		

5. ASK: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "ask". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. CHILDREN: Rank these with your partner. Put the best number of children to have at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- none
- one boy
- one girl
- two boys
- two girls
- a girl and a boy
- 1 boys / 2 girls
- 8 children

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1. angry | a. Agreeing to do something or agreeing for something to happen. |
| 2. consent | b. Think that something is true. |
| 3. philosophy | c. Having a very strong feeling of unhappiness. |
| 4. believe | d. The arrival of a new baby from the body of its mother. |
| 5. negative | e. Bad; not good or positive. |
| 6. birth | f. A course of action followed by a government, party, business, or person. |
| 7. policy | g. The ideas, beliefs and study of knowledge, reality, and life. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 8. sue | h. A feeling of happy satisfaction and enjoyment. |
| 9. follower | i. The blame or responsibility for an accident or misfortune. |
| 10. realise | j. Have to pay or repay (something, especially money) in return for something you got before. |
| 11. consent | k. Take someone (or something) to court to get money from them because they did something wrong. |
| 12. owe | l. Someone who follows the ideas, website or plans of another person. |
| 13. maintained | m. Given money and other things needed to live. |
| 14. pleasure | n. Become to understand something clearly. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. A man in India did not want to be born. **T / F**
- b. The man is 72 years old. **T / F**
- c. The man is an anti-naturist. **T / F**
- d. Anti-natalists believe people should have lots of children. **T / F**
- e. A video the man posted has gone viral online. **T / F**
- f. The man answered questions from reporters in his YouTube video. **T / F**
- g. The man said we should help to pay for our parents to live. **T / F**
- h. The man's mother said she would accept fault for her son's birth. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. unhappy | a. bad |
| 2. suing | b. blame |
| 3. consent | c. uploaded |
| 4. negative | d. permission |
| 5. believe | e. be in debt to |
| 6. posted | f. sad |
| 7. reporters | g. looked after |
| 8. owe | h. think |
| 9. maintained | i. taking legal action |
| 10. fault | j. journalists |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. A man in India is unhappy that he | a. and their pleasure |
| 2. giving birth to him without | b. fewer children in it |
| 3. This philosophy puts a negative | c. gone viral |
| 4. the world is a better place with | d. maintained for our life |
| 5. China's one- | e. his consent |
| 6. The video has | f. could explain how |
| 7. they do not owe their | g. was born |
| 8. we should be | h. parents anything |
| 9. they had me for their joy | i. child policy |
| 10. she would accept fault if her son | j. value on birth |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902.html>

A man in India is (1) _____ that he was born. He did not want to be born. He is (2) _____ his parents because they did not ask him if he wanted to be (3) _____. The man lives in the city of Mumbai. His name is Raphael Samuel and he is 27 years old. He is suing his parents for (4) _____ birth to him without his (5) _____. Mr Samuel calls himself an anti-natalist. This is someone who believes in a philosophy called anti-natalism. This philosophy puts a negative (6) _____ on birth. Anti-natalists believe that people should try not to have children. They believe that having children is morally (7) _____. They believe that the world is a better place with fewer children in it. China's one-child (8) _____ was a result of anti-natalism.

giving
value
born
policy
unhappy
wrong
suing
consent

Raphael Samuel has posted a video on YouTube (9) _____ why he wants to sue his parents. The video has gone (10) _____. In the video, Mr Samuel answers questions from his (11) _____ and from reporters. He said: "I want everyone in India and the world to (12) _____ one thing - that they are born without their consent. I want them to understand that they do not (13) _____ their parents anything. If we are born without our consent, we should be maintained for our life. We should be (14) _____ by our parents to live." He added: "I love my parents...but they had me for their (15) _____ and their pleasure." Samuel's mother said she would accept (16) _____ if her son could explain how she could have asked for his consent to be born.

