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THE ARTICLE

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

Malaysians have helped their government with its money problems. They gave nearly \$2 million to help the country with its national debt. Malaysia has a new party in power for the first time since the nation's independence in 1957. The new government promised to fix the problems left by the previous government. One of these problems was the huge national debt. Malaysia's current leaders say the previous government lost a lot of money. They now want to put that right. The government has used a new way of raising money. They decided to ask for help by using crowdfunding. This means setting up a special page on the Internet to raise cash. People can give money to the page using their credit card.

The amount the government has raised so far is very small compared to its multi-billion-dollar debt. The \$2 million is just a drop in the ocean compared to the country's \$251 billion debt. This is about 80 per cent of Malaysia's economic output. However, Malaysia's finance minister Lim Guan Eng said it was important to let people try to help the country. He said: "The people voluntarily want to share their earnings with the government to help ease the burden." The idea came from a 27-year-old Malaysian lady who said she was, "very much in love with and proud" of her country. She set up a private fundraising effort that very quickly attracted interest from like-minded people who also wanted to help.

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WARM-UPS

1. CROWDFUNDING: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about crowdfunding. 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?

government / problems / debt / independence / huge / leaders / money / credit card / very small / drop / ocean / economic / output / finance / in love / proud / interest

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

3. HELP: Students A **strongly** believe people should give money to help their government; Students B **strongly** believe governments should give money to people. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. DEBT: What do you think of these kinds of debt? Will they ever be a part of your life? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What do you think?	My life
Housing loan		
Credit cards		
Owed to friends		
Education loan		
Gambling debt		
Car loan		

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

6. PROUD: Rank these with your partner. Put the things about your country you are most proud of at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- History
- People
- Leaders
- Culture
- Military
- Economy
- Sports teams
- Peacefulness

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 1. government | a. The money that you must pay back to someone or to a bank, etc. |
| 2. debt | b. Make something better that was or is broken or damaged. |
| 3. party | c. Free from outside control; being a real country without another country's control. |
| 4. independence | d. A group of politicians who all have a similar way of thinking about what is best for the country. |
| 5. fix | e. The group of people who lead and work for a country. |
| 6. huge | f. Belonging to the present time; happening or being used or done now. |
| 7. current | g. Very, very big. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------------|---|
| 8. raised | h. A big responsibility; lots of pressure to do something. |
| 9. a drop in the ocean | i. Collected money for something. |
| 10. output | j. The money you get from working. |
| 11. voluntarily | k. Having similar likes, dislikes or opinions. |
| 12. earnings | l. Everything produced by something. |
| 13. burden | m. Doing something freely, often for no money. |
| 14. like-minded | n. Something that is too, too, too small to help a big problem. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

- a. Malaysians have given \$20 million to their country to help its debt. **T / F**
- b. Malaysia got its independence in 1957. **T / F**
- c. The new government said the old government lost a lot of money. **T / F**
- d. The new government used a new way of raising money. **T / F**
- e. The government wants to drop the debt in the ocean. **T / F**
- f. Malaysia's debt is equal to 80% of its economic output. **T / F**
- g. The crowdfunding idea came from Malaysia's leader. **T / F**
- h. A 27-year-old woman said she wasn't proud of her country. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1. helped | a. pledged |
| 2. problems | b. until now |
| 3. promised | c. get |
| 4. huge | d. attempt |
| 5. raise | e. enormous |
| 6. so far | f. assisted |
| 7. about | g. split |
| 8. share | h. income |
| 9. earnings | i. difficulties |
| 10. effort | j. around |

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

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. Malaysians have helped their government with | a. fix the problems |
| 2. the first time since the nation's | b. love |
| 3. The new government promised to | c. by using crowdfunding |
| 4. the huge national | d. fundraising effort |
| 5. They decided to ask for help | e. minded people |
| 6. just a drop | f. its money problems |
| 7. finance | g. debt |
| 8. very much in | h. minister |
| 9. She set up a private | i. independence in 1957 |
| 10. like- | j. in the ocean |

