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Malaysians give cash to help government

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THE READING

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Malaysians gave nearly \$2 million to help their country with its national debt. Malaysia has a new party in power for the first time since 1957. It promised to fix the problems left by the past government. One of these problems is the huge national debt. Malaysia's new leaders say the old government lost a lot of money. They want to put that right. The government used a new way of raising money - crowdfunding. This means setting up a special page on the Internet to raise cash. People can give money to the page using their credit card.

The \$2 million raised so far is very small. It is just a drop in the ocean compared to the country's \$251 billion debt. This is about 80 per cent of Malaysia's economy. Malaysia's finance minister said it was important for people to help the country. He said: "The people voluntarily want to share their earnings with the government to [help]." The idea came from a 27-year-old Malaysian lady. She said she was, "very much in love with and proud" of her country. She started a fundraising effort that very quickly attracted interest from like-minded people who also wanted to help.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. help their country with its | a. raising money |
| 2. problems left by the | b. national debt |
| 3. the old government lost | c. card |
| 4. They want to put | d. a lot of money |
| 5. a new way of | e. past government |
| 6. a special page | f. cash |
| 7. raise | g. that right |
| 8. using their credit | h. on the Internet |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The \$2 million raised | a. \$251 billion debt |
| 2. It is just a drop | b. of her country |
| 3. compared to the country's | c. earnings |
| 4. important for people to | d. in the ocean |
| 5. share their | e. much in love |
| 6. she was very | f. so far |
| 7. proud | g. people |
| 8. like-minded | h. help the country |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Malaysians gave nearly \$2 million (1) _____ country with its national debt. Malaysia has a new (2) _____ for the first time since 1957. It promised (3) _____ problems left by the past government. One of these problems is the (4) _____. Malaysia's new leaders say the old government lost a lot of money. They want to put that right. The government used a new (5) _____ money - crowdfunding. This means setting up a special page on the Internet to raise cash. People can give money to the (6) _____ credit card.

The \$2 million raised (7) _____ very small. It is just a drop (8) _____ compared to the country's \$251 billion debt. This is about 80 per cent of Malaysia's economy. Malaysia's finance minister said it (9) _____ people to help the country. He said: "The people voluntarily want to share (10) _____ the government to [help]." The idea came from a 27-year-old Malaysian lady. She said she was, "very much in love (11) _____" of her country. She started a fundraising effort that very quickly attracted interest from like-minded people (12) _____ to help.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CROWDFUNDING SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180603-crowdfunding-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Crowdfunding 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) _____