viral
paid
realise
fault
explaining
joy
followers
owe

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902.html>

- 1) A man in India is unhappy that he was born. He did not want _____
 - a. to be burn
 - b. to be bourn
 - c. to be born
 - d. to be birth
- 2) He is suing his parents for giving birth to him without _____
 - a. his consensus
 - b. his consensual
 - c. his consent
 - d. his consents
- 3) This is someone who believes in a philosophy called _____
 - a. ant in-natalism
 - b. auntie-natalism
 - c. untie-natalism
 - d. anti-natalism
- 4) This philosophy puts a negative _____
 - a. value in birth
 - b. value at birth
 - c. value to birth
 - d. value on birth
- 5) They believe that the world is a better place with _____
 - a. fewer children
 - b. less children
 - c. smaller children
 - d. infrequent children
- 6) YouTube explaining why he wants to sue his parents. The video has _____
 - a. gone viral
 - b. gone vital
 - c. gone virus
 - d. gone rival
- 7) I want them to understand that they do not _____ parents
 - a. owe there
 - b. owe they're
 - c. owe their
 - d. owe them
- 8) If we are born without our consent, we should be maintained _____
 - a. for your life
 - b. for our life
 - c. for our live
 - d. for your live
- 9) He added: "I love my parents...but they had me for their joy and _____."
 - a. their pleased
 - b. their pleasurable
 - c. their pressure
 - d. their pleasure
- 10) Samuel's mother said she would _____
 - a. accept faulty
 - b. accept fault
 - c. accept faulted
 - d. accept default

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902.html>

A man in India is unhappy that (1) _____. He did not want to be born. He is suing his parents because they did not ask him if he wanted to be born. The man (2) _____ city of Mumbai. His name is Raphael Samuel and he is 27 years old. He is suing his parents for giving birth to him (3) _____. Mr Samuel calls himself an anti-natalist. This is someone who believes in a philosophy called anti-natalism. This philosophy (4) _____ value on birth. Anti-natalists believe that people should try not to have children. They believe that having children (5) _____. They believe that the world is a better place with (6) _____ it. China's one-child policy was a result of anti-natalism.

Raphael Samuel (7) _____ video on YouTube explaining why he wants to sue his parents. The video (8) _____. In the video, Mr Samuel answers questions from his followers and from reporters. He said: "I want everyone in India and the world to realise one thing - that they are born (9) _____. I want them to understand that they do not owe their parents anything. If we are born without our consent, we should be maintained (10) _____. We should be paid by our parents to live." He added: "I love my parents...but they had me for their (11) _____ pleasure." Samuel's mother said she would accept fault if her son could explain how she could have asked for his (12) _____ born.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902.html>

1. In which city does Raphael Samuel live?
2. How old is Raphael Samuel?
3. What value do anti-natalists put on birth?
4. What do anti-natalists think it is better to have fewer of in the world?
5. What Chinese policy was a result of anti-natalism?
6. Where did Mr Samuel post a video?
7. Who did Samuel answer questions from?
8. What did Samuel say people owed their parents?
9. What feeling does Samuel have for his parents?
10. What did Samuel's mother say she could accept?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902.html>

- 1) In which city does Raphael Samuel live?
 - a) Kolkata
 - b) Delhi
 - c) Mumbai
 - d) Chennai
- 2) How old is Raphael Samuel?
 - a) 27
 - b) 72
 - c) 36
 - d) 14
- 3) What value do anti-natalists put on birth?
 - a) a negative value
 - b) a big value
 - c) 344
 - d) a hard-to-guess value
- 4) What do anti-natalists think it is better to have fewer of in the world?
 - a) courts
 - b) children
 - c) parents
 - d) problems
- 5) What Chinese policy was a result of anti-natalism?
 - a) its healthcare policy
 - b) communism
 - c) its education policy
 - d) one-child policy
- 6) Where did Mr Samuel post a video?
 - a) to the USA
 - b) YouTube
 - c) a mailbox
 - d) his parents
- 7) Who did Samuel answer questions from?
 - a) followers and reporters
 - b) children
 - c) parents
 - d) his children
- 8) What did Samuel say people owed their parents?
 - a) about \$100,000
 - b) a lot
 - c) nothing
 - d) everything
- 9) What feeling does Samuel have for his parents?
 - a) jealousy
 - b) emptiness
 - c) hate
 - d) love
- 10) What did Samuel's mother say she could accept?
 - a) fault
 - b) \$100,000
 - c) being sued
 - d) her son

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – None

You think zero is the best number of children to have. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their number. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): one, two or ten.