GAP FILL

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

Malaysians have helped their government with its money (1) _____. They gave nearly \$2 million to help the country with its national debt. Malaysia has a new (2) _____ in power for the first time (3) _____ the nation's independence in 1957. The new government promised to (4) _____ the problems left by the previous government. One of these problems was the (5) _____ national debt. Malaysia's current leaders say the (6) _____ government lost a lot of money. They now want to put that right. The government has used a new way of (7) _____ money. They decided to ask for help by using crowdfunding. This means setting up a special (8) _____ on the Internet to raise cash. People can give money to the page using their credit card.

party
previous
since
problems
huge
page
fix
raising

The amount the government has raised so (9) _____ is very small compared to its multi-billion-dollar debt. The \$2 million is just a drop in the (10) _____ compared to the country's \$251 billion debt. This is about 80 per cent of Malaysia's economic (11) _____. However, Malaysia's finance minister Lim Guan Eng said it was (12) _____ to let people try to help the country. He said: "The people (13) _____ want to share their earnings with the government to help ease the (14) _____." The idea came from a 27-year-old Malaysian lady who said she was, "very much in love with and (15) _____ " of her country. She set up a private fundraising effort that very quickly attracted (16) _____ from like-minded people who also wanted to help.

ocean
voluntarily
proud
far
important
interest
output
burden

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) Malaysians have helped their government with its _____
 - a. moneyed problems
 - b. monies problems
 - c. money problems
 - d. monarch problems
- 2) They gave nearly \$2 million to help the country with its _____
 - a. national debt
 - b. nationally debt
 - c. nationals debt
 - d. nationalize debt
- 3) The new government promised to fix the problems left by _____ government
 - a. the impervious
 - b. the previously
 - c. the pre vicious
 - d. the previous
- 4) the previous government lost a lot of money. They now want to _____
 - a. put that right
 - b. put that light
 - c. put that wrong
 - d. put that left
- 5) This means setting up a special page on the Internet _____
 - a. to arise cash
 - b. to erase cash
 - c. to rise cash
 - d. to raise cash
- 6) The amount the government has raised _____ small
 - a. that far is very
 - b. such far is very
 - c. so far is very
 - d. so far be very
- 7) The \$2 million is just a _____ ocean
 - a. drip in the
 - b. drape in the
 - c. drop in the
 - d. dropping in the
- 8) This is about 80 per cent of Malaysia's _____
 - a. economics output
 - b. economize output
 - c. economically output
 - d. economic output
- 9) share their earnings with the government to _____ burden
 - a. help ease the
 - b. help erase the
 - c. help easy the
 - d. help easily the
- 10) effort that very quickly attracted interest from _____ people
 - a. like-faced
 - b. like-headed
 - c. like-minded
 - d. like-brained

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The amount the government has raised (7) _____ very small compared to its multi-billion-dollar debt. The \$2 million is just a drop in the ocean (8) _____ country's \$251 billion debt. This is about 80 per cent of Malaysia's economic output. However, Malaysia's finance minister Lim Guan Eng said it was important (9) _____ try to help the country. He said: "The people voluntarily want to share their earnings with the government (10) _____ the burden." The idea came from a 27-year-old Malaysian lady who said she was, "very (11) _____ with and proud" of her country. She set up a private fundraising (12) _____ quickly attracted interest from like-minded people who also wanted to help.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. How much money have Malaysians given to help with the debt?
2. When did Malaysia get its independence?
3. What did the new government promise to fix?
4. What did the old government lose?
5. What method is the government using to raise money?
6. What did the article compare the money raised to?
7. How much is Malaysia's national debt?
8. Who is Lim Guan Eng?
9. How old is the lady who thought of the fundraising idea?
10. What is the lady in love with?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) How much money have Malaysians given to help with the debt?
 - a) around \$2 million
 - b) over \$2 million
 - c) nearly \$2 million
 - d) exactly \$2 million
- 2) When did Malaysia get its independence?
 - a) 1957
 - b) 1958
 - c) 1959
 - d) 1964
- 3) What did the new government promise to fix?
 - a) parliament
 - b) roads
 - c) national pride
 - d) the old government's problems
- 4) What did the old government lose?
 - a) sight of goals
 - b) a lot of money
 - c) four elections
 - d) trust
- 5) What method is the government using to raise money?
 - a) sponsorship
 - b) government bonds
 - c) crowdfunding
 - d) street collections
- 6) What did the article compare the money raised to?
 - a) gold
 - b) a drop in the ocean
 - c) an expensive diamond
 - d) a CEO's salary
- 7) How much is Malaysia's national debt?
 - a) \$521 billion
 - b) \$215 billion
 - c) \$152 billion
 - d) \$251 billion
- 8) Who is Lim Guan Eng?
 - a) a crowdfunding CEO
 - b) Malaysia's finance minister
 - c) someone who gave \$10,000
 - d) a businessman
- 9) How old is the lady who thought of the fundraising idea?
 - a) 27
 - b) 48
 - c) 57
 - d) 72
- 10) What is the lady in love with?
 - a) helping people
 - b) money
 - c) her husband
 - d) Malaysia (her country)

