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Level 2 – 24th July, 2020

Basic income for poor could slow COVID-19 spread

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200724-basic-income-2.html>

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200724-basic-income-2.html>

The United Nations has a plan to slow the spread of COVID-19. The UN said the world's poorest people should get a basic income. It said this could slow down the current rise in coronavirus cases. The money would mean about 2.7 billion people could stay at home. This would reduce the risk of them spreading the virus. The UN suggested giving the money to poor people in 132 developing countries. The cost of this would be about \$199 billion per month. The UN said: "Unprecedented times call for unprecedented social and economic measures."

The UN said the basic income would mean giving money to people instead of economies. It said: "Bailouts and recovery plans cannot only focus on big markets and big business. A temporary basic income would allow governments to give people in lockdown a financial lifeline, inject cash back into local economies to help keep small businesses afloat, and slow the devastating spread of COVID-19." It said there are many people without insurance and many workers without contracts. There are also many low-paid people. It also said refugees, migrants, and people with disabilities need help.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The United Nations has a | a. at home |
| 2. the world's poorest | b. cases |
| 3. slow down the current | c. measures |
| 4. coronavirus | d. developing countries |
| 5. 2.7 billion people could stay | e. plan |
| 6. This would reduce | f. people |
| 7. poor people in 132 | g. the risk |
| 8. economic | h. rise |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. giving money | a. of COVID-19 |
| 2. Bailouts and recovery | b. paid people |
| 3. inject cash back into | c. to people |
| 4. keep small businesses | d. need help |
| 5. slow the devastating spread | e. plans |
| 6. many workers without | f. afloat |
| 7. There are also many low- | g. contracts |
| 8. people with disabilities | h. local economies |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The United Nations has a (1) _____ the spread of COVID-19. The UN said the world's poorest people should get a basic income. It said this could slow down (2) _____ in coronavirus cases. The money would mean about 2.7 (3) _____ stay at home. This would (4) _____ of them spreading the virus. The UN (5) _____ money to poor people in 132 developing countries. The (6) _____ would be about \$199 billion per month. The UN said: "Unprecedented times call for unprecedented social (6) _____."

The UN said the basic income (7) _____ money to people instead of economies. It said: "Bailouts and recovery plans cannot (8) _____ big markets and big business. A temporary basic income would allow governments to give people in lockdown (9) _____, inject cash back into local economies to help keep (10) _____, and slow the devastating spread of COVID-19." It said there are many people without insurance and many (11) _____. There are also many low-paid people. It also said refugees, migrants, and people with (12) _____.

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) _____

