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Indonesia leader flies economy class

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THE ARTICLE

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Indonesian President Joko Widodo has adopted a spirit of austerity by flying economy class. People around the world have had to tighten their belts because of government cuts and higher taxes. Indonesia's leader has set an example to other world leaders that presidents are not exempt from making personal cutbacks. He and his wife flew economy class last week to Singapore to attend his son's high-school graduation ceremony. Mr Widodo opted not to use the official presidential airplane because his trip was of a personal nature. The couple paid for the air tickets themselves but the taxpayers footed the bill for the security officers who were on the flight to protect the president.

The Widodos are becoming known for their down-to-earth living. They have led a very modest lifestyle since he became leader of the world's fourth most populous country last month. His wife Iriana is never seen in designer dresses and does a lot of her shopping in a Jakarta clothing market. There was mixed reaction on social media in Indonesia to the couple flying economy, with some believing it was little more than a publicity stunt. One man tweeted: "Living a fake life is difficult. Widodo went to Singapore flying economy but slept in an expensive hotel." A woman praised him, tweeting: "Widodo sets a good example by flying economy. Hopefully other officials can follow in his footsteps."

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WARM-UPS

1. ECONOMY CLASS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about economy class. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

austerity / economy class / set an example / world leaders / cutbacks / graduation / lifestyle / modest / populous / designer dresses / publicity / praised / follow / footsteps

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. FLYING: How can these things be better? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

| | Problems now | Improvements |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Check-in | | |
| Boarding | | |
| Seats | | |
| Food | | |
| Entertainment | | |
| Immigration | | |

4. SETTING AN EXAMPLE: Students A **strongly** believe all leaders should set an example and fly economy class; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. AUSTERITY: Rank these with your partner. Put the things you could cut back on at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- transport
- clothes
- cafes
- mobile phone
- books
- shopping
- sweets
- hobbies

6. LIFESTYLE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "lifestyle". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141123-economy-class.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. The article says Indonesia's president is issuing austerity measures. | T / F |
| b. Indonesia's leader told other world leaders to fly economy. | T / F |
| c. The leader flew economy while his wife flew business class. | T / F |
| d. The leader paid for his own ticket. | T / F |
| e. The leader and his wife are known for their more simple lifestyle. | T / F |
| f. The leader's wife often appears in public in designer dresses. | T / F |
| g. A man tweeted that the leader flew economy to get more publicity. | T / F |
| h. A woman tweeted to suggest other officials also fly economy. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. spirit | a. fraudulent |
| 2. tighten their belts | b. chosen |
| 3. exempt | c. simple |
| 4. opted | d. reduce spending |
| 5. footed the bill | e. commended |
| 6. down to earth | f. attitude |
| 7. reaction | g. do the same |
| 8. fake | h. response |
| 9. praised | i. paid |
| 10. follow in his footsteps | j. free from |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. adopted a spirit | a. stunt |
| 2. tighten | b. populous country |
| 3. set | c. an example |
| 4. presidents are not | d. on social media |
| 5. taxpayers footed | e. of austerity |
| 6. down-to- | f. exempt |
| 7. fourth most | g. his footsteps |
| 8. mixed reaction | h. the bill |
| 9. little more than a publicity | i. earth living |
| 10. follow in | j. their belts |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141123-economy-class.html>

Indonesian President Joko Widodo has adopted a (1) _____ of austerity by flying economy class. People around the world have had to (2) _____ their belts because of government cuts and higher taxes. Indonesia's leader has (3) _____ an example to other world leaders that presidents are not (4) _____ from making personal cutbacks. He and his wife flew economy class last week to Singapore to attend his son's high-school graduation (5) _____. Mr Widodo opted not to use the official presidential airplane because his trip was of a personal (6) _____. The couple paid for the air tickets themselves but the taxpayers (7) _____ the bill for the security officers who were on the (8) _____ to protect the president.

