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### Level 2 – 10th June, 2019

# 23 million men married before they were 15

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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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There is a new UNICEF report on boys who get married. It says that 115 million boys and men were married as children. About 23 million of these were married before they were 15. It is UNICEF's first in-depth study of child grooms. A lot of news focuses on young girls being forced into marriage as child brides. The UNICEF report looks at forced marriages for boys. UNICEF looked at data from 82 countries. It found that child marriage among boys is common in countries in Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Pacific. The Central African Republic has the highest rate of child grooms.

UNICEF commented on how child marriage damages boys. It said: "Marriage steals childhood. Child grooms are forced to take on adult responsibilities for which they may not be ready. Early marriage brings early fatherhood, and with it added pressure to provide for a family, cutting short education and job opportunities." UNICEF added: "When we think about child marriage we often think about girls, and rightly so because girls are most affected, but boys do marry in childhood." It said the boys are still children and it is unfair they have to look after a family.

Sources: https://www.**unicef.org**/press-releases/115-million-boys-and-men-around-world-married-childrenunicef https://www.**independent.co.uk**/news/world/africa/child-grooms-unicef-boys-men-marriagechildren-a8947296.html https://www.**theguardian.com**/global-development/2019/jun/07/its-not-just-girls-one-in-30young-men-were-married-as-children

# **PHRASE MATCHING**

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#### **PARAGRAPH ONE:**

1.	23 millio	on of these	were married	
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a. brides

c. study

b. common

d. of child grooms

f. on young girls

e. from 82 countries

q. before they were 15

h. marriages for boys

h. responsibilities

- 2. It is UNICEF's first in-depth
- 3. A lot of news focuses
- 4. child
- 5. The UNICEF report looks at forced
- 6. UNICEF looked at data
- 7. child marriage among boys is
- 8. the highest rate

#### **PARAGRAPH TWO:**

8. they have to look

1.	how child marriage	a.	be ready
2.	forced to take on adult	b.	childhood
3.	they may not	c.	job opportunities
4.	pressure to provide	d.	after a family
5.	cutting short education and	e.	affected
6.	girls are most	f.	for a family
7.	boys do marry in	g.	damages boys

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### LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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UNICEF (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_ child marriage damages boys. It said: "Marriage steals childhood. Child grooms are (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_ on adult responsibilities for which they may not be ready. Early marriage (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_, and with it added pressure to provide for a family, cutting short (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_ opportunities." UNICEF added: "When we think about child marriage we often think about girls, and rightly so because girls (11) \_\_\_\_\_\_, but boys do marry in childhood." It said the boys are still children and it (12) \_\_\_\_\_\_ have to look after a family.

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# PUT A SLASH ( / )WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# **CHILD GROOMS SURVEY**

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190610-child-grooms-4.html

Write five GOOD questions about Child grooms 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)		
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### WRITING

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190610-child-grooms-2.html

Write about **Child grooms** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.