Role B – One

You think one is the best number of children to have. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their number. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): zero, two or ten.

Role C – Two

You think two is the best number of children to have. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their number. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): one, zero or ten.

Role D – Ten

You think ten is the best number of children to have. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their number. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): one, two or zero.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'birth' and 'sue'.

birth	sue
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• unhappy• city• giving• called• wrong• result	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• video• followers• owe• paid• joy• explain
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BEING BORN SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902.html>

Write five GOOD questions about being born 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.

BEING BORN DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'children'?
3. How happy are you that you were born?
4. What do you think of anti-natalism?
5. What do you think of the man for suing his parents?
6. Will the man win his case in court?
7. What do the man's parents think about him?
8. Is the man being disrespectful to his parents?
9. What advice do you have for Mr Samuel?
10. What do you think of China's one-child policy?

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BEING BORN DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'born'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Would you like to watch Mr Samuel's YouTube video?
15. How can parents ask for the consent of an unborn child?
16. What do you owe your parents?
17. Should your parents pay for your life?
18. How much of a joy is being a parent?
19. What is the best number of children to have?
20. What questions would you like to ask Mr Samuel?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902.html>

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Raphael Samuel has posted a video on YouTube explaining why he wants to sue his parents. The video has gone (7) _____. In the video, Mr Samuel answers questions from his followers and from reporters. He said: "I want everyone in India and the world to realise one (8) _____ - that they are born without their consent. I want them to understand that they do not (9) _____ their parents anything. If we are born without our consent, we should be (10) _____ for our life. We should be paid by our parents to live." He added: "I love my parents...but they had me for their (11) _____ and their pleasure." Samuel's mother said she would accept (12) _____ if her son could explain how she could have asked for his consent to be born.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) happiness | (b) happily | (c) unhappy | (d) unhappiness |
| 2. | (a) suing | (b) sues | (c) sued | (d) sue |
| 3. | (a) birth | (b) born | (c) births | (d) birthday |
| 4. | (a) in | (b) of | (c) at | (d) to |
| 5. | (a) don't | (b) no | (c) non | (d) not |
| 6. | (a) numeral | (b) less | (c) smaller | (d) fewer |
| 7. | (a) viral | (b) vital | (c) virus | (d) rival |
| 8. | (a) anything | (b) something | (c) think | (d) thing |
| 9. | (a) owe | (b) own | (c) ode | (d) ore |
| 10. | (a) maintained | (b) maintenance | (c) maintains | (d) maintaining |
| 11. | (a) joyful | (b) joy | (c) overjoyed | (d) joyous |
| 12. | (a) fault | (b) responsible | (c) blamed | (d) defect |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902.html>

Paragraph 1

1. He is unisg his parents
2. someone who believes in a ihyolpsohp
3. a tvngaeie value on birth
4. mllaory wrong
5. China's one-child iloypc
6. a ureslt of anti-natalism

Paragraph 2

7. The video has gone irval
8. questions from his fwrsoolle
9. we should be atenndaiim for our life
10. their joy and their saleperu
11. she would accept ftlua
12. asked for his ennotcs to be born

