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**Level 0 – 9th January 2025**

## Indonesia launches free school meals programme

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2025/250109-free-school-meals-0.html>

Indonesia served free breakfast to 570,000 children and pregnant women on Monday. This is because of Indonesia's "Free Nutritious Meal Programme. The programme is an election promise of Indonesia's president. He wants to feed a quarter of Indonesians by 2029. Many of Indonesia's children under five do not eat well.

The president said: "Too many of our brothers and sisters go to school without breakfast." A mother said: "Thank God. This really helps us. We normally have to work hard preparing food, but now we don't." The government said: "For the first time, our country is conducting a nationwide nutrition program for children."

Sources: <https://www.aljazeera.com/gallery/2025/1/6/indonesia-kicks-off-first-free-meal-programme-for-children-pregnant-women>  
<https://apnews.com/article/indonesia-prabowo-subianto-free-meals-children-mothers-213a04587203434f3f85950725e84a8b>  
<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2585436/world>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Indonesia served             | a. pregnant women |
| 2. children and                 | b. well           |
| 3. Free Nutritious Meal         | c. president      |
| 4. an election                  | d. under five     |
| 5. Indonesia's                  | e. free breakfast |
| 6. He wants to feed a quarter   | f. promise        |
| 7. Many of Indonesia's children | g. Programme      |
| 8. do not eat                   | h. of Indonesians |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Too many of our brothers       | a. "Thank God"  |
| 2. go to school without           | b. work hard    |
| 3. A mother said:                 | c. breakfast    |
| 4. This really                    | d. time         |
| 5. We normally have to            | e. food         |
| 6. preparing                      | f. helps us     |
| 7. For the first                  | g. for children |
| 8. a nationwide nutrition program | h. and sisters  |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Indonesia (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to 570,000 children and

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ Monday. This (3) \_\_\_\_\_

Indonesia's "Free Nutritious Meal Programme. The programme

(4) \_\_\_\_\_ promise of Indonesia's president. He

(5) \_\_\_\_\_ a quarter of Indonesians by 2029.

Many of Indonesia's children under five do

(6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The president said: "(7) \_\_\_\_\_ our brothers and

sisters go (8) \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast." A mother said:

"Thank God. This (9) \_\_\_\_\_. We normally have

to work (10) \_\_\_\_\_, but now we don't." The

government said: "(11) \_\_\_\_\_ time, our country

is conducting a nationwide nutrition (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# FREE SCHOOL MEALS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2025/250109-free-school-meals-0.html>

Write five GOOD questions about free school meals 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) \_\_\_\_\_

