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Level 2 – 27th April, 2019

Premier League footballers earned \$3.7bn last season

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

The Premier League is the top level of English football. It is the most-watched league in the world. People in 212 countries and 643 million homes worldwide watch it. The League makes a lot of money from television rights. The increase in the wage bill has lowered the clubs' profits. The report said profits at the clubs may go down over the next few years because of higher wages. It is harder for the teams in the lower half of the League to make a profit. The bottom three 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-2.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. A report on football | a. from 55 per cent |
| 2. an international accountancy | b. finances |
| 3. a 15 per cent increase | c. top six clubs |
| 4. wages went | d. in revenue |
| 5. for the first | e. bills in the League |
| 6. This is up | f. company |
| 7. The Premier League's | g. time |
| 8. the highest wage | h. above \$3.5 billion |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. the top level | a. lot of money |
| 2. the most-watched league in | b. half |
| 3. makes a | c. bill |
| 4. television | d. few years |
| 5. The increase in the wage | e. of English football |
| 6. over the next | f. profit |
| 7. teams in the lower | g. the world |
| 8. make a | h. rights |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The UK's Premier League (1) _____ \$3.7 billion in wages last season. (2) _____ football finances from an international accountancy company showed a 15 per cent increase (3) _____ the League. It reported that Premier League wages went above \$3.5 billion (4) _____ time. Almost 60 per cent of all League revenue goes towards wages. This is up from 55 per cent in the 2016/17 season. The Premier League's (5) _____, which include Manchester United, Liverpool and Arsenal, have the highest (6) _____ the League.

The Premier League is (7) _____ of English football. It is the most-watched league in the world. People in 212 countries and 643 million homes (8) _____. The League makes a lot of money from television rights. The increase in the wage bill (9) _____ clubs' profits. The report said profits at the clubs may go down over the (10) _____ because of higher wages. It is harder for the teams in the lower half of the League to (11) _____. The bottom three teams can lose up to \$130 million if they (12) _____ the Premier League.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SALARIES SURVEY

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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) _____

