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## Level 3 – 28th October, 2020

### UK government votes against free meals for poorer children

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201028-free-school-meals.html>

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201028-free-school-meals.html>

The UK government voted against giving poor children free school lunches during the school holidays. Only five politicians in the ruling Conservative party voted to help poorer children with a daily lunch. A huge majority of the government voted against the weekly \$20-per-child food voucher. The government is now under pressure to make a U-turn. It made a U-turn in the summer over free school meals. The Manchester United footballer Marcus Rashford started a successful campaign to get the government to reverse its decision not to provide school lunches for poorer children during the coronavirus pandemic. Mr Rashford has started another campaign to pressure the government into another U-turn.

The UK government is under growing pressure to U-turn. The British public is furious that politicians are refusing to provide the food vouchers. For many children, the voucher would mean getting their only proper meal of the day during the holidays. Prime Minister Boris Johnson said he would not U-turn. He said: "I totally understand the issue of holiday hunger". Many people on social media said Mr Johnson does not understand hunger because he comes from a wealthy family and has always had money. People are angry COVID-19 track-and-trace consultants are paid over \$8,000 a day but children cannot have a \$20 food voucher. Many stores across the UK are banning politicians from their businesses.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. SCHOOL MEALS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about school meals. 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?

government / school lunches / politicians / majority / voucher / pressure / summer / U-turn / furious / proper meal / understand / hunger / wealthy / money / consultants

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

**3. FREE MEALS:** Students A **strongly** believe all poor children should get free lunches; Students B **strongly** believe they should pay. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. FREE:** Are these things free in your country? Should they be? Why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Free?	Should It Be Free?	Why?
School lunch			
Healthcare			
Education			
Wi-fi			
Museums			
Water			

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

**6. PAY:** Rank these with your partner. Put the people who should be paid most at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Teacher
- Prime Minister
- Soldier
- Bank manager
- Soccer star
- Nurse
- IT consultant
- Pilot

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |               |   |
|---------------|---|
| 1. voted      | a. Very, very, very big.  |
| 2. politician | b. Make something the opposite of what it was.  |
| 3. huge       | c. Made a choice between two or more people or things by putting a cross in a box or raising your hand. |
| 4. majority   | d. A person who is high up in the government and was chosen by the people to make decisions for them.   |
| 5. U-turn     | e. The greater number of; most.   |
| 6. reverse    | f. A change of plan, especially doing the opposite thing you first did.                                 |
| 7. pandemic   | g. A disease that has spread all over the world.  |

## Paragraph 2

- |                |  |
|----------------|--|
| 8. pressure    | h. An important topic or problem for debate or discussion.                             |
| 9. furious     | i. When lots of people are trying to get someone to change their mind or do something. |
| 10. voucher    | j. Of the required type; suitable or right.  |
| 11. proper     | k. Having a lot of money; rich.  |
| 12. issue      | l. Very, very angry.   |
| 13. wealthy    | m. A person whose job is to provide expert advice.                                     |
| 14. consultant | n. A small printed piece of paper that people can use for goods or services.           |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201028-free-school-meals.html>

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

- a. Five conservative politicians voted against free school lunches. **T / F**
- b. Most Conservative politicians voted against free school lunches. **T / F**
- c. The school-lunch voucher is just \$20 a month. **T / F**
- d. A famous football player made a U-turn over free school lunches. **T / F**
- e. People in Britain are not happy children will not get free school lunches. **T / F**
- f. For many children, school lunch is their only proper meal each day. **T / F**
- g. The UK's Prime Minister said he would U-turn soon. **T / F**
- h. People are angry that COVID-19 workers get paid over \$8,000 a day. **T / F**

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

- |                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| 1. <b>during</b>   | a. very big   |
| 2. <b>ruling</b>   | b. completely |
| 3. <b>huge</b>     | c. drive      |
| 4. <b>started</b>  | d. angry      |
| 5. <b>campaign</b> | e. launched   |
| 6. <b>growing</b>  | f. rich       |
| 7. <b>furious</b>  | g. throughout |
| 8. <b>totally</b>  | h. blocking   |
| 9. <b>wealthy</b>  | i. governing  |
| 10. <b>banning</b> | j. increasing |

