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## **Level 0**

### **Money does not make children pass exams**

**8th October, 2014**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1410/141008-exams-0.html>

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

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1410/141008-exams-0.html>

Money does not help children pass exams. Parents are wasting their money. It is better to take children on a trip. They will try harder and do better. Researchers looked at how money and trips changed the way students studied. Many students tried harder in class. They did more homework, but did not do better in tests.

The report looked at the wrong things. It needed to look at what makes students work harder. Some students think studying can help them get their goals in life. Other kids think studying makes no difference. They think success comes from family background. Good teachers are most important, especially for poorer children.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-29461681>  
<http://www.teachingpersonnel.com/news/2014/10/3/cash-incentives-fail-to-improve-exam-results/>  
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# VOCABULARY MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                             |                        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Money does not help      | a. harder in class     |
| 2. Parents are wasting      | b. on a trip           |
| 3. take children            | c. homework            |
| 4. They will try harder and | d. tests               |
| 5. changed the way          | e. children pass exams |
| 6. Many students tried      | f. students studied    |
| 7. They did more            | g. their money         |
| 8. do better in             | h. do better           |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                |                        |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The report looked           | a. difference          |
| 2. look at what makes students | b. in life             |
| 3. students think studying     | c. most important      |
| 4. get their goals             | d. poorer children     |
| 5. studying makes no           | e. work harder         |
| 6. success comes from family   | f. at the wrong things |
| 7. Good teachers are           | g. background          |
| 8. especially for              | h. can help them       |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1410/141008-exams-0.html>

Money (1) \_\_\_\_\_ children pass exams. Parents

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ money. It is better to take children

on a trip. They will try harder (3) \_\_\_\_\_.

Researchers looked at how money and trips

(4) \_\_\_\_\_ students studied. Many students

(5) \_\_\_\_\_ class. They did more homework,

(6) \_\_\_\_\_ better in tests.

The report (7) \_\_\_\_\_ things. It needed to look

at what makes (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Some students think

studying can help them (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in life. Other

kids think studying (10) \_\_\_\_\_. They think

success comes from (11) \_\_\_\_\_. Good teachers

are most important, (12) \_\_\_\_\_ poorer children.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

