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Level 1

Low social status bad for health

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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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A new study shows that a low social status can be bad for your health. Researchers in the USA looked at the behaviour of 45 female monkeys. The monkeys with a lower social status were unhealthier. The monkeys were split into groups. They had time to get to know each other. Researchers then took one monkey from each group and put her into another group. Researchers found that the "new girl" was unhealthier than the other monkeys.

The researchers said that although their study was on monkeys, it could also be true for humans because we share a lot of our DNA with monkeys. A professor told the BBC News that governments should understand that people with a lower social status have more health problems. He said they have got cars and TVs, but that does not mean they are happy. Richer people can live up to two decades longer than poorer people.

Sources: <http://www.nhs.uk/news/2016/11November/Pages/Low-social-status-damages-immune-function.aspx>
<http://www.bbc.com/news/health-38092146>
<https://www.newscientist.com/article/2114070-being-popular-is-good-for-health-in-monkeys-at-least/>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. A new | a. were unhealthier |
| 2. a low social status can | b. at the behaviour |
| 3. Researchers in the USA looked | c. was unhealthier |
| 4. 45 female | d. into groups |
| 5. monkeys with a lower social status | e. be bad for your health |
| 6. The monkeys were split | f. know each other |
| 7. They had time to get to | g. study |
| 8. the "new girl" | h. monkeys |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. their study was | a. understand |
| 2. it could also | b. DNA with monkeys |
| 3. we share a lot of our | c. to two decades longer |
| 4. governments should | d. they are happy |
| 5. have more | e. on monkeys |
| 6. that does not mean | f. people |
| 7. Richer people can live up | g. health problems |
| 8. poorer | h. be true for humans |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/2016/161127-social-status-1.html>

A new study shows (1) _____ status can be bad for your health. Researchers in the USA looked at the behaviour of (2) _____. The monkeys with a lower social status (3) _____. The monkeys were split into groups. They had time (4) _____ each other. Researchers then took one monkey from each group and put her (5) _____. Researchers found that the "new girl" was healthier (6) _____ monkeys.

The researchers said that although (7) _____ on monkeys, it could (8) _____ humans because we share (9) _____ DNA with monkeys. A professor told the BBC News that governments should understand that people with a lower social status (10) _____ problems. He said they have got cars and TVs, but that does (11) _____ are happy. Richer people can live up to (12) _____ than poorer people.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SOCIAL STATUS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/2016/161127-social-status-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about social status 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) _____

