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## **Level 4**

# **Indonesia leader flies economy class**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1411/141123-economy-class-4.html>

Indonesian President Joko Widodo has economised by flying economy class. Many people are doing the same because of government cuts and taxes. Mr Widodo set an example to other world leaders that presidents can cut back. He and his wife flew economy class to Singapore for his son's graduation. They chose not to use the presidential airplane and bought their own air tickets. Taxpayers paid the bill for the bodyguards to fly.

The Widodos are known for their down-to-earth lifestyle. His wife doesn't wear designer dresses and shops in a clothes market. There was mixed reaction on social media to the couple flying economy. Some thought it was a publicity stunt. One man complained that the Widodos stayed in an expensive hotel. A woman praised Widodo for setting a good example. She tweeted: "Hopefully other officials can follow in his footsteps."

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# MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1411/141123-economy-class-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. President Joko Widodo has              | a. airplane              |
| 2. government                             | b. his wife flew         |
| 3. set an                                 | c. the bodyguards to fly |
| 4. He and                                 | d. example               |
| 5. for his son's                          | e. economised            |
| 6. They chose not to use the presidential | f. air tickets           |
| 7. bought their own                       | g. cuts                  |
| 8. Taxpayers paid the bill for            | h. graduation            |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                           |                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. known for their down-  | a. a publicity stunt  |
| 2. designer               | b. market             |
| 3. shops in a clothes     | c. media              |
| 4. mixed                  | d. hotel              |
| 5. social                 | e. to-earth lifestyle |
| 6. Some thought it was    | f. in his footsteps   |
| 7. stayed in an expensive | g. reaction           |
| 8. officials can follow   | h. dresses            |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Indonesian President Joko Widodo has economised

(1) \_\_\_\_\_. Many people are doing the same because of

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ taxes. Mr Widodo (3) \_\_\_\_\_

other world leaders that presidents (4) \_\_\_\_\_. He and his

wife flew economy class to Singapore for (5) \_\_\_\_\_. They

chose not to use the presidential airplane and bought their own air tickets.

Taxpayers (6) \_\_\_\_\_ bodyguards to fly.

The Widodos are known for (7) \_\_\_\_\_ lifestyle. His wife

doesn't wear designer (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in a clothes market.

There was mixed reaction (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to the couple flying

economy. Some thought it was (10) \_\_\_\_\_. One man

complained that the Widodos stayed in an expensive hotel.

(11) \_\_\_\_\_ Widodo for setting a good example. She

tweeted: "Hopefully other officials can (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# ECONOMY CLASS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1411/141123-economy-class-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about economy class 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) \_\_\_\_\_
- g) \_\_\_\_\_
- h) \_\_\_\_\_

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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) \_\_\_\_\_
- g) \_\_\_\_\_
- h) \_\_\_\_\_

