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Level 0

Eight billionaires as rich as half the world

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

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THE READING

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A report from the charity Oxfam said eight billionaires are as rich as half the world. They have as much money as the 3.6 billion poorest people. The richest man is Microsoft's founder. He is worth \$75 billion. Oxfam said: "The gap between rich and poor is far greater than [we thought]." It said this was unfair.

Oxfam said it was shocking that one in 10 people survive on less than \$2 a day. This means millions of people are very, very poor. Oxfam said: "Across the world, people are being left behind. Their wages are [not going up] yet...bosses take home million-dollar bonuses." An economist said Oxfam should not attack rich people.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/business-38613488>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1701/170118-income-inequality-0.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. eight | a. as half the world |
| 2. as rich | b. and poor |
| 3. the 3.6 billion | c. founder |
| 4. The richest man is Microsoft's | d. unfair |
| 5. He is worth | e. billionaires |
| 6. The gap between rich | f. than we thought |
| 7. far greater | g. poorest people |
| 8. It said this was | h. \$75 billion |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Oxfam said it was | a. less than \$2 a day |
| 2. one in | b. dollar bonuses |
| 3. survive on | c. are very, very poor |
| 4. millions of people | d. shocking |
| 5. people are being left | e. attack rich people |
| 6. Their wages are not | f. 10 people |
| 7. bosses take home million- | g. behind |
| 8. Oxfam should not | h. going up |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A report (1) _____ Oxfam said eight billionaires (2) _____ as half the world. They have as much money as the (3) _____ poorest people. The richest man is Microsoft's founder. (4) _____ \$75 billion. Oxfam said: "The (5) _____ rich and poor is far greater than [we thought]." It (6) _____ unfair.

Oxfam said it was shocking (7) _____ 10 people survive (8) _____ \$2 a day. This means millions of people are very, (9) _____. Oxfam said: "Across the world, people (10) _____ behind. Their wages are [not going up] (11) _____ home million-dollar bonuses." An economist said Oxfam should not attack (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WEALTH SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1701/170118-income-inequality-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about wealth 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) _____