footed
exempt
tighten
flight
ceremony
spirit
set
nature

The Widodos are becoming known for their down-to- (9) _____ living. They have led a very modest lifestyle since he became leader of the world's fourth most (10) _____ country last month. His wife Iriana is never seen in (11) _____ dresses and does a lot of her shopping in a Jakarta clothing market. There was (12) _____ reaction on social media in Indonesia to the couple flying economy, with some believing it was little more than a publicity (13) _____. One man tweeted: "Living a (14) _____ life is difficult. Widodo went to Singapore flying economy but slept in an expensive hotel." A woman (15) _____ him, tweeting: "Widodo sets a good example by flying economy. Hopefully other officials can follow in his (16) _____."

designer
stunt
footsteps
populous
praised
earth
fake
mixed

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141123-economy-class.html>

- 1) Indonesian President Joko Widodo has adopted a _____
 - a. spirit of austerity
 - b. split of austerity
 - c. spiral of austerity
 - d. splitting of austerity
- 2) People around the world have had to _____
 - a. tighten their bits
 - b. tighten their bolts
 - c. tighten their belts
 - d. tighten their bets
- 3) set an example to other world leaders that presidents are not exempt from making _____
 - a. personal back cuts
 - b. personality cutbacks
 - c. personality back cuts
 - d. personal cutbacks
- 4) Widodo opted not to use the official presidential airplane because his trip was _____
 - a. of a personally nature
 - b. of a personal nature
 - c. of a personalised nature
 - d. of a personality nature
- 5) The couple paid for the air tickets themselves but the taxpayers _____
 - a. feted the bill
 - b. foot it the bill
 - c. footed the bill
 - d. footie the bill
- 6) The Widodos are becoming known for their down-_____
 - a. to-us living
 - b. to-earth living
 - c. to-her living
 - d. to-Perth living
- 7) since he became leader of the world's fourth most _____
 - a. popular country
 - b. populous country
 - c. poppy lace country
 - d. pop you lace country
- 8) There was mixed reaction _____
 - a. in social media
 - b. of social media
 - c. on social media
 - d. unsocial media
- 9) some believing it was little more than _____
 - a. a publicity stint
 - b. a publicity strut
 - c. a publicity slant
 - d. a publicity stunt
- 10) Hopefully other officials can follow _____
 - a. in his feet steps
 - b. in his hoot steps
 - c. in his footsteps
 - d. in his foot steps

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141123-economy-class.html>

Indonesian President Joko Widodo has adopted (1) _____ by flying economy class. People around the world have had to tighten their belts because of government (2) _____. Indonesia's leader has set an example to other world leaders that presidents are not exempt from making (3) _____. He and his wife flew economy class last week to Singapore to attend his son's high-school (4) _____. Mr Widodo opted not to use the official presidential airplane because his trip was (5) _____. The couple paid for the air tickets themselves but the taxpayers footed the bill for the security officers who were on the (6) _____ president.

The Widodos are becoming known for (7) _____ living. They have led a very modest lifestyle since he became leader of the world's fourth (8) _____ last month. His wife Iriana is never seen in designer dresses and does a lot of her shopping in a Jakarta clothing market. There (9) _____ on social media in Indonesia to the couple flying economy, with some believing it was little more (10) _____. One man tweeted: "Living a fake life is difficult. Widodo went to Singapore flying economy but slept (11) _____." A woman praised him, tweeting: "Widodo sets a good example by flying economy. Hopefully other (12) _____ in his footsteps."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141123-economy-class.html>

1. What does the article say Mr Widodo adopted by flying economy?

2. What does the article say people worldwide have to tighten?

3. Where did Indonesia's leader and his wife fly to?

4. Why did Mr Widodo not use the presidential plane?

5. Who footed the bill for the president's security guards?

6. What kind of lifestyle have the Widodos become known for?

7. Where is Indonesia on the list of the most populated countries?

8. Where does Mrs Widodo shop for clothes?

9. What kind of response was there on social media to Mr Widodo flying economy?

10. What did a woman want other officials to follow in?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141123-economy-class.html>