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

- |                                       |                         |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. voted against giving poor children | a. of the government    |
| 2. voted to                           | b. meal of the day      |
| 3. A huge majority                    | c. pressure             |
| 4. The government is now under        | d. pandemic             |
| 5. during the coronavirus             | e. consultants          |
| 6. The British public is              | f. free school lunches  |
| 7. food                               | g. wealthy family       |
| 8. their only proper                  | h. help poorer children |
| 9. he comes from a                    | i. vouchers             |
| 10. track-and-trace                   | j. furious              |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201028-free-school-meals.html>

The UK government (1) \_\_\_\_\_ against giving poor children free school lunches during the school holidays. Only five (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in the ruling Conservative party voted to help poorer children with a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ lunch. A huge majority of the government voted against the weekly \$20-per-child food (4) \_\_\_\_\_. The government is now under pressure to make a U-turn. It made a (5) \_\_\_\_\_ in the summer over free school meals. The Manchester United footballer Marcus Rashford started a successful (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to get the government to reverse its decision not to provide school lunches for (7) \_\_\_\_\_ children during the coronavirus pandemic. Mr Rashford has started another campaign to (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the government into another U-turn.

*daily*  
*U-turn*  
*pressure*  
*voted*  
*voucher*  
*poorer*  
*politicians*  
*campaign*

The UK government is under (9) \_\_\_\_\_ pressure to U-turn. The British public is furious that politicians are refusing to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the food vouchers. For many children, the voucher would mean getting their only (11) \_\_\_\_\_ meal of the day during the holidays. Prime Minister Boris Johnson said he would not U-turn. He said: "I totally understand the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of holiday hunger". Many people on social media said Mr Johnson does not understand hunger because he comes from a (13) \_\_\_\_\_ family and has always had money. People are (14) \_\_\_\_\_ COVID-19 track-and-trace (15) \_\_\_\_\_ are paid over \$8,000 a day but children cannot have a \$20 food voucher. Many stores across the UK are (16) \_\_\_\_\_ politicians from their businesses.

*angry*  
*provide*  
*banning*  
*issue*  
*growing*  
*consultants*  
*wealthy*  
*proper*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201028-free-school-meals.html>

- 1) The UK government voted against giving poor children \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. free school lunch is
  - b. freely school lunches
  - c. free schools lunches
  - d. free school lunches
- 2) A huge majority of the government voted against \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the week \$20
  - b. the weakly \$20
  - c. the weekly \$20
  - d. the weak \$20
- 3) The government is now under pressure to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. make a U-turns
  - b. make a U-turn
  - c. make a U-turned
  - d. make a U-turning
- 4) started a successful campaign to get the government to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. reverse its decision
  - b. reserve its decision
  - c. severe its decision
  - d. sever its decision
- 5) Rashford has started another campaign to pressure the government into \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. others U-turn
  - b. the others U-turn
  - c. the other U-turn
  - d. another U-turn
- 6) would mean getting their only \_\_\_\_\_ the day
  - a. properly meal of
  - b. property meal of
  - c. prosper meal of
  - d. proper meal of
- 7) I totally understand the issue of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. holiday hungry
  - b. holiday hunger
  - c. holiday hungered
  - d. holiday hungrily
- 8) Johnson does not understand hunger because he comes from \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a wealth family
  - b. a wealthy family
  - c. a wealth thee family
  - d. a wealth the family
- 9) paid over \$8,000 a day but children cannot have a \$20 \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. foodie voucher
  - b. food vouch are
  - c. food voucher
  - d. foodie vouch
- 10) Many stores across the UK are banning politicians \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. from their business is
  - b. from their businesses
  - c. from their business
  - d. from their busyness

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201028-free-school-meals.html>

The UK government (1) \_\_\_\_\_ poor children free school lunches during the school holidays. Only five politicians in the ruling Conservative (2) \_\_\_\_\_ help poorer children with a daily lunch. A (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the government voted against the weekly \$20-per-child food voucher. The government is now under pressure to make a U-turn. It made a U-turn in (4) \_\_\_\_\_ free school meals. The Manchester United footballer Marcus Rashford started a successful campaign to get the government to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ not to provide school lunches for poorer children during the coronavirus pandemic. Mr Rashford has started another (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the government into another U-turn.

