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**Level 0 – 18th January 2024**

## **World will see first trillionaire in next 10 years**

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240118-trillionaire-0.html>

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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/2401/240118-trillionaire-0.html>

People used to want to be a millionaire. Now, they want a billion dollars. Oxfam said that in the next ten years, the world will have its first trillionaire. A trillion is a one, followed by 12 zeros. The rich are becoming richer; and the poor poorer.

Oxfam said fighting poverty will take 200 years.

The world's five richest people have doubled their wealth since 2020. However, almost five billion people have become poorer. Tesla CEO Elon Musk is worth \$250 billion. The AP news agency said a trillionaire would be as rich as Saudi Arabia. Oxfam said we need public action to reduce the wealth gap.

Sources: <https://apnews.com/article/income-inequality-billionaires-davos-85baf23e9a2a7d4d94da5aca11f3ca5e>  
<https://time.com/6555516/first-trillionaire-oxfam-report-billionaire-inequality/>  
<https://news.sky.com/story/worlds-richest-men-double-their-wealth-in-three-years-as-oxfam-warns-of-first-trillionaire-13048652>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240118-trillionaire-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                              |                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. People used to want to be | a. ten years          |
| 2. they want                 | b. becoming richer    |
| 3. Oxfam said                | c. first trillionaire |
| 4. in the next               | d. a millionaire      |
| 5. the world will have its   | e. take 200 years     |
| 6. followed by 12            | f. a billion dollars  |
| 7. The rich are              | g. that               |
| 8. fighting poverty will     | h. zeros              |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                      |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The world's five                | a. as Saudi Arabia   |
| 2. doubled their                   | b. \$250 billion     |
| 3. five billion people have become | c. gap               |
| 4. Elon Musk is worth              | d. richest people    |
| 5. The AP news                     | e. action            |
| 6. a trillionaire would be as rich | f. poorer            |
| 7. Oxfam said we need public       | g. agency            |
| 8. reduce the wealth               | h. wealth since 2020 |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240118-trillionaire-0.html>

People (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to be a millionaire. Now, they

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ dollars. Oxfam said that in

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ years, the world will

(4) \_\_\_\_\_ trillionaire. A trillion is a one, followed

by 12 zeros. The rich (5) \_\_\_\_\_; and the poor

poorer. Oxfam said fighting (6) \_\_\_\_\_ 200 years.

The world's five richest (7) \_\_\_\_\_ their wealth

since 2020. However, (8) \_\_\_\_\_ people have

become poorer. Tesla CEO Elon (9) \_\_\_\_\_ \$250

billion. The AP (10) \_\_\_\_\_ a trillionaire would be

(11) \_\_\_\_\_ Saudi Arabia. Oxfam said we need

public action to reduce (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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5 billion people have become poorer. Tesla CEO Elon Musk is worth \$2  
50 billion. The AP news agency said a trillionaire would be as rich as Saudi Arabia.  
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# TRILLIONAIRES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240118-trillionaire-0.html>

Write five GOOD questions about trillionaires 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) \_\_\_\_\_

