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Level 1 – 9th January 2025

Indonesia launches free school meals programme

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Indonesia served free breakfast to 570,000 children and pregnant women on Monday. This is because of the "Free Nutritious Meal Programme". More than 190 kitchens cooked the free food. More kitchens will soon spread nationwide. The programme was an election promise of Indonesia's president. He wants to feed a quarter of Indonesians by 2029. He also wants to end malnutrition. A fifth of Indonesia's children under five have poor nutrition.

The president said: "Too many of our brothers and sisters are below the poverty line [and] go to school without breakfast." The mother of an elementary school child said: "Thank God. This really helps us. We normally have to work hard preparing food, but now we don't." The government said: "This is a historic moment. For the first time, our country is conducting a nationwide nutrition program for children, and pregnant and breastfeeding mothers."

Sources: https://www.**aljazeera.com**/gallery/2025/1/6/indonesia-kicks-off-first-free-meal-programme-for-children-pregnant-women
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

1. Indonesia served free breakfast	a. under five
2. pregnant	b. promise
3. More than 190 kitchens	c. of Indonesians
4. an election	d. women
5. He wants to feed a quarter	e. nutrition
6. He also wants to end	f. to 570,000 children
7. A fifth of Indonesia's children	g. cooked the free food
8. poor	h. malnutrition

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1. Too many of our	a. helps us
2. below the poverty	b. without breakfast
3. go to school	c. breastfeeding mothers
4. The mother of an elementary	d. food
5. This really	e. line
6. We normally have to work	f. school child
7. preparing	g. hard
8. pregnant and	h. brothers and sisters

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Indonesia served free breakfast to 570,000 (1) _____ women on Monday. This is because of the "Free Nutritious Meal Programme". More than 190 kitchens (2) _____ food. More kitchens (3) _____ nationwide. The programme was an (4) _____ Indonesia's president. He wants to feed (5) _____ Indonesians by 2029. He also wants to end malnutrition. A fifth of Indonesia's children under five (6) _____.

The president said: "Too (7) _____ brothers and sisters are below (8) _____ [and] go to school without breakfast." The mother of an elementary school child said: "Thank God. This (9) _____. We normally have to work (10) _____, but now we don't." The government said: "This is (11) _____. For the first time, our country is conducting a nationwide nutrition program for children, (12) _____ breastfeeding mothers."

PUT A SLASH (/)WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE SCHOOL MEALS SURVEY

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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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **free school meals** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.