1. What does the article say Mr Widodo adopted by flying economy?
 - a) a strong mentality
 - b) a spirit of austerity
 - c) a frequent flyers membership
 - d) bad habits
2. What does the article say people worldwide have to tighten?
 - a) jeans
 - b) their schedules
 - c) bolts
 - d) their belts
3. Where did Indonesia's leader and his wife fly to?
 - a) Singapore
 - b) Jakarta
 - c) Darwin
 - d) Kuala Lumpur
4. Why did Mr Widodo not use the presidential plane?
 - a) it was in for repairs
 - b) the foreign secretary was using it
 - c) it was a personal trip
 - d) he doesn't like it
5. Who footed the bill for the president's security guards?
 - a) Mr Widodo
 - b) taxpayers
 - c) Indonesia's national airline
 - d) Mr Widodo's son
6. What kind of lifestyle have the Widodos become known for?
 - a) a lavish lifestyle
 - b) an extravagant lifestyle
 - c) a down-to-earth lifestyle
 - d) a back-to-basics lifestyle
7. Where is Indonesia on the list of the most populated countries?
 - a) seventh
 - b) sixth
 - c) fifth
 - d) fourth
8. Where does Mrs Widodo shop for clothes?
 - a) at a local market
 - b) online
 - c) Chanel
 - d) in a Jakarta department store
9. What kind of response was there on social media to Mr Widodo flying economy?
 - a) a mixed reaction
 - b) a muted response
 - c) a real hullabaloo
 - d) no one was that interested
10. What did a woman want other officials to follow in?
 - a) rows of two
 - b) Mr Widodo's footsteps
 - c) limousines
 - d) black suits

ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141123-economy-class.html>

Role A – Going to coffee shops

You think going to coffee shops is the easiest thing to cut back on. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so easy to cut back on. Also, tell the others which is the most difficult of these (and why): buying books, spending on hobbies or travel.

Role B – Buying books

You think buying books is the easiest thing to cut back on. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so easy to cut back on. Also, tell the others which is the most difficult of these (and why): going to coffee shops, spending on hobbies or travel.

Role C – Spending on hobbies

You think spending on hobbies is the easiest thing to cut back on. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so easy to cut back on. Also, tell the others which is the most difficult of these (and why): going to coffee shops, buying books or travel.

Role D – Travel

You think travel is the easiest thing to cut back on. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so easy to cut back on. Also, tell the others which is the most difficult of these (and why): going to coffee shops, spending on hobbies or buying books.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141123-economy-class.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'economy' and 'class'.

| economy | class |
|---------|-------|
| | |

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

| | |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• spirit• belts• personal• attend• couple• protect | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• earth• fourth• market• stunt• fake• follow |
|---|---|

ECONOMY CLASS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about economy class 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.

ECONOMY CLASS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'austerity'?
- 3) What do you think of economy class?
- 4) How do you feel when you sit on an airplane?
- 5) What do you think of Indonesia's leader flying economy?
- 6) When have you had to tighten your belt (financially)?
- 7) How could other world leaders follow suit?
- 8) Do people in power have a responsibility to act modestly?
- 9) Should President Widodo have not taken his bodyguards?
- 10) Does your leader spend too much on personal things?

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ECONOMY CLASS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) How down-to-earth is your lifestyle?
- 13) What do you think of the first lady shopping in a clothes market?
- 14) Do you think the economy class flight was a publicity stunt?
- 15) Why are people always skeptical when others do good things?
- 16) Is it OK for Widodo to have stayed in an expensive hotel?
- 17) What do you do to set a good example to others?
- 18) How much should world leaders be paid?
- 19) How would the world change if other leaders followed in Widodo's footsteps?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask President Widodo?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141123-economy-class.html>

Indonesian President Joko Widodo has (1) ____ a spirit of austerity by flying economy class. People around the world have had to (2) ____ their belts because of government cuts and higher taxes. Indonesia's leader has set an example to other world leaders that presidents are not exempt (3) ____ making personal cutbacks. He and his wife flew economy class last week to Singapore to attend his son's high-school graduation ceremony. Mr Widodo (4) ____ not to use the official presidential airplane because his trip was of a personal (5) _____. The couple paid for the air tickets themselves but the taxpayers (6) ____ the bill for the security officers who were on the flight to protect the president.

