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## Level 0

### South Korea government to help people in debt

2nd December, 2017

<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171202-debt-0.html>

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171202-debt-0.html>

People have a lot of debt. They use credit cards too much. People have loans for food. Students have big loans. South Korea is doing something to cancel the debts of 1.6 million poorer people. Its National Happiness Fund will help people to make a fresh start in life. It will help people who cannot repay debts of less than \$9,000.

The National Happiness Fund started in 2013. It was to help Korea's poorest people and make them more equal. There is still a big problem. Richer people have most of the debt in South Korea. The government wants to stop them from losing all their money. Many families have "a mountain of debt". This could be a big problem.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171202-debt-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| 1. They use credit cards                 | a. for food      |
| 2. People have loans                     | b. start in life |
| 3. South Korea is doing                  | c. poorer people |
| 4. cancel the                            | d. debts         |
| 5. 1.6 million                           | e. too much      |
| 6. Its National Happiness Fund will help | f. debts         |
| 7. make a fresh                          | g. people        |
| 8. people who cannot repay               | h. something     |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. The National Happiness Fund | a. all their money |
| 2. help Korea's poorest        | b. of debt         |
| 3. make them more              | c. people          |
| 4. There is still              | d. problem         |
| 5. Richer people have most     | e. started in 2013 |
| 6. stop them from losing       | f. a big problem   |
| 7. have a mountain             | g. equal           |
| 8. This could be a big         | h. of the debt     |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171202-debt-0.html>

People (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of debt. They use credit cards too much. People (2) \_\_\_\_\_ food. Students have big loans. South Korea (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to cancel the debts of 1.6 (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Its National Happiness Fund will help people to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ start in life. It will help people who cannot (6) \_\_\_\_\_ less than \$9,000.

The National Happiness Fund (7) \_\_\_\_\_. It was to help Korea's poorest people and make (8) \_\_\_\_\_. There is still a big problem. Richer people have (9) \_\_\_\_\_ debt in South Korea. The government (10) \_\_\_\_\_ them from losing all their money. Many families (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of debt". This could be (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# DEBT SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171202-debt-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about debt 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) \_\_\_\_\_

