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## **Level 1**

### **University students take 'impossible' exam**

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<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1502/150201-university-exam-1.html>

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# THE READING

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Nearly 100 students at an English university are angry about an economics exam. They signed an online petition saying the exam questions were 'impossible' to answer because they were on topics that were not in their course. They say some questions had a lot of difficult maths. Students said they were told they would only need 'simple' maths. They are worried that they will get lower test scores and a poorer degree. They want the university to help them.

The head of the department said the exam was fair. He said the level of maths was the same as the level the students studied. He also said students had studied the topics: "All questions were based on topics taught in the course and...further reading was provided." He said one question used a new term, but this was no problem because the question explained the meaning of the term. The university says it will look carefully at the results.

Sources: <http://www.independent.co.uk/student/news/university-of-sheffield-students-demand-investigation-over-highly-unfair-exam-10014553.html>  
<http://www.bbc.com/news/education-31057005>

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1502/150201-university-exam-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|---|--------------------------|
| 1. Nearly 100 students at               | a. not in their course   |
| 2. angry about an                       | b. petition              |
| 3. They signed an online                | c. difficult maths       |
| 4. the exam questions were 'impossible' | d. an English university |
| 5. they were on topics that were        | e. test scores           |
| 6. some questions had a lot of          | f. economics exam        |
| 7. worried that they will get lower     | g. to help them          |
| 8. They want the university             | h. to answer             |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The head of the            | a. meaning of the term  |
| 2. the exam was               | b. the topics           |
| 3. He said the level of maths | c. fair                 |
| 4. students had studied       | d. taught in the course |
| 5. based on topics            | e. department           |
| 6. further reading            | f. at the results       |
| 7. the question explained the | g. was the same         |
| 8. it will look carefully     | h. was provided         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1502/150201-university-exam-1.html>

Nearly 100 (1) \_\_\_\_\_ English university are angry about an economics exam. They (2) \_\_\_\_\_ petition saying the exam questions were 'impossible' to answer because they (3) \_\_\_\_\_ that were not in their course. They say some questions (4) \_\_\_\_\_ maths. Students said (5) \_\_\_\_\_ would only need 'simple' maths. They are worried that they will get lower test scores (6) \_\_\_\_\_. They want the university to help them.

The head of the department said (7) \_\_\_\_\_. He said the level of maths was (8) \_\_\_\_\_ level the students studied. He also said students (9) \_\_\_\_\_ topics: "All questions were based on topics (10) \_\_\_\_\_ and...further reading was provided." He said one question (11) \_\_\_\_\_, but this was no problem because the question explained the meaning of the term. The university says (12) \_\_\_\_\_ at the results.

# 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)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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