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# Level 1 Education adviser attacks UK schools

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## THE READING

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An education adviser has made teachers in Britain angry. The adviser works with the UK Education Secretary Michael Gove. British teachers do not like Mr Gove. The adviser made a new report. He said education in Britain wasn't so good. He said most teachers do not do a good job and that "real talent is rare". He said few teachers can teach basic extended writing, mathematics, science or problem-solving.

Mr Cummings also said Britain wastes billions of dollars on poor students and unnecessary university courses. He said many university courses do not help students get a job and that students should study more. Cummings angered teachers by saying 70% of learning is because of genes from parents, and not because of teachers. Many people want Mr Cummings and Mr Gove to be fired. They said Cummings has too many "mad" ideas.

Sources: http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/michael-gove-adviser-says-teachers-2366294#ixzz2haRdDBKo http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2013/oct/11/genetics-teaching-gove-adviser

# **VOCABULARY MATCHING**

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#### **PARAGRAPH ONE:**

1.	An education adviser has made teachers	a.	so good
2	British teachers do not	b.	good job
3.	made a	c.	like Mr Gove
4.	education in Britain wasn't	d.	writing
5.	do a	e.	new report
6.	real talent	f.	solving
7.	teach basic extended	g.	in Britain angry
8.	problem-	h.	is rare

#### **PARAGRAPH TWO:**

1.	Britain wastes	a.	study more
2	poor	b.	from parents
3.	university	с.	get a job
4.	help students	d.	students
5.	students should	e.	to be fired
6.	70%	f.	billions of dollars
7.	genes	g.	courses
8.	people want Mr Cummings and Mr Gove	h.	of learning

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Michael Gove. British teachers do not like	Mr Gove. The adviser
made (3) He sai	d education in Britain
wasn't so good. He said	most teachers
(4) good jol	b and that "real
(5) ". He said fe	w teachers can teach
(6), mathematics,	, science or problem-
solving.	

Mr Cummings also said Britain (7)	dollars
on poor students (8)	university courses.
He said many university (9)	students get
a job and that students should study	more. Cummings angered
teachers by saying 70% of (10)	of genes
from parents, (11)	of teachers. Many
people want Mr Cummings and Mr Go	ove to be fired. They said
Cummings has (12)	ideas.

## PUT A SLASH ( / )WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

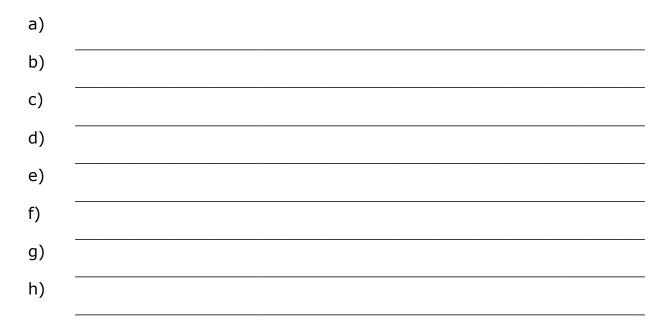
Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).


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# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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



# WRITING

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Write about **teachers** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.