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Level 2 – 10th February, 2019

Man sues parents for being born

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A man in Mumbai, India is unhappy he was born. He is suing his parents because they did not ask him if he wanted to be born. Raphael Samuel, 27, is suing his parents for giving birth to him without his permission. Mr Samuel is an anti-natalist - someone who believes in anti-natalism. This philosophy puts a negative value on birth. Anti-natalists believe people should try not to have children. They believe that having children is wrong and that the world is a better place with fewer children. China's one-child policy was a kind of anti-natalism.

Raphael Samuel posted a video on YouTube about suing his parents. It has gone viral. In the video, Samuel answers questions from his followers. He said: "I want everyone in...the world to realise...that they are born without their consent....They do not owe their parents anything. If we are born without our consent...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 she would accept fault but 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 is wrong |
| 2. giving birth | b. child policy |
| 3. This philosophy puts a negative | c. to him |
| 4. people should try not | d. suing his parents |
| 5. They believe that having | e. natalism |
| 6. a better place with fewer | f. to have children |
| 7. China's one- | g. value on birth |
| 8. a kind of anti- | h. children |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Samuel posted a | a. our parents to live |
| 2. It has gone | b. explain how |
| 3. They do not owe their | c. for their joy |
| 4. we should be paid by | d. to be born |
| 5. they had me | e. parents anything |
| 6. Samuel's mother said she | f. viral |
| 7. her son must | g. would accept fault |
| 8. asked for his permission | h. video on YouTube |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Raphael Samuel posted a video on YouTube (7) _____ parents. It has gone viral. In the video, Samuel answers questions (8) _____. He said: "I want everyone in...the world to realise...that they are born (9) _____....They do not owe their parents anything. If we are born without our consent...we (10) _____ by our parents to live." He added: "I love my parents...but they had me (11) _____." Samuel's mother said she would accept fault but her son must explain how she (12) _____ for his permission to be born.

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.
