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Level 1 – 24th July, 2020

Basic income for poor could slow COVID-19 spread

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200724-basic-income-1.html>

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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/2007/200724-basic-income-1.html>

The United Nations has a plan for COVID-19. It said the world's poorest people should get a basic income. This could slow down the number of coronavirus cases. The money would let 2.7 billion people in 132 developing countries stay at home. This would cut the risk of them spreading the virus. This would cost about \$199 billion per month. The UN said the world had to take special action because it is in an unprecedented time not experienced before.

The basic income would go to people and not economies or big businesses. The UN said a basic income would give people in lockdown a financial lifeline, put cash back into local economies and help small businesses. It would also slow the spread of COVID-19. There are many people without insurance and many workers with no contract. There are also many low-paid people. The UN said refugees, migrants, and people with disabilities also need help.

Sources: https://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/news-centre/news/2020/Temporary_Basic_Income_to_protect_the_worlds_poorest_people_slow_COVID19.html
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<https://time.com/5870438/basic-income-payments-coronavirus-u-n/>

PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200724-basic-income-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The United Nations has a plan | a. before |
| 2. the world's poorest | b. of coronavirus cases |
| 3. get a basic | c. countries |
| 4. slow down the number | d. people |
| 5. people in 132 developing | e. the virus |
| 6. stay at | f. for COVID-19 |
| 7. cut the risk of them spreading | g. home |
| 8. not experienced | h. income |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The basic income would | a. also need help |
| 2. big | b. into local economies |
| 3. give people in lockdown | c. without insurance |
| 4. put cash back | d. businesses |
| 5. help small | e. go to people |
| 6. There are many people | f. no contract |
| 7. many workers with | g. a financial lifeline |
| 8. people with disabilities | h. businesses |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200724-basic-income-1.html>

The United Nations (1) _____ for COVID-19. It said the world's poorest people should (2) _____ income. This could (3) _____ number of coronavirus cases. The money would let 2.7 billion people in 132 developing countries (4) _____. This would cut the risk of them spreading the virus. This would cost about \$199 (5) _____. The UN said the world had to take special action because it is in an unprecedented (6) _____ before.

The basic (7) _____ to people and not economies (8) _____. The UN said a basic income would give people in lockdown (9) _____, put cash back into local economies and help small businesses. It would also (9) _____ of COVID-19. There are many people without insurance and many workers (10) _____. There are also many low-paid people. The UN said refugees, migrants, and (11) _____ also need help.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BASIC INCOME SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200724-basic-income-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about basic income 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) _____

