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Level 1

Eight billionaires as rich as half the world

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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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Eight men are as rich as half the world. The charity Oxfam said the billionaires have as much money as the 3.6 billion poorest people. The richest man is Microsoft founder Bill Gates. He is worth \$75 billion. The report is called 'An Economy for the 99 Per Cent'. Oxfam said: "It shows that the gap between rich and poor is far greater than [we thought]." It added that it is unfair that "super-rich" people avoid paying tax.

Oxfam said it was shocking that so few people have so much money. One in 10 people survive on less than \$2 a day. Inequality means millions of people are in poverty. Oxfam said: "Across the world, people are being left behind. Their wages are [not going up] yet...bosses take home million-dollar bonuses." It said governments only care about the rich. An economist said the report was unfair because Oxfam was attacking rich people.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/business-38613488>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Eight men are as rich | a. \$75 billion |
| 2. the 3.6 billion | b. rich and poor |
| 3. Microsoft | c. than we thought |
| 4. He is worth | d. avoid paying tax |
| 5. the gap between | e. poorest people |
| 6. far greater | f. is unfair |
| 7. It added that it | g. as half the world |
| 8. "super-rich" people | h. founder Bill Gates |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Oxfam said it | a. people are in poverty |
| 2. so few people have | b. 10 people |
| 3. One in | c. less than \$2 a day |
| 4. survive on | d. so much money |
| 5. Inequality means millions of | e. million-dollar bonuses |
| 6. people are being left | f. was shocking |
| 7. bosses take home | g. about the rich |
| 8. governments only care | h. behind |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Eight men (1) _____ half the world. The charity Oxfam said the billionaires have as much money (2) _____ billion poorest people. The richest man is Microsoft founder Bill Gates. He is (3) _____. The report is called 'An Economy for the 99 Per Cent'. Oxfam said: "It (4) _____ gap between rich and poor is far (5) _____ [we thought]." It added that it is unfair that "super-rich" people avoid (6) _____.

Oxfam said it was shocking (7) _____ people have so much money. One in 10 people (8) _____ than \$2 a day. Inequality means millions of people (9) _____. Oxfam said: "Across the world, people are being (10) _____. Their wages are [not going up] yet...bosses take home million- (11) _____." It said governments only care about the rich. An economist said the report (12) _____ because Oxfam was attacking rich people.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WEALTH SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1701/170118-income-inequality-4.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.

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 **wealth** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
