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## Level 1 – 27th April, 2019

### Premier League footballers earned \$3.7bn last season

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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/1904/190427-premier-league-1.html>

Premier League clubs paid over \$3.7 billion in wages last season. A report showed that wages went above \$3.5 billion for the first time. The report showed a 15 per cent increase in revenue for the League. Almost 60 per cent of revenue goes towards wages. This is up from 55 per cent from 2016-17. The Premier League's top six clubs, which include Manchester United, Liverpool and Arsenal, have the highest wage bills.

The Premier League is the most-watched league in the world. People in 212 countries watch it. The League makes a lot of money from television. However, the increase in wages has lowered the clubs' profits. These may go down in the next few years because of higher wages. It is harder for teams in the lower half of the League to make a profit. The bottom teams can lose up to \$130 million if they go down from the Premier League.

Sources: <https://news.sky.com/story/premier-league-clubs-wage-bill-almost-3bn-last-season-11702927>  
<https://www.ft.com/content/d0855c6c-668f-11e9-9adc-98bf1d35a056>  
<https://www.standard.co.uk/sport/football/premier-league-money-rising-wages-sees-gap-widen-between-big-six-and-the-rest-a4125491.html>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190427-premier-league-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                  |                        |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. clubs paid over \$3.7 billion | a. six clubs           |
| 2. wages went                    | b. time                |
| 3. for the first                 | c. bills               |
| 4. increase                      | d. above \$3.5 billion |
| 5. revenue goes                  | e. in revenue          |
| 6. This is up                    | f. in wages            |
| 7. The Premier League's top      | g. from 55 per cent    |
| 8. have the highest wage         | h. towards wages       |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                              |                        |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. the most-watched          | a. half of the League  |
| 2. makes a lot of money      | b. up to \$130 million |
| 3. lowered the clubs'        | c. from television     |
| 4. in the next               | d. down                |
| 5. teams in the lower        | e. league in the world |
| 6. make a                    | f. few years           |
| 7. The bottom teams can lose | g. profits             |
| 8. if they go                | h. profit              |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190427-premier-league-1.html>

Premier League (1) \_\_\_\_\_ \$3.7 billion in wages last season. A report (2) \_\_\_\_\_ went above \$3.5 billion for (3) \_\_\_\_\_. The report showed a 15 per cent increase in revenue for the League. Almost 60 per cent of revenue (4) \_\_\_\_\_. This is up from 55 per cent from 2016-17. The Premier League's (5) \_\_\_\_\_, which include Manchester United, Liverpool and Arsenal, have the (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The Premier League (7) \_\_\_\_\_-watched league in the world. People in 212 (8) \_\_\_\_\_. The League makes a lot (9) \_\_\_\_\_ television. However, the increase in wages has lowered the clubs' profits. These may go down in the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ because of higher wages. It is harder for teams in (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of the League to make a profit. The bottom teams can lose up to \$130 million if they (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the Premier League.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190427-premier-league-1.html>

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# SALARIES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190427-premier-league-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about salaries 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) \_\_\_\_\_