The UK government is under growing pressure to U-turn. The British public is furious that politicians (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to provide the food vouchers. For many children, the voucher (8) \_\_\_\_\_ their only proper meal of the day during the holidays. Prime Minister Boris Johnson said he would not U-turn. He said: "I totally understand (9) \_\_\_\_\_ holiday hunger". Many people on social media said Mr Johnson does not understand hunger because (10) \_\_\_\_\_ a wealthy family and has always had money. People are angry COVID-19 track-and-trace consultants (11) \_\_\_\_\_ \$8,000 a day but children cannot have a \$20 food voucher. Many stores across the UK are banning politicians (12) \_\_\_\_\_.



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201028-free-school-meals.html>

1. How many Conservative politicians voted for the free school meals?
2. How much is the weekly school meals voucher worth?
3. What is the government under pressure to do?
4. What is the job of the person who got the government to make a U-turn?
5. What has Marcus Rashford started?
6. How does the British public feel about the government decision?
7. Who said he would not U-turn?
8. What did the UK's leader say he understood?
9. What kind of family does the UK's leader come from?
10. How much are COVID-19 track-and-trace consultants getting paid?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201028-free-school-meals.html>

- 1) How many Conservative politicians voted for the free school meals?
  - a) 6
  - b) 5
  - c) 4
  - d) 2
- 2) How much is the weekly school meals voucher worth?
  - a) \$50
  - b) \$100
  - c) \$10
  - d) \$20
- 3) What is the government under pressure to do?
  - a) step down
  - b) set up food banks
  - c) a U-turn
  - d) create more kitchens
- 4) What is the job of the person who got the government to make a U-turn?
  - a) a footballer
  - b) a banker
  - c) a chef
  - d) a politician
- 5) What has Marcus Rashford started?
  - a) a website
  - b) a campaign
  - c) a football team
  - d) a soup kitchen
- 6) How does the British public feel about the government decision?
  - a) furious
  - b) happy
  - c) OK
  - d) confused
- 7) Who said he would not U-turn?
  - a) a top chef
  - b) Marcus Rashford
  - c) Boris Johnson
  - d) a school teacher
- 8) What did the UK's leader say he understood?
  - a) holiday hunger
  - b) politics
  - c) children
  - d) the UK
- 9) What kind of family does the UK's leader come from?
  - a) an average family
  - b) a famous family
  - c) a poor family
  - d) a rich family
- 10) How much are COVID-19 track-and-trace consultants getting paid?
  - a) exactly \$8,000 a day
  - b) slightly less than \$8,000 a day
  - c) over \$8,000 a day
  - d) around \$8,000 a day

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201028-free-school-meals.html>

## **Role A – Teachers**

You think teachers should get the highest pay. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their jobs shouldn't be paid as much. Also, tell the others which of these jobs should get the lowest pay (and why): soldiers, bank managers or soccer stars.

## **Role B – Soldiers**

You think soldiers should get the highest pay. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their jobs shouldn't be paid as much. Also, tell the others which of these jobs should get the lowest pay (and why): teachers, bank managers or soccer stars.

## **Role C – Bank Managers**

You think bank managers should get the highest pay. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their jobs shouldn't be paid as much. Also, tell the others which of these jobs should get the lowest pay (and why): soldiers, teachers or soccer stars.

## **Role D – Soccer Stars**

You think soccer stars should get the highest pay. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their jobs shouldn't be paid as much. Also, tell the others which of these jobs should get the lowest pay (and why): soldiers, bank managers or teachers.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201028-free-school-meals.html>

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

<b>free</b>	<b>food</b>
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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"><li>• voted</li><li>• ruling</li><li>• huge</li><li>• summer</li><li>• successful</li><li>• started</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• growing</li><li>• proper</li><li>• totally</li><li>• wealthy</li><li>• paid</li><li>• stores</li></ul>
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# SCHOOL MEALS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201028-free-school-meals.html>

Write five GOOD questions about school meals 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.

