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Level 4 – 23rd January, 2019

World's 26 richest as rich as poorer half of world

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The wealth of the world's 26 richest people is equal to that of the 3.8 billion poorest. This shocking statistic is in a report from Oxfam. The number of billionaires has doubled since 2008. They are getting \$2.5 billion richer every day. In contrast, the wealth of the poorest people is falling. Prices and rents are rising and wages are falling. Oxfam said the gap between the world's rich and poor is growing. This is creating a wealth inequality.

Oxfam says most wealthy people got rich from technology companies. The world's richest person is Amazon's CEO. He is worth \$100 billion. This is 100 times more than Ethiopia's health budget. Oxfam wants to fix this imbalance in wealth. It wants fairer levels of tax, more tax on company profits, and an end to tax avoidance schemes that big companies and the super-rich use. In many countries, only the rich can afford quality education and healthcare.

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2019/01/20/business/oxfam-billionaires-davos/index.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. the wealth of the world's | a. rich and poor |
| 2. This shocking | b. has doubled |
| 3. The number of billionaires | c. inequality |
| 4. the wealth | d. statistic |
| 5. prices and | e. falling |
| 6. wages are | f. of the poorest people |
| 7. the gap between the world's | g. 26 richest people |
| 8. This is creating a wealth | h. rents are rising |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. people got rich from | a. of tax |
| 2. He is worth | b. rich |
| 3. fix this imbalance | c. company profits |
| 4. It wants fairer levels | d. and healthcare |
| 5. more tax on | e. \$100 billion |
| 6. an end to tax avoidance | f. in wealth |
| 7. the super- | g. schemes |
| 8. quality education | h. technology companies |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The wealth of the world's 26 richest people (1) _____ that of the 3.8 billion poorest. This shocking (2) _____ a report from Oxfam. The number of billionaires (3) _____ 2008. They are getting \$2.5 billion (4) _____. In contrast, the wealth of the poorest people is falling. Prices and (5) _____ and wages are falling. Oxfam said the gap between the world's rich and poor is growing. This (6) _____ wealth inequality.

Oxfam says most wealthy people (7) _____ technology companies. The world's richest person is Amazon's CEO. (8) _____ \$100 billion. This is 100 times more than Ethiopia's health budget. Oxfam wants (9) _____ imbalance in wealth. It wants (10) _____ tax, more tax on company profits, and an end to tax (11) _____ big companies and the super-rich use. In many countries, only the rich (12) _____ education and healthcare.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WEALTH SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about wealth 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) _____

