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Level 4 – 28th March, 2022

People in the UK have no money to boil potatoes

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The cost of living crisis is worsening. Rising energy prices have made necessities unaffordable for many people. In the UK there is a dilemma over "heating or eating". Rising energy prices mean people on low incomes or on benefits face the choice of heating their home, or eating. Many do not have enough money to boil potatoes. This situation will soon get worse. Rises in contributions to the country's health care system will start next week.

A former prime minister criticised the man responsible for Britain's finances. He said he should be more compassionate and do more about poverty. He said: "You cannot ignore the needs of parents who are having to choose between putting their heating up and feeding their children." More price rises and food shortages are coming as the war in Ukraine will see the price of wheat rise. Critics want to tax energy company profits to help the poor.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/business/2022/mar/23/food-bank-users-declining-potatoes-as-cooking-costs-too-high-says-iceland-boss>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/business-60858113>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The cost of living crisis | a. eating |
| 2. prices have made necessities | b. dilemma |
| 3. In the UK there is a | c. the choice |
| 4. people on low incomes | d. health care system |
| 5. face | e. is worsening |
| 6. heating their home or | f. potatoes |
| 7. boil | g. unaffordable |
| 8. contributions to the country's | h. or on benefits |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. the man responsible for | a. about poverty |
| 2. he should be more | b. company profits |
| 3. do more | c. shortages |
| 4. You cannot ignore the needs | d. poor |
| 5. price rises and food | e. of parents |
| 6. see the price | f. compassionate |
| 7. Critics want to tax energy | g. of wheat rise |
| 8. help the | h. Britain's finances |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The cost of living (1) _____. Rising energy prices have made necessities (2) _____ people. In the UK there is a (3) _____ or eating". Rising energy prices mean people (4) _____ or on benefits face the choice of heating their home, or eating. Many do not have enough money to boil potatoes. This situation will (5) _____. Rises in contributions to the country's health care (6) _____ next week.

A former prime minister (7) _____ responsible for Britain's finances. He said he should (8) _____ and do more about poverty. He said: "You cannot (9) _____ of parents who are having to choose between (10) _____ up and feeding their children." More price rises (11) _____ are coming as the war in Ukraine will see the price of wheat rise. Critics want to tax energy company (12) _____ the poor.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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THE COST OF LIVING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the cost of living 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2203/220328-cost-of-living-crisis-4.html>

Write about **the cost of living** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