# SCHOOL MEALS 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 'free'?
3. What was food like at your school?
4. How bad is it that children are hungry?
5. Are you surprised children in the UK are hungry?
6. Why do you think the UK voted against meals for poor children?
7. Should the UK make a U-turn and reverse its decision again?
8. Whose responsibility is it to feed hungry children?
9. Is it the parents' job to feed their children?
10. Who should and shouldn't get free meals?

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# SCHOOL MEALS 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 'meal'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think the UK government will do?
15. What did you have for lunch when you were at school?
16. Why do rich politicians say they understand poor people's lives?
17. What do you think of wealthy politicians?
18. Should track-and-trace consultants be paid \$8,000 a day?
19. Are businesses right to ban politicians?
20. What questions would you like to ask the UK government?

# 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/2010/201028-free-school-meals.html>

The UK government voted (1) \_\_\_\_\_ giving poor children free school lunches during the school holidays. Only five politicians in the ruling Conservative party voted (2) \_\_\_\_\_ help poorer children with a daily lunch. A huge majority of the government voted against the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ \$20-per-child food voucher. The government is now under pressure to make a U-turn. It (4) \_\_\_\_\_ a U-turn in the summer over free school meals. The Manchester United footballer Marcus Rashford started a successful campaign to get the government to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ its decision not to provide school lunches for poorer children during the coronavirus pandemic. Mr Rashford has started another campaign to pressure the government into (6) \_\_\_\_\_ U-turn.

The UK government is under (7) \_\_\_\_\_ pressure to U-turn. The British public is furious that politicians are refusing to provide the food vouchers. For many children, the voucher would (8) \_\_\_\_\_ getting their only proper meal of the day during the holidays. Prime Minister Boris Johnson said he would not U-turn. He said: "I totally understand the issue of holiday (9) \_\_\_\_\_". Many people on social media said Mr Johnson does not understand hunger because he (10) \_\_\_\_\_ from a wealthy family and has always had money. People are angry COVID-19 track-and-trace consultants are (11) \_\_\_\_\_ over \$8,000 a day but children cannot have a \$20 food voucher. Many stores across the UK are (12) \_\_\_\_\_ politicians from their businesses.

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

- |     |             |              |              |                |
|-----|-------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) gained  | (b) against  | (c) gaining  | (d) again      |
| 2.  | (a) on      | (b) to       | (c) for      | (d) as         |
| 3.  | (a) week    | (b) weakly   | (c) weak     | (d) weekly     |
| 4.  | (a) was     | (b) made     | (c) drove    | (d) turned     |
| 5.  | (a) reserve | (b) reverse  | (c) sever    | (d) severe     |
| 6.  | (a) others  | (b) other    | (c) another  | (d) the others |
| 7.  | (a) growth  | (b) grows    | (c) growing  | (d) grew       |
| 8.  | (a) cheap   | (b) define   | (c) mean     | (d) equals     |
| 9.  | (a) hungry  | (b) hungered | (c) hungrily | (d) hunger     |
| 10. | (a) comes   | (b) be       | (c) goes     | (d) lives      |
| 11. | (a) paid    | (b) payment  | (c) pays     | (d) pay        |
| 12. | (a) bans    | (b) banned   | (c) banning  | (d) banner     |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. five aiscointlpi
2. A huge imoyrtja of the government
3. the weekly \$20-per-child food uvheroc
4. under urpsrese to make a U-turn
5. started a successful mpgnaaci
6. reverse its incedois

## Paragraph 2

7. The British public is fiosruu
8. their only prpero meal of the day
9. understand the isesu
10. holiday nhruge
11. he comes from a hwtylea family
12. track-and-trace ncnslttoaus

