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Level 0 – 27th April, 2019

Premier League footballers earned \$3.7bn last season

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190427-premier-league-0.html>

Premier League clubs paid over \$3.7 billion in wages for the first time last season. Almost 60 per cent of clubs' money goes towards wages. This was 55 per cent in 2016-17. The Premier League's top six clubs, which include Manchester United, Liverpool and Arsenal, have the highest wage bills.

The Premier League is the most-watched league in the world. People in 212 countries watch it. The increase in wages has lowered the clubs' profits. It is harder for teams in the lower half of the League to make money. The bottom teams can lose up to \$130 million if they go down from the Premier League.

Sources: <https://news.sky.com/story/premier-league-clubs-wage-bill-almost-3bn-last-season-11702927>
<https://www.ft.com/content/d0855c6c-668f-11e9-9adc-98bf1d35a056>
<https://www.standard.co.uk/sport/football/premier-league-money-rising-wages-sees-gap-widen-between-big-six-and-the-rest-a4125491.html>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. for the first | a. time last season |
| 2. last | b. six clubs |
| 3. the first | c. season |
| 4. Almost 60 per cent | d. wage bills |
| 5. money goes towards | e. of clubs |
| 6. This was 55 per cent | f. time |
| 7. The Premier League's top | g. wages |
| 8. have the highest | h. in 2016-17 |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. the most-watched | a. to \$130 million |
| 2. People in 212 countries t | b. money |
| 3. The increase | c. down |
| 4. lowered the clubs' | d. in wages |
| 5. teams in the lower half | e. league |
| 6. make | f. profits |
| 7. lose up | g. of the League |
| 8. if they go | h. watch it |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Premier League (1) _____ \$3.7 billion

(2) _____ the first time last season. Almost 60

per cent (3) _____ goes towards wages.

(4) _____ per cent in 2016-17. The Premier

League's (5) _____, which include Manchester

United, Liverpool and Arsenal, have (6) _____

bills.

The Premier League (7) _____-watched league in

the world. People in 212 (8) _____.

The increase in wages (9) _____ clubs' profits. It is harder for

teams in the (10) _____ the League to make

money. The bottom teams (11) _____ to \$130

million if they (12) _____ the Premier League.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SALARIES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about salaries 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **salaries** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
