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Level 1 – 10th February, 2019

Man sues parents for being born

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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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A man in India is unhappy he was born. He is suing his parents because they did not ask for his permission to be born. Raphael Samuel, 27, is an anti-natalist. He believes in anti-natalism. Anti-natalists believe people should have fewer children. They think that having children is wrong. They believe 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 about suing his parents. It has gone viral. He answers questions from his followers. He said: "I want everyone in...the world to [know]...they are born without their consent....They do not owe their parents anything....We should be paid by our parents to live." He added: "I love my parents...but they had me for their joy." Samuel's mother said her son must explain how she could have asked for his permission 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. He is | a. children |
| 2. ask for his permission | b. child policy |
| 3. people should have fewer | c. to be born |
| 4. They think that having children | d. natalism |
| 5. They believe the world is | e. children |
| 6. with fewer | f. is wrong |
| 7. China's one- | g. a better place |
| 8. a kind of anti- | h. suing his parents |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. It has gone | a. explain how |
| 2. I want everyone in | b. parents |
| 3. They do not owe | c. viral |
| 4. We should be paid by our | d. to be born |
| 5. I love my | e. their parents |
| 6. they had me for | f. parents to live |
| 7. her son must | g. their joy |
| 8. asked for his permission | h. the world to know |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A man in India is unhappy (1) _____. He is suing his parents because they did (2) _____ his permission to be born. Raphael Samuel, 27, is an anti-natalist. He (34) _____ -natalism. Anti-natalists believe people should (4) _____. They think that having children is wrong. They believe the world is (5) _____ with fewer children. China's one-child policy was (6) _____ anti-natalism.

Samuel (7) _____ on YouTube about suing his parents. It (8) _____. He answers questions from his followers. He said: "I want everyone in...the world to [know]...they (9) _____ their consent....They do not owe their parents anything....We should (10) _____ our parents to live." He added: "I love my parents...but they had me (11) _____." Samuel's mother said her son must explain how she could have asked for his permission (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BEING BORN SURVEY

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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) _____

WRITING

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