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Head teacher has to clean school toilets

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190326-head-teacher.html>

Times are hard for schools in England because they have so little money to spend. They have to cut back on many things. There is austerity in the UK so the government has cut school budgets. One head teacher at a school in London does not have enough money to pay for cleaners or canteen staff. This means she has to help to clean the toilets and serve students in the school cafeteria. Ms Siobhan Lowe is head of Tolworth Girls' School in south London. She recently told reporters that she was embarrassed because her school did not have enough money to support her students. Ms Lowe said she has sold school land, cut subjects and fired her deputy-head teacher to keep her school open.

The south London school is typical of many schools in the UK. Thousands of head teachers have to make difficult decisions about how to spend their school's money. More than 7,000 head teachers recently wrote to 3.5 million parents to explain why the schools have no money. Many parents have become volunteers at schools to help the children. Some schools have asked parents to provide toilet paper and other basics for the school toilets and classrooms. One school only has enough money to give students one sheet of A4 paper a month. Head teachers want to meet the UK's education secretary, but he refused to meet them. The UK's Department for Education said funding for education was a government priority.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/education-47482587>
<https://inews.co.uk/news/education/head-teacher-clean-toilets-serve-luch-school-funding-cuts/>
<https://edexec.co.uk/head-teacher-forced-to-scrub-school-toilets-due-to-lack-of-funding/>

WARM-UPS

1. HEAD TEACHERS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about head teachers. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

times / spend / austerity / budgets / canteen / toilets / embarrassed / money / open / typical / thousands / decisions / parents / toilet paper / classrooms / education / A4

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. PRIORITY: Students A **strongly** believe education should be a government's top priority; Students B **strongly** believe it shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. SCHOOLS: How were these things at your school? How can we make them better? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How was it / were they?	Improvements
Teachers		
Classrooms		
Rules		
Subjects		
Exams		
Technology		

5. BUDGET: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "budget". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. SUBJECTS: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important school subjects at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- English
- history
- maths
- art
- coding
- biology
- sports
- literature

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| 1. hard | a. A plan on how to spend or save your money. |
| 2. cut back | b. Difficult to bear; causing suffering. |
| 3. austerity | c. Difficult economic conditions because of governments spending less money on public services. |
| 4. budget | d. Feeling shame because of a situation you don't want to be in. |
| 5. staff | e. Told a worker he is no longer needed by the company or organization. |
| 6. embarrassed | f. Reducing the amount of money you spend or things you use. |
| 7. fired | g. All the people employed by a company or organization. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 8. typical | h. The minimum number of things you need to do something. |
| 9. recently | i. A thing that is thought of as being more important than another. |
| 10. volunteer | j. Showed that one is not willing to do something. |
| 11. basics | k. A person who offers to work or do something for free. |
| 12. sheet | l. A large piece of cotton or other fabric, used on a bed to cover the mattress and as a layer beneath blankets. |
| 13. refused | m. Very usual or like other things. |
| 14. priority | n. At a time not long ago, or near to now. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190326-head-teacher.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The article said times are oft in England. **T / F**
- b. The UK is cutting school budgets because of austerity. **T / F**
- c. A head teacher has to serve her students in the school cafeteria. **T / F**
- d. A head teacher has sold land to keep her school open. **T / F**
- e. Head teachers have written to 7,000 parents about a lack of money. **T / F**
- f. Many parents are volunteering to help schools. **T / F**
- g. All students get 10 sheets of A4 paper each month. **T / F**
- h. The UK education secretary agreed to meet the head teachers. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. hard | a. a short time ago |
| 2. cut | b. red-faced |
| 3. head | c. sufficient |
| 4. embarrassed | d. reduced |
| 5. support | e. supply |
| 6. typical | f. provide for |
| 7. recently | g. difficult |
| 8. provide | h. money |
| 9. enough | i. representative |
| 10. funding | j. leader |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. Times are hard | a. volunteers at schools |
| 2. They have to cut | b. deputy-head teacher |
| 3. clean the toilets and serve students | c. school land |
| 4. Ms Lowe said she has sold | d. basics |
| 5. cut subjects and fired her | e. for schools in England |
| 6. The south London school is typical of | f. government priority |
| 7. Many parents have become | g. paper a month |
| 8. provide toilet paper and other | h. back on many things |
| 9. one sheet of A4 | i. many schools in the UK |
| 10. funding for education was a | j. in the school cafeteria |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190326-head-teacher.html>

