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Level 2 – 9th January 2025

Indonesia launches free school meals programme

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

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THE READING

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Indonesia is providing free school meals. Over 570,000 children and pregnant women got a free breakfast on Monday because of the "Free Nutritious Meal Programme". More than 190 kitchens in 20 provinces served the free food. More kitchens will soon spread nationwide. The programme was an election promise of President Prabowo Subianto. He wants to feed a quarter of Indonesians by 2029. Around 82 million people will get free food. Mr Subianto wants to end malnutrition in Indonesia. Around a fifth of children younger than five years old have poor nutrition.

President Subianto said: "Too many of our brothers and sisters are below the poverty line [and] go to school without breakfast." Many parents were happy. The mother of an elementary school child in Jakarta said: "Thank God. This really helps us. We normally have to work hard preparing food every morning, but now we don't." A government spokesperson said: "This is a historic moment for Indonesia. For the first time, our country is conducting a nationwide nutrition program for toddlers, students, 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>
<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 is providing | a. promise |
| 2. Over 570,000 children and | b. free school meals |
| 3. More kitchens will soon | c. malnutrition |
| 4. an election | d. nutrition |
| 5. He wants to feed a | e. pregnant women |
| 6. end | f. spread nationwide |
| 7. Around a fifth | g. quarter of Indonesians |
| 8. have poor | h. of children |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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President Subianto said: "Too (7) _____ brothers and sisters are below (8) _____ [and] go to school without breakfast." Many (9) _____. The mother of an elementary school child in Jakarta said: "Thank God. This really helps us. We (10) _____ work hard preparing food every morning, but now we don't." A government spokesperson said: "This is (11) _____ for Indonesia. For the first time, our country is conducting a nationwide nutrition (12) _____, students, and pregnant and 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) _____