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () would accept fault if her son could explain how she could have asked for his consent to be born.
- () born without our consent, we should be maintained for our life. We should be paid by our parents to live." He added: "I love
- () from reporters. He said: "I want everyone in India and the world to realise one thing - that they are born without
- () not to have children. They believe that having children is morally wrong. They believe that the world
- () their consent. I want them to understand that they do not owe their parents anything. If we are
- () Raphael Samuel has posted a video on YouTube explaining why he wants to sue
- () his parents. The video has gone viral. In the video, Mr Samuel answers questions from his followers and
- () natalism. This philosophy puts a negative value on birth. Anti-natalists believe that people should try
- () himself an anti-natalist. This is someone who believes in a philosophy called anti-
- () my parents...but they had me for their joy and their pleasure." Samuel's mother said she
- () is a better place with fewer children in it. China's one-child policy was a result of anti-natalism.
- (**1**) A man in India is unhappy that he was born. He did not want to be born. He is suing his parents because they did not
- () 27 years old. He is suing his parents for giving birth to him without his consent. Mr Samuel calls
- () ask him if he wanted to be born. The man lives in the city of Mumbai. His name is Raphael Samuel and he is

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902.html>

1. ask because they parents didn't him . Suing his
2. Someone believes who anti-natalism . a philosophy in called
3. negative on a This value birth . philosophy puts
4. better place is a The world fewer . with
5. one-child result China's policy was anti-natalism . a of
6. posted a YouTube Samuel on video why . explaining
7. one thing . want everyone realise I to
8. parents . not do owe their Understand that they
9. paid should be We our by parents .
10. Samuel's said mother accept fault . she would

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From [https:// breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190210-anti-natalism.html](https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190210-anti-natalism.html)

A man in India is unhappy that he was *birth / born*. He did not want to be born. He is suing his parents because they did not ask *he / him* if he wanted to be born. The man *living / lives* in the city of Mumbai. His name is Raphael Samuel and he is 27 years old. He is *suing / sued* his parents for giving birth to him without *him / his* consent. Mr Samuel calls himself an anti-natalist. This is someone who *believes / beliefs* in a philosophy called anti-natalism. This philosophy puts a negative *valued / value* on birth. Anti-natalists believe that people should try not to have *child / children*. They believe that having children is *moral / morally* wrong. They believe that the world is a better place with fewer children in it. China's one-child policy was a result *off / of* anti-natalism.

Raphael Samuel has *posted / paste* a video on YouTube explaining why he wants to sue his parents. The video has gone *vital / viral*. In the video, Mr Samuel answers questions from his *followers / follows* and from reporters. He said: "I want everyone in India and the world to *reality / realise* one thing - that they are born without their *consensual / consent*. I want them to understand that they do not *owe / own* their parents anything. If we are born without our consent, we should be *maintenance / maintained* for our life. We should be paid by our parents to *life / live*." He added: "I love my parents...but they had me for their *joy / joyful* and their pleasure." Samuel's mother said she would accept *faulty / fault* if her son could explain how she could have asked for his consent to be born.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902.html>

A m_n _n I n d__ _s _n h_p p y t h_t h_ w_s b_r n
. H_ d_d n_t w_n t t_ b_ b_r n. H_ s s__ n g
h_s p_r_n t s b_c__ s_ t h_y d_d n_t _s k h_m _f
h_ w_n t_d t_ b_ b_r n. Th_ m_n l_v_s _n t h_
c_t y _f M_m b__ . H_s n_m__ s R_p h__ l S_m__ l
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p_r_n t s f_r g_v_n g b_r t h t_ h_m w_t h__ t h_s
c_n s_n t. M_r S_m__ l c_l l s h_m s_l f _n _n t_
_n_t_l_s t. Th_s _s s_m__ n_ w h_ b_l__ v_s _n _ p
h_l_s_p h y c_l l_d _n t_- n_t_l_s m. Th_s p h_l_s_p h
y p_t s _ n_g_t_v_ v_l__ _n b_r t h. A n_t_- n_t_l_s
t s b_l__ v_ t h_t p__ p_l_ s h__ l d t r y n_t t_
h_v_ c h_l d r_n. Th_y b_l__ v_ t h_t h_v_n g c h_l
d r_n _s m_r_l l y w r_n g. Th_y b_l__ v_ t h_t t
h_ w_r l d _s _ b_t t_r p_l_c_ w_t h f_w_r c h_l d
r_n _n_t. C h_n_'s _n_- c h_l d p_l_c y w_s _
r_s_l t _f _n t_- n_t_l_s m.

