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Denmark is the best country to raise kids

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Scandinavia is the best place to raise children. The top three places on an annual list of the best countries to raise kids are Nordic nations. The list is from the U.S. News & World Report and University of Pennsylvania. Denmark topped the list, Sweden was runner-up, and Norway edged out Canada for third place. The three nations topped the list in 2019. They all have "generous" paternity and maternity leave, free preschool and good education.

The report included the "Best Countries" list. Researchers used "a global perceptions-based" approach to look at data from the World Bank and the attitudes of 20,000 people on four continents. They used 65 different metrics to measure income and gender equality, public education, healthcare, human rights, safety, family friendliness and levels of perceived happiness. Switzerland once again topped this list. Canada was second; Japan was third.

Sources: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/best-country-for-kids-the-list-of-the-best-countries-in-the-world-to-raise-kids-has-been-released-america/>
<https://edition.cnn.com/2020/01/15/health/best-country-to-raise-child-wellness/index.html>
<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-7890051/Revealed-BEST-countries-world-raise-child-Britain-ranks-11th.html>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Scandinavia is | a. for third place |
| 2. on an annual | b. nations |
| 3. Nordic | c. the list in 2019 |
| 4. Sweden was runner- | d. list |
| 5. Norway edged out Canada | e. good education |
| 6. The three nations topped | f. up |
| 7. paternity and maternity | g. the best place |
| 8. free preschool and | h. leave |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. a global perceptions- | a. equality |
| 2. the attitudes of 20,000 people | b. friendliness |
| 3. They used 65 different | c. third |
| 4. measure income and gender | d. on four continents |
| 5. family | e. metrics |
| 6. levels of perceived | f. topped this list |
| 7. Switzerland once again | g. based approach |
| 8. Japan was | h. happiness |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scandinavia is the best (1) _____ children. The top three places (2) _____ list of the best countries to raise kids are Nordic nations. The (3) _____ the U.S. News & World Report and University of Pennsylvania. Denmark (4) _____, Sweden was runner-up, and Norway (5) _____ for third place. The three nations topped the list in 2019. They all have "generous" paternity (6) _____, free preschool and good education. The (7) _____ "Best Countries" list. Researchers used "a global perceptions-based" approach to (8) _____ from the World Bank and the attitudes of 20,000 people (9) _____. They used 65 different (10) _____ income and gender equality, public education, healthcare, (11) _____, family friendliness and (12) _____ happiness. Switzerland once again topped this list. Canada was second; Japan was third.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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RAISING KIDS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about raising kids 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) _____

