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Ex-US President shaves head to help boy

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THE READING

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Ex-U.S. President George H.W. Bush shaved his head to make a 2-year-old boy feel better. The boy, Patrick, is the son of Mr Bush's bodyguard. He has a blood disease called leukemia. Treatment for leukemia makes people's hair fall out. Bush said he wanted to help Patrick. People say Bush, 89, now looks like Patrick. One said: "It's hard to tell them apart." Mr Bush, and his wife Barbara, gave money to help pay for Patrick's medical bills. People can give money for his expensive treatment on a special website. It was started by Mr Bush's other bodyguards. They also shaved their head.

Mr And Mrs Bush's second child, a daughter, died from leukemia 60 years ago. The little girl was four years old. They worked hard for years after to get money for leukemia research. A clinic called the Robin Bush Child and Adolescent Clinic opened at a hospital in Texas in 2004. Leukemia is a kind of cancer of the blood. It once killed many people, but today people can get treatment at hospital. It's easier to cure children than adults. Anyone can get leukemia. In 2000, around 256,000 children and adults worldwide developed some kind of leukemia, and 209,000 died from it.

Sources: <http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/article/Bush-41-shaves-his-head-to-support-a-2-year-old-4684576.php>
<http://www.star-telegram.com/2013/07/24/5026228/george-hw-bush-shaves-his-head.html#storylink=cpy>
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leukemia>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. make a 2-year-old | a. disease called leukemia |
| 2. He has a blood | b. other bodyguards |
| 3. Treatment for leukemia makes | c. medical bills |
| 4. It's hard to tell | d. boy feel better |
| 5. help pay for Patrick's | e. people's hair fall out |
| 6. expensive | f. their head |
| 7. started by Mr Bush's | g. treatment |
| 8. They also shaved | h. them apart |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. died from | a. killed many people |
| 2. They worked | b. kind of leukemia |
| 3. leukemia | c. of the blood |
| 4. a kind of cancer | d. children |
| 5. It once | e. from it |
| 6. It's easier to cure | f. hard for years |
| 7. developed some | g. leukemia |
| 8. 209,000 died | h. research |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Ex-U.S. President George H.W. Bush (1) _____ make a 2-year-old boy feel better. The boy, Patrick, is the son of Mr Bush's bodyguard. He (2) _____ called leukemia. Treatment for leukemia makes (3) _____. Bush said he wanted to help Patrick. People say Bush, 89, now looks like Patrick. One said: "It's (4) _____ apart." Mr Bush, and his wife Barbara, gave money to help pay for Patrick's medical bills. People (5) _____ his expensive treatment on a special website. (6) _____ Mr Bush's other bodyguards. They also shaved their head.

Mr And Mrs Bush's (7) _____, died from leukemia 60 years ago. The little girl was four years old. They worked hard for (8) _____ money for leukemia research. A clinic called the Robin Bush (9) _____ Clinic opened at a hospital in Texas in 2004. Leukemia is a kind of cancer of the blood. It (10) _____ people, but today people can get treatment at hospital. It's (11) _____ than adults. Anyone can get leukemia. In 2000, around 256,000 children and adults worldwide (12) _____ of leukemia, and 209,000 died from it.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

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