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Level 1 – 26th May, 2022

Millionaires say 'tax us more'

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220526-millionaires-tax-1.html>

Times are hard for people. COVID-19 and the Ukraine War have increased food and energy prices. In some countries, energy prices have tripled. Food is 20 per cent more expensive than last year. A group of rich people has asked governments to tax them more. The people were at a meeting of global leaders in Davos, Switzerland. They protested in the streets with left-wing activists. They asked for higher taxes for people like them.

The Davos meeting started in 1971. World leaders meet there every year to talk about global problems. The group of wealthy people said it was shocking that world leaders listen "to those who have the most but know the least" about the cost of living crisis. It said super-rich people are well known for paying very little in tax. One of the millionaire protestors said "another quarter of a billion people will be pushed into extreme poverty this year".

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/business-61549155>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Times are hard | a. more |
| 2. increased food and | b. tripled |
| 3. energy prices have | c. more expensive |
| 4. Food is 20 per cent | d. the streets |
| 5. A group of | e. for people |
| 6. tax them | f. rich people |
| 7. a meeting of global | g. energy prices |
| 8. They protested in | h. leaders |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The Davos meeting | a. poverty |
| 2. leaders meet | b. living crisis |
| 3. those who have the most but | c. protestors |
| 4. the cost of | d. started in 1971 |
| 5. paying very | e. billion people |
| 6. One of the millionaire | f. know the least |
| 7. another quarter of a | g. little in tax |
| 8. extreme | h. there every year |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220526-millionaires-tax-1.html>

Times (1) _____ people. COVID-19 and the Ukraine War have increased (2) _____ prices. In some countries, energy (3) _____. Food is 20 per cent more expensive than last year. A group of rich people has asked governments (4) _____ more. The people were at a meeting (5) _____ in Davos, Switzerland. They protested in the streets with left-wing activists. They asked for (6) _____ people like them.

The Davos (7) _____ 1971. World leaders meet there every year to talk about global problems. The group of (8) _____ it was shocking that world leaders listen "to those who have the most but (9) _____" about the cost of living crisis. It said super-rich people are well known for (10) _____ in tax. One of the millionaire protestors said "(11) _____ a billion people will be pushed into extreme (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TAX SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220526-millionaires-tax-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about tax 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) _____

