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# **Level 1** – 26th February, 2019

# School children go on strike for climate

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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### THE READING

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190226-school-strike-for-climate-1.html

Children are going on strike worldwide. They are unhappy because their countries are not doing enough to fight climate change. There is a growing movement called School Strike for Climate. Students are skipping classes to take part in street protests. Many protests are outside government buildings. The movement began in August 2018 when Swedish student Greta Thunberg protested in Sweden. Photos of her went viral on social media. Students are now copying her.

Strikes have taken place across Europe, North America and Australia. Students held banners reading, "Why learn without a future?" and "Like the sea level, we rise." A worldwide strike is planned for March 15. Not everyone supports the students. Australia's leader called for "more learning in schools and less activism". A journalist wrote: "If children...must wag their fingers at older generations for some imaginary sin, I wish they'd do it at the weekend."

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not-do-it-at-the-weekend/

### PHRASE MATCHING

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#### **PARAGRAPH ONE:**

- 1. Children are going on strike
- 2. their countries are not doing
- 3. fight climate
- 4. Students are skipping
- 5. take part in street
- 6. Photos of her went
- 7. social
- 8. Students are now

- a. protests
- b. viral
- c. classes
- d. copying her
- e. worldwide
- f. media
- g. change
- h. enough

#### **PARAGRAPH TWO:**

- 1. Strikes have taken
- 2. Students held
- Like the sea
- 4. A worldwide strike
- 5. Not everyone supports
- 6. wag their
- 7. older
- 8. I wish they'd do it

- a. the students
- b. is planned
- c. at the weekend
- d. place across Europe
- e. generations
- f. banners
- g. level, we rise
- h. fingers

### LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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unhappy because (2)	not doing enough to
fight climate change. There is (3)	called
School Strike for Climate. Students	are skipping classes to take
(4) protests.	Many protests are outside
government buildings. The (5)	August
2018 when Swedish student Gre	eta Thunberg protested in
Sweden. Photos of her (6)	social media.
Students are now copying her.	
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and Australia. Students (8)	, "Why learn
without a future?" and "Like (9)	, we rise."
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(10) Australi	ia's leader called for "more
learning in schools (11)	". A journalist
wrote: "If childrenmust wag their	fingers at older generations
for some imaginary sin, I wish they'd	d (12)
the weekend."	

## PUT A SLASH ( / )WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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### **STRIKES SURVEY**

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Write five GOOD questions about strikes 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).

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### **WRITING**

 $From $$ \underline{https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190226\text{-school-strike-for-climate-1.html}} $$$ 

Write about <b>strikes</b> for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.					