Times are (1) _____ for schools in England because they have so little money to spend. They have to (2) _____ back on many things. There is austerity in the UK so the government has cut school (3) _____. One head teacher at a school in London does not have (4) _____ money to pay for cleaners or canteen staff. This means she has to help to clean the toilets and (5) _____ students in the school cafeteria. Ms Siobhan Lowe is head of Tolworth Girls' School in south London. She (6) _____ told reporters that she was embarrassed because her school did not have enough money to support her students. Ms Lowe said she has sold school (7) _____, cut subjects and a (8) _____ her deputy-head teacher to keep her school open.

serve
budgets
fired
recently
enough
hard
land
cut

The south London school is (9) _____ of many schools in the UK. Thousands of head teachers have to make difficult (10) _____ about how to spend their school's money. More than 7,000 head teachers (11) _____ wrote to 3.5 million parents to explain why the schools have no money. Many parents have become (12) _____ at schools to help the children. Some schools have asked parents to provide toilet paper and other (13) _____ for the school toilets and classrooms. One school only has enough money to give students one (14) _____ of A4 paper a month. Head teachers want to meet the UK's education secretary, but he (15) _____ to meet them. The UK's Department for Education said funding for education was a government (16) _____.

volunteers
sheet
typical
priority
recently
refused
decisions
basics

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190326-head-teacher.html>

- 1) Times are hard for schools in England because they have so little money _____
 - a. two spend
 - b. too spend
 - c. to spend
 - d. thru spend
- 2) There is austerity in the UK so the government has cut _____
 - a. school budge ties
 - b. school budgies
 - c. school budge tis
 - d. school budgets
- 3) This means she has to help to clean the toilets and _____
 - a. server students
 - b. serve students
 - c. servile students
 - d. serves students
- 4) embarrassed because her school did not have enough money to _____ students
 - a. support her
 - b. supports her
 - c. supported her
 - d. supporter her
- 5) cut subjects and fired her deputy-head teacher to keep _____
 - a. her school opens
 - b. her school open
 - c. her school opened
 - d. her school opener
- 6) Thousands of head teachers have to make _____
 - a. difficult decisions
 - b. difficult decides
 - c. difficult dish visions
 - d. difficult dish vision
- 7) Some schools have asked parents to provide toilet paper and _____
 - a. other basically
 - b. another basics
 - c. other basic
 - d. other basics
- 8) One school only has enough money to give students _____ A4
 - a. once sheet of
 - b. one sheets of
 - c. once sheet off
 - d. one sheet of
- 9) Head teachers want to meet the UK's education secretary, but he _____
 - a. refused tomb eat
 - b. refused tomb meat
 - c. refused to meet
 - d. refused two meet
- 10) The UK's Department for Education said funding for education was a _____
 - a. governmental priority
 - b. government priority
 - c. government priorities
 - d. government a prior

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190326-head-teacher.html>

1. What did the article say about times for schools in England?
2. What did the article say schools have to cut back on?
3. Where does the head teacher have to serve food?
4. How did the teacher feel about not being able to support her students?
5. What did a head teacher sell to keep her school open?
6. What is the south London school typical of?
7. How many parents did head teachers write to?
8. What kind of paper did schools ask parents to provide?
9. Who did head teachers want to meet?
10. What did the Education Department say was a government priority?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190326-head-teacher.html>

- 1) What did the article say about times for schools in England?
 - a) from 9 to 5
 - b) things are hard
 - c) they need bigger clocks
 - d) they are wrong
- 2) What did the article say schools have to cut back on?
 - a) students
 - b) subjects
 - c) heating
 - d) many things
- 3) Where does the head teacher have to serve food?
 - a) the school cafeteria/canteen
 - b) MacDonald's
 - c) on the street
 - d) in her house
- 4) How did the teacher feel about not being able to support her students?
 - a) sad
 - b) depressed
 - c) embarrassed
 - d) OK
- 5) What did a head teacher sell to keep her school open?
 - a) her car
 - b) school land
 - c) cakes
 - d) lottery tickets
- 6) What is the south London school typical of?
 - a) excellence
 - b) a north London school
 - c) many schools in the UK
 - d) schools in poorer countries
- 7) How many parents did head teachers write to?
 - a) 4.5 million parents
 - b) 5.5 million parents
 - c) 5.3 million parents
 - d) 3.5 million parents
- 8) What kind of paper did schools ask parents to provide?
 - a) toilet paper
 - b) A4 paper
 - c) exam paper
 - d) newspaper
- 9) Who did head teachers want to meet?
 - a) the education secretary
 - b) the Prime Minister
 - c) a soccer player
 - d) Donald Trump
- 10) What did the Education Department say was a government priority?
 - a) cuts
 - b) education
 - c) Brexit
 - d) books