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – History

You think history is the biggest reason to be proud of your country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst reason of these (and why): culture, military or peacefulness.

Role B – Culture

You think culture is the biggest reason to be proud of your country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst reason of these (and why): history, military or peacefulness.

Role C – Military

You think military is the biggest reason to be proud of your country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst reason of these (and why): culture, history or peacefulness.

Role D – Peacefulness

You think peacefulness is the biggest reason to be proud of your country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst reason of these (and why): culture, military or history.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

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

crowd	fund
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- 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">• nearly• power• fix• leaders• way• page	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• small• 80• let• share• much• like
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CROWDFUNDING SURVEY

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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.

CROWDFUNDING DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'government'?
3. What do you do to help your government?
4. Would you give your government money?
5. What is a national debt?
6. What do you think of debt?
7. What problems does your government have?
8. What money problems do you have?
9. Have you ever lost money?
10. What do you think of crowdfunding?

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CROWDFUNDING DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'cash'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about crowdfunding?
15. Is \$2 million "just a drop in the ocean"?
16. What would you do with \$2 million?
17. How much in love with your country are you?
18. What makes you proud of your country?
19. Who would you like to give money to?
20. What questions would you like to ask Malaysia's government?

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

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The amount the government has raised (7) _____ far is very small compared to its multi-billion-dollar debt. The \$2 million is just a (8) _____ in the ocean compared to the country's \$251 billion debt. This is about 80 per cent of Malaysia's economic output. However, Malaysia's finance minister Lim Guan Eng said it was important to (9) _____ people try to help the country. He said: "The people voluntarily want to share their earnings with the government to help (10) _____ the burden." The idea came from a 27-year-old Malaysian lady who said she was, "very (11) _____ in love with and proud" of her country. She set up a private fundraising effort that very quickly attracted interest from like-(12) _____ people who also wanted to help.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1. | (a) their | (b) them | (c) its | (d) that |
| 2. | (a) nationals | (b) nationality | (c) national | (d) nations |
| 3. | (a) nix | (b) mix | (c) fix | (d) six |
| 4. | (a) hug | (b) hugely | (c) huggable | (d) huge |
| 5. | (a) what | (b) them | (c) that | (d) those |
| 6. | (a) rise | (b) raise | (c) arise | (d) erase |
| 7. | (a) such | (b) so | (c) some | (d) still |
| 8. | (a) drip | (b) drop | (c) drape | (d) drab |
| 9. | (a) met | (b) wet | (c) let | (d) vet |
| 10. | (a) pie | (b) nice | (c) simple | (d) ease |
| 11. | (a) many | (b) most | (c) more | (d) much |
| 12. | (a) faced | (b) brained | (c) headed | (d) minded |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. national dbte
2. since the nation's dicenedpnnee
3. The new ngetrenmvo promised to fix the problems
4. etcnurr leaders
5. the eroipvus government
6. setting up a pecisal page

