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## **Level 3**

### **Eight billionaires as rich as half the world**

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# THE ARTICLE

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# WARM-UPS

**1. WEALTH:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about wealth. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

richest / money / billionaire / Microsoft / wealth / report / poor / businesses / tax / obscene / survive / inequality / poverty / wages / bonuses / unfair / growth / charity

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. PAY:** Students A **strongly** believe everyone should get the same pay, whatever job they do; Students B **strongly** believe this is wrong. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. BILLIONAIRE:** How would your life change if you were a billionaire? How much happier would you be? Complete this table and share what you wrote with your partner(s). Change partners often.

	Changes	How much happier
Friends		
Hobbies		
House		
Travel		
Health		
Food		

**5. CHARITY:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "charity". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. POVERTY:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best things to get people out of poverty at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- education
- aid
- community projects
- the Internet
- micro-loans
- migration
- healthcare
- jobs

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170118-income-inequality.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The world's eight richest people are men. **T / F**
- b. Six of the world's eight richest people are from the USA. **T / F**
- c. Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg is the richest person in the world. **T / F**
- d. A charity said the gap between rich and poor is closing. **T / F**
- e. Ten per cent of the world population has less than \$2 a day to live on. **T / F**
- f. Oxfam said people's wages around the world were not increasing. **T / F**
- g. An economist said it was fair for the charity to attack the rich. **T / F**
- h. The economist said the charity should complain more about the rich. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| <b>1. richest</b>  | a. shocking          |
| <b>2. report</b>   | b. difference        |
| <b>3. worth</b>    | c. increasing        |
| <b>4. gap</b>      | d. article           |
| <b>5. avoiding</b> | e. executives        |
| <b>6. obscene</b>  | f. value             |
| <b>7. survive</b>  | g. wealthiest        |
| <b>8. going up</b> | h. increase          |
| <b>9. bosses</b>   | i. live              |
| <b>10. boost</b>   | j. keeping away from |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                     |                           |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. as rich as the 3.6 billion       | a. rich and poor          |
| 2. Microsoft                        | b. growth                 |
| 3. the gap between                  | c. tax                    |
| 4. creating greater income          | d. hands of so few        |
| 5. avoiding                         | e. poorest people         |
| 6. so much wealth to be held in the | f. behind                 |
| 7. 1 in 10 people survive           | g. inequality             |
| 8. people are being left            | h. elite                  |
| 9. a wealthy                        | i. on less than \$2 a day |
| 10. focus on ways to boost          | j. founder                |

# GAP FILL

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*founder*  
*gap*  
*much*  
*tax*  
*worth*  
*report*  
*wages*  
*wealth*

Winnie Byanyima, Executive Director of Oxfam International, said: "It is (9) \_\_\_\_\_ for so much wealth to be held in the hands of so few when 1 in 10 people (10) \_\_\_\_\_ on less than \$2 a day. Inequality is trapping hundreds of millions in (11) \_\_\_\_\_." She added that: "Across the world, people are being left behind. Their wages are [not going up] yet corporate (12) \_\_\_\_\_ take home million-dollar bonuses." She said governments only (13) \_\_\_\_\_ about big business and a "wealthy (14) \_\_\_\_\_". Economist Mark Littlewood attacked the report as being unfair. He said: "As an 'anti-poverty' charity, Oxfam seems to be (15) \_\_\_\_\_ [obsessed] with the rich." He said Oxfam should focus on ways to (16) \_\_\_\_\_ growth instead of complaining about the rich.

