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**Level 2** – 26th March, 2019

## Head teacher has to clean school toilets

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190326-head-teacher-2.html>

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

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190326-head-teacher-2.html>

It is hard for schools in England. They have little money to spend and have to cut back on many things. The UK government has cut school budgets. A head teacher in south London cannot pay for cleaners or canteen staff. She has to help to clean the toilets and serve students in the cafeteria herself. She recently told reporters that she was embarrassed because her school did not have enough money to support her students. She has sold school land, cut subjects and fired her deputy-head teacher to keep her school open.

The London school is like many schools in the UK. Thousands of head teachers have made difficult decisions about how to spend their school's money. Over 7,000 head teachers wrote to 3.5 million parents to explain there is no money. Schools have asked parents to volunteer to help the children. Some schools asked parents for toilet paper and other basics for classrooms. One school gives students just one sheet of A4 paper a month. Head teachers want to meet the UK's education secretary, but he refused. The UK government said funding for education was a priority.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/education-47482587>  
<https://inews.co.uk/news/education/head-teacher-clean-toilets-serve-luch-school-funding-cuts/>  
<https://edexec.co.uk/head-teacher-forced-to-scrub-school-toilets-due-to-lack-of-funding/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190326-head-teacher-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                             |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. cut back                 | a. deputy-head    |
| 2. cut school               | b. cafeteria      |
| 3. She has to help to clean | c. budgets        |
| 4. serve students in the    | d. open           |
| 5. enough money to support  | e. land           |
| 6. She has sold school      | f. the toilets    |
| 7. fired her                | g. her students   |
| 8. keep her school          | h. on many things |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                  |                        |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. teachers have made            | a. for toilet paper    |
| 2. teachers wrote to 3.5 million | b. a priority          |
| 3. Schools have asked parents    | c. parents to explain  |
| 4. schools asked parents         | d. to volunteer        |
| 5. other basics                  | e. secretary           |
| 6. one sheet of A4 paper         | f. difficult decisions |
| 7. the UK's education            | g. for classrooms      |
| 8. funding for education was     | h. a month             |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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It is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in England. They have little money to spend and have to (2) \_\_\_\_\_ many things. The UK government has cut school budgets. A head teacher in south London (3) \_\_\_\_\_ cleaners or canteen staff. She has to help to clean the toilets and serve students in the cafeteria herself. She recently told reporters (4) \_\_\_\_\_ embarrassed because her school did (5) \_\_\_\_\_ money to support her students. She has sold school land, cut subjects and fired her deputy-head teacher (6) \_\_\_\_\_ school open.

The London school (7) \_\_\_\_\_ schools in the UK. Thousands of head teachers have made (8) \_\_\_\_\_ how to spend their school's money. Over 7,000 head teachers wrote to 3.5 million parents (9) \_\_\_\_\_ is no money. Schools have asked parents to volunteer to help the children. Some schools asked parents for toilet (10) \_\_\_\_\_ basics for classrooms. One school gives students just one sheet of A4 paper a month. Head teachers (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the UK's education secretary, but he refused. The UK government said funding for education (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HEAD TEACHERS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190326-head-teacher-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Head teachers 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) \_\_\_\_\_

