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Level 1

Malaysians give cash to help government

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Malaysians gave \$2 million to help their country with its debt. Malaysia has a new government for the first time since 1957. It promised to fix problems left by the old government, especially the huge national debt. The old government lost a lot of money. The government used a new way of raising money - crowdfunding. It made a special page on the Internet to raise money. People can give money to the page using their credit card.

The \$2 million is very small. It is just a drop in the ocean because the country's debt is \$251 billion. Malaysia's finance minister said it was important for people to help. He said: "The people voluntarily want to share their earnings." The idea came from a woman who said she was, "very much in love with and proud" of her country. She started to raise money, and that very quickly attracted interest from other people. They also wanted to help.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Malaysians gave | a. give money |
| 2. help their country | b. since 1957 |
| 3. for the first time | c. problems |
| 4. It promised to fix | d. of raising money |
| 5. lost a lot | e. with its debt |
| 6. a new way | f. card |
| 7. People can | g. of money |
| 8. using their credit | h. \$2 million |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The \$2 million is | a. earnings |
| 2. It is just a drop | b. is \$251 billion |
| 3. the country's debt | c. to help |
| 4. Malaysia's finance | d. interest |
| 5. it was important for people | e. very small |
| 6. share their | f. of her country |
| 7. proud | g. in the ocean |
| 8. quickly attracted | h. minister |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Malaysians gave \$2 million (1) _____ country with its debt. Malaysia has a new government (2) _____ time since 1957. It promised to fix problems (3) _____ old government, especially the huge national debt. The old government (4) _____ of money. The government used a (5) _____ raising money - crowdfunding. It made a special page on the Internet (6) _____. People can give money to the page using their credit card.

The \$2 million is very small. It is (7) _____ in the ocean because the country's debt is \$251 billion. Malaysia's finance minister said it was important (8) _____ help. He said: "The people voluntarily (9) _____ their earnings." The idea came from a woman who said she was, "very (10) _____ with and proud" of her country. She started (11) _____, and that very quickly attracted interest from other people. They (12) _____ help.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CROWDFUNDING SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180603-crowdfunding-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about crowdfunding 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) _____

WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180603-crowdfunding-1.html>

Write about **crowdfunding** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