*poverty*  
*obscene*  
*elite*  
*bosses*  
*boost*  
*survive*  
*strangely*  
*care*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) The world's eight richest men have as much money \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. as halve the world
  - b. as half a world
  - c. has half the world
  - d. as half the world
- 2) The richest is Microsoft founder Bill Gates, who is \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. worth \$75 billion
  - b. worse \$75 billion
  - c. was \$75 billion
  - d. with \$75 billion
- 3) both have wealth estimated to be \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. around \$405 billion
  - b. around \$4.5 billion
  - c. around \$45 billion
  - d. around \$14.5 billion
- 4) the gap between rich and poor is far greater than \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. had been afraid
  - b. had been frayed
  - c. had been ford
  - d. had been feared
- 5) creating greater income inequality by avoiding tax and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. pay in low wage
  - b. paying in low wages
  - c. paying lowly wages
  - d. paying low wages
- 6) It is obscene for so much wealth to be held in the hands \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. of so few
  - b. of so flew
  - c. of so phew
  - d. of so for you
- 7) Inequality is trapping hundreds of millions \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. on poverty
  - b. in poverty
  - c. at poverty
  - d. by poverty
- 8) wages are [not going up] yet corporate bosses take home million-\_\_\_\_\_
  - a. dollar donuts is
  - b. dollar bow noses
  - c. dollar bones as
  - d. dollar bonuses
- 9) She said governments only care about big business and a " \_\_\_\_\_ "
  - a. wealthy elite
  - b. wealthy alight
  - c. wealthy a light
  - d. wealthy a lead
- 10) He said Oxfam should focus on ways to boost \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. growing instead
  - b. growth in stead
  - c. grown inns Ted
  - d. growth instead

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170118-income-inequality.html>

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170118-income-inequality.html>

1. How many poor people are the billionaires as rich as?
2. Who is the richest person in the world?
3. How much is Mark Zuckerberg worth?
4. What gap is greater than had been feared?
5. What did Oxfam say the "super-rich" avoid paying?
6. Who is Winnie Byanyima?
7. How much do 1 in 10 people have each day to live on?
8. What did Oxfam say is not going up?
9. What did an economist say Oxfam was "strangely obsessed" with?
10. What did an economist say Oxfam should focus on?



# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170118-income-inequality.html>

- 1) How many poor people are the billionaires as rich as?
  - a) 3.6 billion
  - b) 6.3 billion
  - c) 36 billion
  - d) 36,000,000
- 2) Who is the richest person in the world?
  - a) Mark Zuckerberg
  - b) the Queen of England
  - c) Bill Gates
  - d) Donald Trump
- 3) How much is Mark Zuckerberg worth?
  - a) Just less than \$45 billion
  - b) About \$45 billion
  - c) Over \$45 billion
  - d) Exactly \$45 billion
- 4) What gap is greater than had been feared?
  - a) mind the gap
  - b) the age gap
  - c) the Internet gap
  - d) the gap between rich and poor
- 5) What did Oxfam say the "super-rich" avoid paying?
  - a) tax
  - b) workers
  - c) bills
  - d) in kind
- 6) Who is Winnie Byanyima?
  - a) the report's writer
  - b) the world's richest woman
  - c) an economist
  - d) an Oxfam executive
- 7) How much do 1 in 10 people have each day to live on?
  - a) 99 cents
  - b) less than \$2
  - c) just over one dollar
  - d) \$4.5
- 8) What did Oxfam say is not going up?
  - a) the wealthy elite
  - b) bosses bonuses
  - c) the population
  - d) wages
- 9) What did an economist say Oxfam was "strangely obsessed" with?
  - a) poverty
  - b) business
  - c) the rich
  - d) economists
- 10) What did an economist say Oxfam should focus on?
  - a) complaining
  - b) ways to boost growth
  - c) its website
  - d) opening more stores

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Education**

You think education is the best thing to get people out of poverty. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): aid, the Internet or micro-loans.

## **Role B – Aid**

You think aid is the best thing to get people out of poverty. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): education, the Internet or micro-loans.

## **Role C – The Internet**

You think the Internet is the best thing to get people out of poverty. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): aid, education or micro-loans.

## **Role D – Micro-loans**

You think micro-loans the best things to get people out of poverty. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): aid, the Internet or education.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170118-income-inequality.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'rich' and 'poor'.

<b>rich</b>	<b>poor</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• half</li><li>• poorest</li><li>• 75</li><li>• 99</li><li>• super</li><li>• tax</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• hands</li><li>• 10</li><li>• across</li><li>• home</li><li>• unfair</li><li>• ways</li></ul>
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# WEALTH SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170118-income-inequality.html>

Write five GOOD questions about wealth 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.

## WEALTH DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'billionaire'?
3. What do you think about what you read?
4. What would life be like if you were a billionaire?
5. Should billionaires give lots of money to poor people?
6. How do you become a billionaire?
7. What do you know about the three rich men mentioned in the article?
8. What does the title of Oxfam's report mean?
9. What problems are there because of income inequality?
10. Should everyone get the same pay, whatever their job?

