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Level 2 – 26th February, 2019

School children go on strike for climate

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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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Children around the world are going on strike. They are unhappy because their countries are doing too little to fight climate change. There is a growing international movement called School Strike for Climate. Instead of going to school, students have been 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 stood outside Sweden's government. She held a sign that read: "School strike for climate". Photos of her went viral on social media. Students worldwide are now copying her.

In 2019, strikes have taken place across Europe, North America and Australia. Students held banners reading, "Why learn without a future?" "If you do not act as adults, we will" and "Like the sea level, we rise." A worldwide strike is planned for March 15. Many scientists, politicians and teachers congratulated the students. However, not everyone supports them. Australia's leader called for "more learning in schools and less activism". A U.K. journalist wrote: "If children really must wag their fingers at older generations for some imaginary sin, I wish they'd do it at the weekend."

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2019/02/15/health/uk-climate-strike-students-greta-thunberg-intl/index.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Children around the world are | a. classes |
| 2. their countries are doing | b. social media |
| 3. a growing international | c. protests |
| 4. students have been skipping | d. copying her |
| 5. take part in street | e. too little |
| 6. protests are outside government | f. going on strike |
| 7. Photos of her went viral on | g. movement |
| 8. Students worldwide are now | h. buildings |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. strikes have taken | a. less activism |
| 2. If you do not act as | b. the students |
| 3. Like the sea level, | c. it at the weekend |
| 4. A worldwide strike is planned | d. adults, we will |
| 5. teachers congratulated | e. we rise |
| 6. more learning in schools and | f. generations |
| 7. older | g. place across Europe |
| 8. I wish they'd do | h. for March 15 |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190226-school-strike-for-climate-2.html>

Children around the world (1) _____ strike. They are unhappy because their countries (2) _____ little to fight climate change. (3) _____ growing international movement called School Strike for Climate. Instead of going to school, students (4) _____ classes to take part in street protests. Many protests are outside government buildings. (5) _____ in August 2018 when Swedish student Greta Thunberg stood outside Sweden's government. She held a sign that read: "School strike for climate". Photos of her went (6) _____ media. Students worldwide are now copying her.

In 2019, strikes (7) _____ across Europe, North America and Australia. Students (8) _____, "Why learn without a future?" "If you do not (9) _____, we will" and "Like (10) _____, we rise." A worldwide strike is planned for March 15. Many scientists, politicians and teachers congratulated the students. However, not everyone supports them. Australia's (11) _____ "more learning in schools and less activism". A U.K. journalist wrote: "If children really must wag their (12) _____ generations for some imaginary sin, I wish they'd do it at the weekend."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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STRIKES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190226-school-strike-for-climate-4.html>

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).

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) _____