Paragraph 2

7. The muoant the government has raised
8. just a drop in the ecoan
9. 80% of Malaysia's noeocimc output
10. people uvantlrioly want to share
11. porud of her country
12. quickly attracted nreteist

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () on the Internet to raise cash. People can give money to the page using their credit card.
- () way of raising money. They decided to ask for help by using crowdfunding. This means setting up a special page
- () people try to help the country. He said: "The people voluntarily want to share their earnings with the government to help ease
- () The amount the government has raised so far is very small compared to its multi-billion-dollar
- () in 1957. The new government promised to fix the problems left by the previous government. One of
- () debt. The \$2 million is just a drop in the ocean compared to the country's \$251 billion debt. This is about 80 per cent
- () lot of money. They now want to put that right. The government has used a new
- () with its national debt. Malaysia has a new party in power for the first time since the nation's independence
- (**1**) Malaysians have helped their government with its money problems. They gave nearly \$2 million to help the country
- () of Malaysia's economic output. However, Malaysia's finance minister Lim Guan Eng said it was important to let
- () love with and proud" of her country. She set up a private fundraising effort that very
- () the burden." The idea came from a 27-year-old Malaysian lady who said she was, "very much in
- () these problems was the huge national debt. Malaysia's current leaders say the previous government lost a
- () quickly attracted interest from like-minded people who also wanted to help.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. helped government problems . have Malaysians with its their
2. to nearly the help gave million \$2 They country .
3. government The problems . fix new to promised the
4. the of was One debt . national huge these
5. the a page Internet . Setting up special on
6. drop the is just The ocean . in \$2 million a
7. 80% This of output . is Malaysia's economic about
8. important was help . to people It let
9. share voluntarily want to People their earnings .
10. interest from Very like-minded attracted quickly people .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

Malaysians have helped *their / its* government with its money problems. They gave nearly \$2 million to help *a / the* country with its national debt. Malaysia has a *new / news* party in power for the first time *for / since* the nation's independence in 1957. The new government *promising / promised* to fix the problems *right / left* by the previous government. One of these problems was the huge national debt. Malaysia's *currency / current* leaders say the previous government lost *a / the* lot of money. They now want to put that right. The government has used a new *way / weigh* of raising money. They decided to ask for help by using crowdfunding. This means setting up a special page on the Internet to *raise / rise* cash. People can give money to the page using their credit card.

The amount the government has raised so *for / far* is very small compared to its multi-billion-dollar debt. The \$2 million is just a *drip / drop* in the ocean *compared / comparison* to the country's \$251 billion debt. This is about 80 per cent of Malaysia's *economic / economically* output. However, Malaysia's finance minister Lim Guan Eng said it was *importance / important* to let people try to help the country. He said: "The people *volunteer / voluntarily* want to share their earnings with the government to help *ease / easy* the burden." The idea came from a 27-year-old Malaysian lady who said she was, "very *much / many* in love with and proud" of her country. She set up a private fundraising *afford / effort* that very quickly attracted *interest / interesting* from like-minded people who also wanted to help.

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)

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

M_l_y s__ n s h_v_ h_l p_d t h__ r g_v_r n m_n t w_t
h _t_s m_n_y p_r_b_l_m_s . T_h_y g_v_ n__ r_l_y \$ 2
m_l_l__ n t_ h_l p t_h_ c__ n_t_r_y w_t_h _t_s n_t__
n_l d_b_t . M_l_y s__ h_s _ n_w p_r_t_y _n p_w_r
f_r t_h_ f_r_s_t t_m_ s_n_c_ t_h_ n_t__ n 's _n_d_p_n
d_n_c__ n 1957 . T_h_ n_w g_v_r n m_n t p_r_m_s_d
t_ f_x t_h_ p_r_b_l_m_s l_f_t b_y t_h_ p_r_v__s
g_v_r n m_n t . O_n_ _f t_h_s_ p_r_b_l_m_s w_s t_h_
h_g_ n_t__ n_l d_b_t . M_l_y s__ 's c_r_r_n_t l__ d_r
s _s_y t_h_ p_r_v__s g_v_r n m_n t l_s_t _ l_t _f
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h_ g_v_r n m_n t h_s _s_d _ n_w w_y _f r__ s_n_g
m_n_y . T_h_y d_c_d_d t_ s_k f_r h_l_p b_y _s_n_g
c_r_w_d_f_n_d_n_g . T_h_s m__ n_s s_t_t_n_g _p _ s
p_c__ l p_g_ _n t_h_ I_n_t_r_n_t t_ r__ s_ c_s_h .
P__ p_l_ c_n g_v_ m_n_y t_ t_h_ p_g_ _s_n_g t_h__ r
c_r_d_t c_r_d .