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201028-free-school-meals.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) from a wealthy family and has always had money. People are angry COVID-19 track-and-trace
- ( ) voucher. The government is now under pressure to make a U-turn. It made a U-turn in the summer over free school
- ( **1** ) The UK government voted against giving poor children free school lunches during the school
- ( ) of the day during the holidays. Prime Minister Boris Johnson said he would not U-turn. He said: "I totally understand
- ( ) refusing to provide the food vouchers. For many children, the voucher would mean getting their only proper meal
- ( ) to get the government to reverse its decision not to provide school lunches for poorer children
- ( ) during the coronavirus pandemic. Mr Rashford has started another campaign to pressure the government into another U-turn.
- ( ) across the UK are banning politicians from their businesses.
- ( ) daily lunch. A huge majority of the government voted against the weekly \$20-per-child food
- ( ) holidays. Only five politicians in the ruling Conservative party voted to help poorer children with a
- ( ) the issue of holiday hunger". Many people on social media said Mr Johnson does not understand hunger because he comes
- ( ) consultants are paid over \$8,000 a day but children cannot have a \$20 food voucher. Many stores
- ( ) meals. The Manchester United footballer Marcus Rashford started a successful campaign
- ( ) The UK government is under growing pressure to U-turn. The British public is furious that politicians are

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201028-free-school-meals.html>

1. giving against children Voted lunches . poor free school
2. party . Conservative politicians ruling the in five Only
3. of government huge A majority against . voted the
4. pressure to government now under is The U-turn .
5. pressure campaign Another the to U-turn . to government
6. to vouchers . refusing provide Politicians are the food
7. only day . Getting their the of meal proper
8. issue the totally holiday I of understand hunger .
9. Track-and-trace over paid consultants day . are a \$8,000
10. politicians . banning the stores across are Many UK

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201028-free-school-meals.html>

The UK government *voted / voting* against giving poor children free school lunches *among / during* the school holidays. Only five politicians in the *ruler / ruling* Conservative party voted to help poorer children with a daily lunch. A *huge / hug* majority of the government voted against the *week / weekly* \$20-per-child food voucher. The government is now *over / under* pressure to make a U-turn. It made a U-turn in the summer over free school meals. The Manchester United footballer Marcus Rashford started a *successfully / successful* campaign to get the government to *reserve / reverse* its decision not to provide school lunches for *poorer / poverty* children during the coronavirus pandemic. Mr Rashford has started another campaign to pressure the government into *another / other* U-turn.

The UK government is under *grown / growing* pressure to U-turn. The British public is furious that politicians are *refusing / refusal* to provide the food vouchers. *Of / For* many children, the voucher would mean getting their *only / once* proper meal of the day during the holidays. Prime Minister Boris Johnson said he would not U-turn. He said: "I *total / totally* understand the issue of holiday hunger". Many people *on / at* social media said Mr Johnson does not understand hunger because he comes *from / for* a wealthy family and has always had money. People *be / are* angry COVID-19 track-and-trace consultants are paid over \$8,000 *a / the* day but children cannot have a \$20 food voucher. Many stores across the UK are *banning / blaming* politicians from their businesses.

**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)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the uk government is under growing pressure to uturn the british public is furious that politicians are refusing to provide the food vouchers for many children the voucher would mean getting their only proper meal of the day during the holidays prime minister boris johnson said he would not uturn he said i totally understand the issue of holiday hunger many people on social media said mr johnson does not understand hunger because he comes from a wealthy family and has always had money people are angry covid19 trackandtrace consultants are paid over 8000 a day but children cannot have a 20 food voucher many stores across the uk are banning politicians from their businesses

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# 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. SCHOOL MEALS:** Make a poster about school meals. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. UNDERSTAND THE ISSUES:** Write a magazine article about government leaders understanding the issues of poor people. Include imaginary interviews with people who think they do and with people who think they do not.

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 school meals. Ask him/her three questions about school meals. Give him/her three of your ideas. 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. d    3. a    4. e    5. f    6. b    7. g  
8. i    9. l    10. n    11. j    12. h    13. k    14. m

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. i	3. a	4. e	5. c
6. j	7. d	8. b	9. f	10. h

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Five
- \$20
- A U-turn
- Football player
- A new campaign
- They are furious
- Boris Johnson
- Holiday hunger
- A wealthy family
- Over \$8,000 a day

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- Voted against giving poor children free school lunches.
- Only five politicians in the ruling Conservative party.
- A huge majority of the government voted against.
- The government is now under pressure to U-turn.
- Another campaign to pressure the government to U-turn.
- Politicians are refusing to provide the food vouchers.
- Getting their only proper meal of the day.
- I totally understand the issue of holiday hunger.
- Track-and-trace consultants are paid over \$8,000 a day.
- Many stores across the UK are banning politicians.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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