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Indonesia leader flies economy class

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1411/141123-economy-class-5.html>

Indonesian President Joko Widodo has connected with the people by flying economy class. Many people are tightening their belts because of government cuts and taxes. Indonesia's leader has set an example to other world leaders that presidents are not exempt from economising. He and his wife flew economy class to Singapore to attend his son's school graduation ceremony. They opted not to use the official presidential airplane because his trip was personal. The couple paid for their own air tickets but the taxpayers paid the bill for the bodyguards who flew with the president.

The Widodos are known for their down-to-earth living and modest lifestyle. His wife Iriana is never seen in designer dresses and shops in a Jakarta clothes market. There was mixed reaction on social media to the couple flying economy. Some thought it was little more than a publicity stunt. One man tweeted: "Living a fake life is difficult. Widodo went to Singapore flying economy but slept in an expensive hotel." A woman praised him, tweeting: "Widodo sets a good example by flying economy. Hopefully other officials can follow in his footsteps."

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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. people are tightening | a. exempt |
| 2. government cuts | b. the bill |
| 3. set an example to other | c. their belts |
| 4. presidents are not | d. school graduation |
| 5. attend his son's | e. flew with the president |
| 6. his trip | f. and taxes |
| 7. taxpayers paid | g. was personal |
| 8. bodyguards who | h. world leaders |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 1. known for their down-to- | a. dresses |
| 2. modest | b. his footsteps |
| 3. designer | c. stunt |
| 4. mixed | d. example |
| 5. social | e. earth living |
| 6. a publicity | f. reaction |
| 7. Widodo sets a good | g. lifestyle |
| 8. follow in | h. media |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Indonesian President Joko Widodo has (1) _____ by flying economy class. Many people are (2) _____ because of government cuts and taxes. Indonesia's leader (3) _____ to other world leaders that presidents are not exempt from economising. He and his wife flew economy class to Singapore (4) _____ graduation ceremony. They opted not to use the official presidential airplane because (5) _____. The couple paid for their own air tickets but the (6) _____ for the bodyguards who flew with the president.

The Widodos are known for their (7) _____ and modest lifestyle. His wife Iriana is never seen in designer dresses and shops in a Jakarta clothes market. There was (8) _____ social media to the couple flying economy. Some thought (9) _____ than a publicity stunt. One man tweeted: "Living (10) _____. Widodo went to Singapore flying economy but slept in an expensive hotel." A woman (11) _____: "Widodo sets a good example by flying economy. Hopefully other officials can (12) _____."

ECONOMY CLASS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about economy class 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)