The Widodos are becoming known for their down-to-(7) ____ living. They have led a very modest lifestyle since he became leader of the world's fourth most populous country last month. His wife Iriana is never seen (8) ____ designer dresses and does a lot of her shopping in a Jakarta clothing market. There was (9) ____ reaction on social media in Indonesia to the couple flying economy, with some believing it was (10) ____ more than a publicity stunt. One man tweeted: "Living a (11) ____ life is difficult. Widodo went to Singapore flying economy but slept in an expensive hotel." A woman praised him, tweeting: "Widodo sets a good example by flying economy. Hopefully other officials can follow in his (12) _____."

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) adoptive | (b) adopted | (c) adapted | (d) adaptive |
| 2. | (a) strengthen | (b) tighten | (c) modify | (d) loosen |
| 3. | (a) by | (b) as | (c) for | (d) from |
| 4. | (a) apt | (b) opted | (c) adopted | (d) aperture |
| 5. | (a) notion | (b) topic | (c) theme | (d) nature |
| 6. | (a) eared | (b) stomached | (c) footed | (d) toed |
| 7. | (a) earth | (b) mud | (c) dirt | (d) planet |
| 8. | (a) by | (b) of | (c) in | (d) for |
| 9. | (a) mix-it-up | (b) mixture | (c) mixing | (d) mixed |
| 10. | (a) little | (b) few | (c) tiny | (d) small |
| 11. | (a) fake | (b) rake | (c) take | (d) make |
| 12. | (a) footsteps | (b) car | (c) example | (d) duty |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. adopted a spirit of ayestriut
2. itegnth their belts
3. presidents are not mtxkeep
4. graduation enyocemr
5. use the lacifiof presidential airplane
6. taxpayers ftdeoo the bill

Paragraph 2

7. led a very dstmeo lifestyle
8. the world's fourth most uospoplu country
9. rsdgeien dresses
10. mixed acoetirn on social media
11. little more than a cb|pyitui stunt
12. can follow in his tfotsespo

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

| | |
|--------------|--|
| () | higher taxes. Indonesia's leader has set an example to other world leaders that presidents are not exempt |
| () | The Widodos are becoming known for their down-to-earth living. They have led a very modest |
| () | the bill for the security officers who were on the flight to protect the president. |
| () | lifestyle since he became leader of the world's fourth most populous country last month. His wife Iriana is never |
| () | reaction on social media in Indonesia to the couple flying economy, with some believing it was little |
| () | economy but slept in an expensive hotel." A woman praised him, tweeting: "Widodo sets |
| () | flying economy class. People around the world have had to tighten their belts because of government cuts and |
| () | a good example by flying economy. Hopefully other officials can follow in his footsteps." |
| () | a personal nature. The couple paid for the air tickets themselves but the taxpayers footed |
| () | seen in designer dresses and does a lot of her shopping in a Jakarta clothing market. There was mixed |
| () | high-school graduation ceremony. Mr Widodo opted not to use the official presidential airplane because his trip was of |
| () | from making personal cutbacks. He and his wife flew economy class last week to Singapore to attend his son's |
| () | more than a publicity stunt. One man tweeted: "Living a fake life is difficult. Widodo went to Singapore flying |
| (1) | Indonesian President Joko Widodo has adopted a spirit of austerity by |

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. by class a austerity economy Adopted of flying spirit .

2. of because belts their Tighten cuts government .

3. from Presidents making are personal not cutbacks exempt .

4. couple tickets paid themselves for the The air .

5. security the officers bill for Taxpayers the footed .

6. for their down - to - earth living Becoming known .

7. social on reaction mixed was There media .

8. little more than a publicity stunt Some believing it was .

9. by sets flying a economy good example Widodo .