T_h_ _m__ n_t t_h_ g_v_r n m_n t h_s r__ s_d s_ f_r
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

malaysians have helped their government with its money problems they gave nearly 2 million to help the country with its national debt malaysia has a new party in power for the first time since the nations independence in 1957 the new government promised to fix the problems left by the previous government one of these problems was the huge national debt malaysias current leaders say the previous government lost a lot of money they now want to put that right the government has used a new way of raising money they decided to ask for help by using crowdfunding this means setting up a special page on the internet to raise cash people can give money to the page using their credit card

the amount the government has raised so far is very small compared to its multibilliondollar debt the 2 million is just a drop in the ocean compared to the countrys 251 billion debt this is about 80 per cent of malaysias economic output however malaysias finance minister lim guan eng said it was important to let people try to help the country he said the people voluntarily want to share their earnings with the government to help ease the burden the idea came from a 27yearold malaysian lady who said she was very much in love with and proud of her country she set up a private fundraising effort that very quickly attracted interest from likeminded people who also wanted to help

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Malaysians have helped their government with its money problems. They gave nearly \$2 million to help the country with its national debt. Malaysia has a new party in power for the first time since the nation's independence in 1957. The new government promised to fix the problems left by the previous government. One of these problems was the huge national debt. Malaysia's current leaders say the previous government lost a lot of money. They now want to put that right. The government has used a new way of raising money. They decided to ask for help by using crowdfunding. This means setting up a special page on the Internet to raise cash. People can give money to the page using their credit card. The amount the government has raised so far is very small compared to its multi-billion-dollar debt. The \$2 million is just a drop in the ocean compared to the country's \$251 billion debt. This is about 80 percent of Malaysia's economic output. However, Malaysia's finance minister Lim Guan Eng said it was important to let people try to help the country. He said: "The people voluntarily want to share their earnings with the government to help ease the burden." The idea came from a 27-year-old Malaysian lady who said she was, "very much in love with and proud" of her country. She set up a private fundraising effort that very quickly attracted interest from like-minded people who also wanted to help.

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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. CROWDFUNDING: Make a poster about crowdfunding. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. HELPING THE GOVERNMENT: Write a magazine article about people helping their government more. 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 an expert on crowdfunding. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on giving money to help your government. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e 2. a 3. d 4. c 5. b 6. g 7. f
8. i 9. n 10. l 11. m 12. j 13. h 14. k

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|-------------|-----------------|
| 1. helped | a. assisted |
| 2. problems | b. difficulties |
| 3. promised | c. pledged |
| 4. huge | d. enormous |
| 5. raise | e. get |
| 6. so far | f. until now |
| 7. about | g. around |
| 8. share | h. split |
| 9. earnings | i. income |
| 10. effort | j. attempt |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Nearly \$2 million
- 1957
- The previous government's problems
- A lot of money
- Crowdfunding
- A drop in the ocean
- \$251 billion
- Malaysia's finance minister
- 27
- Malaysia (her country)

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- Malaysians have helped their government with its problems.
- They gave nearly \$2 million to help the country.
- The new government promised to fix the problems.
- One of these was the huge national debt.
- Setting up a special page on the Internet.
- The \$2 million is just a drop in the ocean.
- This is about 80% of Malaysia's economic output.
- It was important to let people help.
- People voluntarily want to share their earnings.
- Very quickly attracted interest from like-minded people.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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