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## WEALTH DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'charity'?
13. Is it obscene that some people are so rich?
14. What would it be like to have just \$2 a day?
15. Why are there very poor people in very rich countries?
16. What would you like to ask Bill Gates?
17. Should company bosses get million-dollar bonuses?
18. Why do governments only care about the 'wealthy elite'?
19. How can governments help poor people?
20. What questions would you like to ask Oxfam?

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |               |                |              |               |
|-----|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) huff      | (b) half       | (c) halved   | (d) halve     |
| 2.  | (a) funder    | (b) founder    | (c) finder   | (d) flounder  |
| 3.  | (a) estranged | (b) ultimatums | (c) esteemed | (d) estimated |
| 4.  | (a) cold      | (b) called     | (c) culled   | (d) scold     |
| 5.  | (a) for       | (b) far        | (c) fir      | (d) fire      |
| 6.  | (a) as        | (b) at         | (c) by       | (d) to        |
| 7.  | (a) holding   | (b) hold       | (c) held     | (d) holds     |
| 8.  | (a) trap      | (b) trapped    | (c) trapping | (d) trapper   |
| 9.  | (a) back      | (b) right      | (c) front    | (d) left      |
| 10. | (a) yet       | (b) bet        | (c) let      | (d) set       |
| 11. | (a) as        | (b) is         | (c) was      | (d) has       |
| 12. | (a) prefer    | (b) rather     | (c) instead  | (d) liking    |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. the yraciht Oxfam
2. Microsoft nrefodu Bill Gates
3. tiaestemd to be around \$45 billion
4. far greater than had been redfae
5. the "super-rich" are creating greater income eqautiynil
6. agdoivin tax

## Paragraph 2

7. It is ensboce
8. viuvres on less than \$2 a day
9. hundreds of millions in pretyov
10. teoroprac bosses
11. million-dollar nssobeu
12. focus on ways to tbsoo growth



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170118-income-inequality.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( **1** ) The world's eight richest men have as much money as half the world. A new report from the
- ( ) charity Oxfam said eight billionaires are as rich as the 3.6 billion poorest people in the world. Six of the world's richest
- ( ) poverty." She added that: "Across the world, people are being left behind. Their wages are [not going
- ( ) rich" are creating greater income inequality by avoiding tax and paying low wages.
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- ( ) care about big business and a "wealthy elite". Economist Mark Littlewood attacked the report as being
- ( ) up] yet corporate bosses take home million-dollar bonuses." She said governments only
- ( ) hands of so few when 1 in 10 people survive on less than \$2 a day. Inequality is trapping hundreds of millions in
- ( ) with the rich." He said Oxfam should focus on ways to boost growth instead of complaining about the rich.
- ( ) unfair. He said: "As an 'anti-poverty' charity, Oxfam seems to be strangely [obsessed]

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1701/170118-income-inequality.html>

1. in billion 3.6 rich the poorest as world people the As .
2. Six world's are USA the people the of richest from .
3. \$45 have to Both estimated around billion wealth be .
4. rich greater and The poor gap is between far .
5. Creating income by tax greater inequality avoiding .
6. than less on survive people ten in One day a \$2 .
7. poverty in millions of hundreds trapping is Inequality .
8. - million home take bosses Corporate bonuses dollar .
9. seems with to the be rich strangely Oxfam obsessed .
10. boost Focus growth on instead ways of to complaining .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. WEALTH:** Make a poster about wealth. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. SAME PAY:** Write a magazine article about everyone getting the same pay, whatever job they do. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on wealth. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how you can become richer. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a T    b T    c F    d F    e T    f T    g F    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-------------|----------------------|
| 1. richest  | a. wealthiest        |
| 2. report   | b. article           |
| 3. worth    | c. value             |
| 4. gap      | d. difference        |
| 5. avoiding | e. keeping away from |
| 6. obscene  | f. shocking          |
| 7. survive  | g. live              |
| 8. going up | h. increasing        |
| 9. bosses   | i. executives        |
| 10. boost   | j. increase          |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. 3.6 billion
2. Bill Gates
3. Around \$45 billion
4. The gap between rich and poor
5. Tax
6. Executive Director of Oxfam International
7. Less than \$2
8. Wages
9. The rich
10. Ways to boost growth

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. a    2. c    3. b    4. d    5. a    6. d    7. b    8. d    9. c    10. b

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)