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## **Level 4**

# **Parents punished if kids late to school**

**10th June, 2014**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1406/140610-education-standards-4.html>

U.K. parents will get fined if their children are always late for school. Britain's government is cracking down on "problem parents". Many families do not "face up to their responsibilities" by getting children to school on time. Many children do not show respect for their teacher. Parents already get a \$100 fine, but many do not pay this. There will also be fines if parents take their children on family vacations during school time.

The plans are to raise standards in education, get children to school on time, and tackle truancy. The U.K. government said the opposition's policies set pupils up to fail with "dumbed-down courses". It also said opposition policies did not think children might be intellectually curious or "capable of greatness". Furthermore, the government said their policies created very low expectations for students with ambition and potential.

Sources: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/educationnews/10881955/Gove-to-dock-parents-benefits-for-condoning-truancy.html>  
<http://news.sky.com/story/1277284/parents-to-be-punished-for-kids-bad-behaviour>  
<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/michael-gove-says-parents-will-3657584#ixzz33waR9YHY>

# MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1406/140610-education-standards-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                     |                           |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. parents will get | a. on "problem parents"   |
| 2. always late      | b. for their teacher      |
| 3. cracking down    | c. during school time     |
| 4. face up to       | d. for school             |
| 5. show respect     | e. fined                  |
| 6. family vacations | f. their responsibilities |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| 1. raise                  | a. truancy       |
| 2. tackle                 | b. and potential |
| 3. set pupils up          | c. curious       |
| 4. intellectually         | d. expectations  |
| 5. created very low       | e. standards     |
| 6. students with ambition | f. to fail       |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1406/140610-education-standards-4.html>

U.K. parents (1) \_\_\_\_\_ their children are always late for school. Britain's government (2) \_\_\_\_\_ "problem parents".

Many families do (3) \_\_\_\_\_ their responsibilities" by getting children to school on time. Many children do (4) \_\_\_\_\_ for their teacher. Parents already get a \$100 fine, (5) \_\_\_\_\_ this. There will also be fines if parents take their children on family vacations (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The plans (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in education, get children to school on time, and tackle truancy. The U.K. government said (8) \_\_\_\_\_ set pupils up to fail with "(9) \_\_\_\_\_". It also said opposition policies did not think children might be (10) \_\_\_\_\_ or "capable of greatness". Furthermore, the government said their (11) \_\_\_\_\_ low expectations for students with (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# EDUCATION SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1406/140610-education-standards-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about education 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)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)

