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Nicki Minaj to pay college fees for fans

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THE READING

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The singer Nicki Minaj will pay the tuition fees for 30 of her Twitter followers if they get A-grades. Ms Minaj will pay thousands of dollars if the fans show they got straight A's at high school. She will pay more tuition fees in the future. Minaj tweeted: "Show me straight A's that I can [check] with your school, and I'll pay." She joked that she might not have any money after paying. One student asked her for \$6,000 to pay for his rent, books, classes and food.

At first, Minaj tweeted about a contest for someone to join her at a music show. A fan then asked if she would pay for his college fees and her tweets changed. Minaj has sold 20 million singles around the world as a solo singer, and another 60 million singles as a guest artist. A newspaper editor called her the most important female rapper ever. A Twitter user called her, "one of the most...caring and generous people" in the entertainment business.

Sources: <http://news.sky.com/story/nicki-minaj-offers-to-pay-college-fees-for-fans-10868506>
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/life/movies/2017/05/07/nicki-minaj-promises-to-pay-fan-college-tuition-twitter/101413018/>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nicki_Minaj

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. pay the tuition fees for 30 | a. fees in the future |
| 2. if they get | b. money |
| 3. pay thousands | c. A-grades |
| 4. straight A's | d. his rent |
| 5. She will pay more tuition | e. of dollars |
| 6. I can check | f. at high school |
| 7. she might not have any | g. of her Twitter followers |
| 8. \$6,000 to pay for | h. with your school |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. join her at a music | a. editor |
| 2. A fan then asked if she | b. rapper ever |
| 3. sold 20 million singles | c. business |
| 4. as a guest | d. would pay |
| 5. A newspaper | e. around the world |
| 6. the most important female | f. generous people |
| 7. one of the most caring and | g. show |
| 8. in the entertainment | h. artist |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The singer Nicki Minaj (1) _____ tuition fees for 30 of her Twitter (2) _____ get A-grades. Ms Minaj will pay thousands of (3) _____ fans show they got straight A's at high school. She will pay more tuition fees (4) _____. Minaj tweeted: "Show me straight A's that I can [check] with your school, and I'll pay." She joked that she might (5) _____ money after paying. One student asked her for \$6,000 to (6) _____, books, classes and food.

At first, Minaj (7) _____ contest for someone to join (8) _____ show. A fan then asked if she would pay (9) _____ fees and her tweets changed. Minaj has sold 20 million singles around the world as a solo singer, and another 60 million (10) _____ guest artist. A newspaper (11) _____ the most important female rapper ever. A Twitter user called her, "one of the most... (12) _____ people" in the entertainment business.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SCHOOL FEES SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1705/170510-nicki-minaj-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about school fees 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) _____