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190326-head-teacher.html>

Role A – English

You think English is the most important school subject. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their subjects. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): art, coding or sports.

Role B – Art

You think art is the most important school subject. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their subjects. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): English, coding or sports.

Role C – Coding

You think coding is the most important school subject. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their subjects. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): art, English or sports.

Role D – Sports

You think sports is the most important school subject. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their subjects. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): art, coding or English.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190326-head-teacher.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'head' and 'teacher'.

head	teacher

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• times• austerity• canteen• serve• embarrassed• keep	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• many• spend• volunteers• provide• sheet• funding
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HEAD TEACHERS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190326-head-teacher.html>

Write five GOOD questions about head teachers 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.

HEAD TEACHERS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'teacher'?
3. What was or is your school like?
4. What did your teachers do besides teach lessons?
5. Are times hard in your country?
6. How important is it to budget?
7. Should a head teacher have to clean toilets?
8. Why is there austerity in the UK?
9. What advice do you have for the head teacher?
10. What more can the head teacher do for her students?

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HEAD TEACHERS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'budget'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What difficult decisions do teachers have to make?
15. Who was your favourite teacher (and why)?
16. Would you volunteer to help a school?
17. What can a student do with one sheet of A4 paper per month?
18. How can schools be made better?
19. How much of a priority should education be?
20. What questions would you like to ask the head teacher?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) hardly | (b) hard | (c) harden | (d) harder |
| 2. | (a) posterity | (b) austerity | (c) austere | (d) posture |
| 3. | (a) budgeting | (b) spend | (c) afford | (d) pay |
| 4. | (a) server | (b) serve | (c) service | (d) servitude |
| 5. | (a) for | (b) to | (c) at | (d) on |
| 6. | (a) heated | (b) flamed | (c) fired | (d) lit |
| 7. | (a) typify | (b) typo | (c) typical | (d) types |
| 8. | (a) they | (b) them | (c) their | (d) that |
| 9. | (a) whoever | (b) what | (c) which | (d) why |
| 10. | (a) the others | (b) another | (c) others | (d) other |
| 11. | (a) sheet | (b) blanket | (c) quilt | (d) cover |
| 12. | (a) at | (b) on | (c) for | (d) to |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190326-head-teacher.html>

Paragraph 1

1. There is eiyrasttu in the UK
2. cut school gdsubet
3. in the school aaifrceet
4. she was raebersmdas
5. money to popsrtu her students
6. fired her dtueyp-head teacher

Paragraph 2

7. actilpy of many schools
8. have to make difficult scdnsoie
9. teachers crlnetye wrote to 3.5 million parents
10. parents have become eusolevtrn
11. he udfsree to meet them
12. a government orpriyti

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190326-head-teacher.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () wrote to 3.5 million parents to explain why the schools have no money. Many parents have become
- () staff. This means she has to help to clean the toilets and serve students in the school
- () reporters that she was embarrassed because her school did not have enough money to support
- () meet them. The UK's Department for Education said funding for education was a government priority.
- () budgets. One head teacher at a school in London does not have enough money to pay for cleaners or canteen
- () of A4 paper a month. Head teachers want to meet the UK's education secretary, but he refused to
- () basics for the school toilets and classrooms. One school only has enough money to give students one sheet
- () cafeteria. Ms Siobhan Lowe is head of Tolworth Girls' School in south London. She recently told
- () The south London school is typical of many schools in the UK. Thousands of head teachers have
- (**1**) Times are hard for schools in England because they have so little money to spend. They have to cut
- () volunteers at schools to help the children. Some schools have asked parents to provide toilet paper and other
- () to make difficult decisions about how to spend their school's money. More than 7,000 head teachers recently
- () her students. Ms Lowe said she has sold school land, cut subjects and fired her deputy-head teacher to keep her school open.
- () back on many things. There is austerity in the UK so the government has cut school

