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Level 1 – 28th October, 2020

UK government votes against free meals for poorer children

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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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The UK government voted against giving free school lunches to children in the holidays. Most of the government voted against giving children a weekly \$20 food voucher. The government is under pressure to make a U-turn. In the summer, the footballer Marcus Rashford campaigned to get the government to give school lunches to poorer children during the coronavirus pandemic. The government listened and made a U-turn.

British people are angry because many children will not get a proper meal in the holidays. The UK's Prime Minister said he would not U-turn. He said he "totally understands" the issue of hunger. People on social media said this was not true because he comes from a rich family. People are also angry that COVID-19 consultants in the UK are paid over \$8,000 a day, but children cannot get a free lunch. Many stores in the UK are banning politicians from their businesses.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. free | a. made a U-turn |
| 2. in the | b. against |
| 3. the government voted | c. voucher |
| 4. a weekly \$20 food | d. pandemic |
| 5. The government is under | e. school lunches |
| 6. give school lunches | f. holidays |
| 7. during the coronavirus | g. to poorer children |
| 8. The government listened and | h. pressure |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. British people are | a. family |
| 2. children will not get a proper | b. understands |
| 3. The UK's | c. in the UK |
| 4. He said he totally | d. meal |
| 5. the issue of | e. a day |
| 6. he comes from a rich | f. hunger |
| 7. paid over \$8,000 | g. angry |
| 8. Many stores | h. Prime Minister |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The UK government (1) _____ free school lunches to children in the holidays. Most of the government voted against giving (2) _____ \$20 food voucher. The government is (3) _____ make a U-turn. In the summer, the footballer Marcus Rashford (4) _____ the government to give school lunches to (5) _____ the coronavirus pandemic. The government (6) _____ a U-turn.

British (7) _____ because many children will not get a (8) _____ the holidays. The UK's Prime Minister said he would not U-turn. He said he "totally understands" the (9) _____. People on social media said this (10) _____ because he comes from a rich family. People are also angry that COVID-19 consultants in the UK (11) _____ \$8,000 a day, but children cannot get a free lunch. Many stores in the UK (12) _____ from their businesses.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SCHOOL MEALS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201028-free-school-meals-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about school meals 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **school meals** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
