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## **Level 2**

### **Nicki Minaj to pay college fees for fans**

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# THE READING

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The singer Nicki Minaj, 34, told millions of Twitter followers she would pay university tuition fees for some of them if they get A-grades. Ms Minaj will donate thousands of dollars to 30 fans if they show they got straight A's at high school. She also promised to pay more tuition fees in the future. Minaj tweeted: "Show me straight A's that I can [check] with your school, and I'll pay [your fees]." She also joked that she might not have any money after making the payments. One student asked Minaj for \$6,000 to pay for his accommodation, books, classes and food.

Minaj did not plan to pay for her fans' tuition. She first tweeted about a contest for someone to join her at a music awards show. A fan asked if she would pay for his college fees and her tweets changed. Minaj was born in Trinidad and grew up in New York. A newspaper editor said she was, "the most influential female rapper of all time". She has sold 20 million singles worldwide as a solo artist, and another 60 million singles as a guest artist. One Twitter user called her, "one of the most...caring and generous people in all of the entertainment industry".

Sources: <http://news.sky.com/story/nicki-minaj-offers-to-pay-college-fees-for-fans-10868506>  
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[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nicki\\_Minaj](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nicki_Minaj)

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1705/170510-nicki-minaj-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                     |                          |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. she would pay university tuition | a. the future            |
| 2. donate thousands of dollars      | b. the payments          |
| 3. if they show they got straight   | c. to 30 fans            |
| 4. pay more tuition fees in         | d. fees                  |
| 5. I'll pay your                    | e. his accommodation     |
| 6. she might not                    | f. A's at high school    |
| 7. after making                     | g. fees for some of them |
| 8. \$6,000 to pay for               | h. have any money        |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                       |                      |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Minaj did not plan to pay for      | a. singles worldwide |
| 2. a music awards                     | b. of all time       |
| 3. A fan asked if she would           | c. industry          |
| 4. the most influential female rapper | d. artist            |
| 5. She has sold 20 million            | e. show              |
| 6. a solo                             | f. generous people   |
| 7. one of the most caring and         | g. pay               |
| 8. the entertainment                  | h. her fans' tuition |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Minaj did not (7) \_\_\_\_\_ her fans' tuition. She first tweeted (8) \_\_\_\_\_ for someone to join her at a music awards show. A (9) \_\_\_\_\_ would pay for his college fees and her tweets changed. Minaj was born in Trinidad and grew up in New York. A newspaper editor (10) \_\_\_\_\_, "the most influential female rapper of all time". She has sold 20 million singles worldwide as a solo artist, and another 60 million singles (11) \_\_\_\_\_. One Twitter user called her, "one of the most...caring and generous people in all of the (12) \_\_\_\_\_".

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# SCHOOL FEES SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1705/170510-nicki-minaj-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about school fees 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) \_\_\_\_\_