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190326-head-teacher.html>

1. schools Times for hard are in England .
2. things . to many cut on have back They
3. means she toilets . has This clean the to
4. reporters told recently She that embarrassed . she was
5. have not did Her enough money . school
6. The schools . is of London school typical many
7. Thousands have difficult decisions . make of teachers to
8. to at help . Parents become schools have volunteers
9. one students of month . Give a paper sheet
10. priority . for was education government a Funding

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190326-head-teacher.html>

Times are *hard / hardly* for schools in England because they have so little money to spend. They have to cut *front / back* on many things. There is austerity *in / on* the UK so the government has cut school *budget / budgets*. One head teacher at a school in London does not have enough money *to / for* pay for cleaners or canteen staff. This means she has to help to clean the toilets and *service / serve* students in the school cafeteria. Ms Siobhan Lowe is head of Tolworth Girls' School in south London. She *recent / recently* told reporters that she was *embarrassed / embarrass* because her school did not have enough money *to / for* support for her students. Ms Lowe said she has sold school land, cut subjects and *flamed / fired* her deputy-head teacher to keep her school open.

The south London school is *typically / typical* of many schools in the UK. Thousands of head teachers have to make difficult *decision / decisions* about how to *spend / spending* their school's money. More than 7,000 head teachers recently wrote to 3.5 million parents to explain *what / why* the schools have no money. Many parents have become *voluntary / volunteers* at schools to help the children. Some schools have *asked / request* parents to provide toilet paper and *another / other* basics for the school toilets and classrooms. One school only has enough money to give students one *blanket / sheet* of A4 paper a month. Head teachers want to *meat / meet* the UK's education secretary, but he refused to meet them. The UK's Department for Education said funding for education was a government *priority / correctly*.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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T_m_s _r_ h_r d f_r s c h__ l s _n E n g l _n d b_c__ s_ t h_y h_v_ s_ l_t t l_ m_n_y t_ s p_n d . Th_y h_v_ t_ c_t b_c k _n m_n_y t h_n g s . Th_r_ s __ s t_r_t y _n t h_ U K s_ t h_ g_v_r n m_n t h_s c_t s c h__ l b_d g_t s . O n_ h__ d t__ c h_r t_ _ s c h__ l _n L_n d_n d__ s _n t h_v_ _n__ g h m_n_y t_ p_y f_r c l__ n_r s _r c_n t__ n s t_f f . Th_s m__ n s s h_ h_s t_ h_l p t_ c l__ n t h_ t__ l_t s _n d s_r v_ s t_d_n t s _n t h_ s c h__ l c_f_t_r__ . M s S__ b h_n L_w__ s h__ d _f T_l w_r t h G_r l s ' S c h__ l _n s__ t h L_n d_n . S h_ r_c_n t l y t_l d r_p_r t_r s t h_t s h_ w_s _m b_r r_s s_d b_c__ s_ h_r s c h__ l d_d n_t h_v_ _n__ g h m_n_y t_ s_p p_r t f_r h_r s t_d_n t s . M s L_w_ s__ d s h_ h_s s_l d s c h__ l l_n d , c_t s_b_j_c_t s _n d f_r d h_r d_p_t y - h__ d t__ c h_r t_ k__ p h_r s c h__ l _p_n .

