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Ex-US President shaves head to help boy

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THE READING

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Ex-U.S. President George H.W. Bush shaved his head for a 2-year-old boy. The boy, Patrick, is the son of Mr Bush's bodyguard. He has leukemia - a blood disease. Treatment for it makes people's hair fall out. Bush wanted to help Patrick. Bush, 89, now looks like Patrick. Someone said: "It's hard to tell them apart." Bush also helped with Patrick's hospital bills. People can give money on a website started by Mr Bush's other bodyguards. They also shaved their head.

Mr Bush's daughter Robin died from leukemia 60 years ago. She was four years old. He worked hard for years after to get money for leukemia research. In 2004, the Robin Bush Clinic opened at a hospital in Texas. Leukemia is a kind of blood cancer. Anyone can get it. It once killed many people, but today there is treatment at hospital. It's easier to cure children than adults. In 2000, around 256,000 people worldwide got leukemia, and 209,000 died from it.

Sources: <http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/article/Bush-41-shaves-his-head-to-support-a-2-year-old-4684576.php>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Ex-U.S. | a. disease |
| 2. the son of Mr Bush's | b. apart |
| 3. a blood | c. their head |
| 4. it makes people's hair | d. on a website |
| 5. tell them | e. fall out |
| 6. hospital | f. President |
| 7. give money | g. bills |
| 8. They also shaved | h. bodyguard |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. She was | a. at hospital |
| 2. worked hard | b. four years old |
| 3. money for leukemia | c. got leukemia |
| 4. Leukemia is a kind | d. than adults |
| 5. treatment | e. from it |
| 6. It's easier to cure children | f. for years |
| 7. 256,000 people worldwide | g. research |
| 8. 209,000 died | h. of blood cancer |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Ex-U.S. President George H.W. Bush (1) _____
a 2-year-old boy. The boy, Patrick, (2) _____
Mr Bush's bodyguard. He has leukemia -
(3) _____. Treatment for it makes people's hair
fall out. Bush wanted to help Patrick. Bush, 89, now looks like
Patrick. Someone said: "It's hard to (4) _____."
Bush also helped with Patrick's hospital bills. People
(5) _____ on a website started by Mr Bush's
(6) _____. They also shaved their head.

Mr Bush's daughter Robin (7) _____ 60 years
ago. She was four years old. He worked hard for years after to
(8) _____ leukemia research. In 2004, the
Robin Bush Clinic (9) _____ in Texas. Leukemia
is a kind of blood cancer. (10) _____. It once
killed many people, but today (11) _____ at
hospital. (12) _____ children than adults. In
2000, around 256,000 people worldwide got leukemia, and
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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)