10. his officials footsteps can follow Hopefully in other .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141123-economy-class.html>

Indonesian President Joko Widodo has adopted a *spirit / split* of austerity by flying economy class. People around the world have had to tighten their *belts / bolts* because of government cuts and higher *taxis / taxes*. Indonesia's leader has set an example to other world leaders that presidents are not *exempt / expert* from making personal cutbacks. *He / Him* and his wife flew economy class last week to Singapore to *attendance / attend* his son's high-school graduation ceremony. Mr Widodo *opted / option* not to use the official presidential airplane because his trip was of a *personally / personal* nature. The couple paid for the air tickets themselves but the taxpayers *footed / feted* the bill for the security officers who were on the flight to *protect / protract* the president.

The Widodos are becoming *known / knowing* for their down-to-earth living. They have led a very *modest / modesty* lifestyle since he became leader of the world's *fourth / forth* most populous country last month. His wife Iriana is never seen in *designs / designer* dresses and does a lot of her shopping in a Jakarta clothing market. There was *mixture / mixed* reaction on social media in Indonesia to the couple flying economy, with some *beliefs / believing* it was little more than a *publicity / publication* stunt. One man tweeted: "Living a *fake / flake* life is difficult. Widodo went to Singapore flying economy but slept in an expensive hotel." A woman *praised / praises* him, tweeting: "Widodo sets a good example by flying economy. Hopefully other officials can follow in his footsteps."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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_nd_n_s__n Pr_s_d_nt J_k_ W_d_d_ h_s _d_pt_d _
sp_r_t _f __st_r_ty by fly_ng _c_n_my cl_ss. P__pl_
_r__nd th_ w_rld h_v_ h_d t_ t_ght_n th__r b_lts
b_c__s_ _f g_v_rnm_nt c_ts _nd h_gh_r t_x_s.
_nd_n_s__'s l__d_r h_s s_t _n _x_mpl_ t_ th_r w_rld
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p_rs_n_l c_tb_cks. H__nd h_s w_f fl_w _c_n_my cl_ss
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sch__l gr_d__t__n c_r_m_ny. Mr W_d_d_ _pt_d n_t t_
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__r t_ck_ts th_ms_lv_s b_t th_ t_xp_y_rs f__t_d th_
b_ll_f_r th_ s_c_r_ty _ff_c_rs wh_ w_r__n th_ fl_gh_t_ t_
pr_t_ct th_ pr_s_d_nt.

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p_p_l__s c__ntry l_st m_nth. H_s w_f__r__n__s
n_v_r_s__n _n_d_s_gn_r dr_ss_s _nd d__s _l_t_f_h_r
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the widodos are becoming known for their down-to-earth living they have led a very modest lifestyle since he became leader of the world's fourth most populous country last month his wife iriana is never seen in designer dresses and does a lot of her shopping in a jakarta clothing market there was mixed reaction on social media in indonesia to the couple flying economy with some believing it was little more than a publicity stunt one man tweeted "living a fake life is difficult widodo went to singapore flying economy but slept in an expensive hotel" a woman praised him tweeting "widodo sets a good example by flying economy hopefully other officials can follow in his footsteps"

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about economy class. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. AIRPLANES: Make a poster about the different classes you can fly on an airplane. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. ECONOMY CLASS: Write a magazine article about world leaders flying economy class. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to President Joko Widodo. Ask him three questions about his flying economy class. Give him three of your ideas on what he can do next to set an example of cutting back. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b F c F d T e T f F g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. spirit | a. attitude |
| 2. tighten their belts | b. reduce spending |
| 3. exempt | c. free from |
| 4. opted | d. chosen |
| 5. footed the bill | e. paid |
| 6. down to earth | f. simple |
| 7. reaction | g. response |
| 8. fake | h. fraudulent |
| 9. praised | i. commended |
| 10. follow in his footsteps | j. do the same |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. A spirit of austerity
2. Their belts
3. Singapore
4. His trip was personal
5. Taxpayers
6. A down-to-earth lifestyle
7. Fourth
8. At a clothes market
9. A mixed reaction
10. Mr Widodo's footsteps

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. c 7. d 8. a 9. a 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)