T h_ s__ t h L_n d_n s c h__ l _s t y p_c_l _f m_n_y s c h__ l s _n t h_ U K . Th__ s_n d s _f h__ d t__ c h_r s h_v_ t_ m_k_ d_f f_c_l t d_c_s__ n s _b__ t h_w t_ s p_n d t h__ r s c h__ l ' s m_n_y . M_r_ t h_n 7 , 0 0 0 h__ d t__ c h_r s r_c_n t l y w_r_t_ t_ 3 . 5 m_l l__ n p_r_n t s t_ x_p_l__ n w_h_y t h_ s c h__ l s h_v_ _n_ m_n_y . M_n_y p_r_n t s h_v_ b_c_m_ v_l_n t__ r s _t s c h__ l s t_ h_l p t h_ c h_l d_r_n . S_m_ s c h__ l s h_v_ _s_k_d p_r_n t s t_ p r_v_d_ t__ l_t p_p_r _n d _t h_r b_s_c_s f_r t h_ s c h__ l t__ l_t s _n d c_l_s_s_r__ m_s . O n_ s c h__ l _n l y h_s _n__ g h m_n_y t_ g_v_ s t_d_n t s _n_ s h__ t _f A 4 p_p_r _ m_n t h . H__ d t__ c h_r s w_n t t_ m__ t t h_ U K ' s _d_c_t__ n s_c_r_t_r y , b_t h_ r_f_s_d t_ m__ t t h_m . Th_ U K ' s D_p_r t m_n t f_r E d_c_t__ n s__ d f_n d_n g f_r _d_c_t__ n w_s _ g_v_r n m_n t p_r__ r_t y .

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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times are hard for schools in england because they have so little money to spend they have to cut back on many things there is austerity in the uk so the government has cut school budgets one head teacher at a school in london does not have enough money to pay for cleaners or canteen staff this means she has to help to clean the toilets and serve students in the school cafeteria ms siobhan lowe is head of tolworth girls school in south london she recently told reporters that she was embarrassed because her school did not have enough money to support her students ms lowe said she has sold school land cut subjects and fired her deputyhead teacher to keep her school open

the south london school is typical of many schools in the uk thousands of head teachers have to make difficult decisions about how to spend their schools money more than 7000 head teachers recently wrote to 35 million parents to explain why the schools have no money many parents have become volunteers at schools to help the children some schools have asked parents to provide toilet paper and other basics for the school toilets and classrooms one school only has enough money to give students one sheet of a4 paper a month head teachers want to meet the uks education secretary but he refused to meet them the uks department for education said funding for education was a government priority.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Times are hard for schools in England because they have so little money to spend. They have to cut back on many things. There is austerity in the UK so the government has cut school budgets. One head teacher at a school in London does not have enough money to pay for cleaners or canteen staff. This means she has to help to clean the toilets and serve students in the school cafeteria. Ms Siobhan Lowe is head of Tolworth Girls' School in south London. She recently told reporters that she was embarrassed because her school did not have enough money to support students. Ms Lowe said she has sold school land, cut subjects and fired her deputy-head teacher to keep the school open. The south London school is typical of many schools in the UK. Thousands of head teachers have to make difficult decisions about how to spend their school's money. More than 7,000 head teachers recently wrote to 3.5 million parents to explain why the school has no money. Many parents have become volunteers at school to help the children. Some schools have asked parents to provide toilet paper and other basics for the school toilets and classrooms. One school only has enough money to give students one sheet of A4 paper a month. Head teachers want to meet the UK's education secretary, but he refused to meet them. The UK's Department for Education said funding for education was a government priority.

HOMWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. HEAD TEACHERS: Make a poster about head teachers. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. EDUCATION: Write a magazine article about education being a government's top spending priority. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on head teachers. Ask him/her three questions about head teachers. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. f 3. c 4. a 5. g 6. d 7. e
8. m 9. n 10. k 11. h 12. l 13. j 14. i

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b T c T d T e F f T g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|----------------|---------------------|
| 1. hard | a. difficult |
| 2. cut | b. reduced |
| 3. head | c. leader |
| 4. embarrassed | d. red-faced |
| 5. support | e. provide for |
| 6. typical | f. representative |
| 7. recently | g. a short time ago |
| 8. provide | h. supply |
| 9. enough | i. sufficient |
| 10. funding | j. money |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. They are hard
2. Many things
3. The school cafeteria/canteen
4. Embarrassed
5. School land
6. Many schools in the UK
7. 3.5 million parents
8. Toilet paper
9. The education secretary
10. Education

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Times are hard for schools in England.
2. They have to cut back on many things.
3. This means she has to clean the toilets.
4. She recently told reporters that she was embarrassed.
5. Her school did not have enough money.
6. The London school is typical of many schools.
7. Thousands of teachers have to make difficult decisions.
8. Parents have become volunteers at schools to help.
9. Give students one sheet of paper a month.
10. Funding for education was a government priority.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. c 7. d 8. a 9. a 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)