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_x p_l__ n_n g w h_y h_ w_n t s t_ s__ h_s p_r_n t
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902.html>

a man in india is unhappy that he was born he did not want to be born he is suing his parents because they did not ask him if he wanted to be born the man lives in the city of mumbai his name is raphael samuel and he is 27 years old he is suing his parents for giving birth to him without his consent mr samuel calls himself an antinatalist this is someone who believes in a philosophy called antinatalism this philosophy puts a negative value on birth antinatalists believe that people should try not to have children they believe that having children is morally wrong they believe that the world is a better place with fewer children in it chinas onechild policy was a result of antinatalism

raphael samuel has posted a video on youtube explaining why he wants to sue his parents the video has gone viral in the video mr samuel answers questions from his followers and from reporters he said i want everyone in india and the world to realise one thing that they are born without their consent i want them to understand that they do not owe their parents anything if we are born without our consent we should be maintained for our life we should be paid by our parents to live he added i love my parentsbut they had me for their joy and their pleasure samuels mother said she would accept fault if her son could explain how she could have asked for his consent to be born.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Aman in India is unhappy that he was born. He did not want to be born. He is suing his parents because they did not ask him if he wanted to be born. The man lives in the city of Mumbai. His name is Raphael Samuel and he is 27 years old. He is suing his parents for giving birth to him without his consent. Mr Samuel calls himself an anti-natalist. This is someone who believes in a philosophy called anti-natalism. This philosophy puts a negative value on birth. Anti-natalists believe that people should try not to have children. They believe that having children is morally wrong. They believe that the world is a better place with fewer children in it. China's one-child policy was a result of anti-natalism. Raphael Samuel has posted a video on YouTube explaining why he wants to sue his parents. The video has gone viral. In the video, Mr Samuel answers questions from his followers and from reporters. He said: "I want everyone in India and the world to realise one thing - that they are born without their consent. I want them to understand that they do not owe their parents anything. If we are born without our consent, we should be maintained for our life. We should be paid by our parents to live." He added: "I love my parents... but they had me for their joy and their pleasure." Samuel's mother said she would accept fault if hers could explain how she could have asked for his consent to be born.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. BEING BORN: Make a poster about being born. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. BEING SUED: Write a magazine article about the man winning his case to sue his parents. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on being born. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on being born. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. a 3. g 4. b 5. e 6. d 7. f
8. k 9. l 10. n 11. i 12. j 13. m 14. h

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a T b F c F d F e T f T g F h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|---------------|------------------------|
| 1. unhappy | a. sad |
| 2. suing | b. taking legal action |
| 3. consent | c. permission |
| 4. negative | d. bad |
| 5. believe | e. think |
| 6. posted | f. uploaded |
| 7. reporters | g. journalists |
| 8. owe | h. be in debt to |
| 9. maintained | i. looked after |
| 10. fault | j. blame |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Mumbai
2. 27
3. A negative value
4. Children
5. Its one-child policy
6. YouTube
7. Followers and reporters
8. Nothing
9. Love
10. Fault

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Suing his parents because they didn't ask him.
2. Someone who believes in a philosophy called anti-natalism.
3. This philosophy puts a negative value on birth.
4. The world is a better place with fewer.
5. China's one-child policy was a result of anti-natalism.
6. Samuel posted a video on YouTube explaining why.
7. I want everyone to realise one thing.
8. Understand that they do not owe their parents.
9. We should be paid by our parents.
10. Samuel's mother said she would accept fault.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. a 4. b 5. d 6. b 7. a 8. c 9. d 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)