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Level 0 – 10th February, 2019

Man sues parents for being born

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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/1902-0.html>

A man in India is suing his parents. They did not ask him if he wanted to be born. Raphael Samuel, 27, believes in anti-natalism. Anti-natalists think that having children is wrong. They think the world is a better place with fewer children. China's one-child policy was a kind of anti-natalism.

Samuel posted a video on YouTube. He talked about suing his parents. He said: "I want everyone...to [know]...they are born without their consent....We should be paid by our parents to live....I love my parents...but they had me for their joy."

Samuel's mother said her son could not have asked her not to be born.

Sources: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/life-style/relationships/love-sex/what-is-antinatalism-and-why-raphael-samuel-of-mumbai-is-suing-his-parents-for-giving-birth-to-him/articleshow/67882775.cms>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. A man in India is | a. place |
| 2. They did not | b. natalism |
| 3. Anti-natalists think | c. suing his parents |
| 4. having children is | d. children |
| 5. the world is a better | e. child policy |
| 6. with fewer | f. that |
| 7. China's one- | g. wrong |
| 8. a kind of anti- | h. ask him |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Samuel posted a video | a. their joy |
| 2. He talked about suing | b. to live |
| 3. I want everyone to | c. asked her |
| 4. they are born | d. his parents |
| 5. paid by our parents | e. parents |
| 6. I love my | f. without their consent |
| 7. they had me for | g. on YouTube |
| 8. her son could not have | h. know |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A man in India (1) _____ parents. They did not
(2) _____ he wanted to be born. Raphael Samuel,
(3) _____ anti-natalism. Anti-natalists think that
(4) _____ wrong. They think the world is a better
(5) _____ children. China's one-child policy was a
(6) _____-natalism.

Samuel (7) _____ on YouTube. He talked about
(8) _____. He said: "I want everyone...to
[know]... (9) _____ without their consent....We
should be paid by our (10) _____.I love my
parents...but they had me (11) _____." Samuel's
mother said her son could not have asked her
(12) _____ born.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BEING BORN SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about being born 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) _____

