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Level 2 – 28th October, 2020

UK government votes against free meals for poorer children

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The UK government voted against giving children free school lunches during the holidays. A huge majority of the government voted against giving a weekly food voucher. The value of the voucher was just \$20 per child. The government is now under pressure to make a U-turn. In the summer, the Manchester United footballer Marcus Rashford campaigned to get the government to provide school lunches for poorer children during the coronavirus pandemic. The government made a U-turn then. Mr Rashford has started another campaign for another U-turn.

The British public is angry that politicians voted against giving the food vouchers. Many children will not get a proper meal during the holidays. Prime Minister Boris Johnson said he would not U-turn. He said he "totally understands" the issue of hunger. Many people on social media said Mr Johnson does not understand because he comes from a rich family and has always had money. People are angry COVID-19 consultants in the UK are paid over \$8,000 a day, but children cannot get a \$20 lunch voucher. Many stores across the UK are banning politicians from their businesses.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. school lunches during | a. pandemic |
| 2. A huge | b. voucher |
| 3. a weekly food | c. pressure |
| 4. The value of the voucher was | d. a U-turn |
| 5. The government is now under | e. majority |
| 6. make | f. school lunches |
| 7. get the government to provide | g. just \$20 per child |
| 8. during the coronavirus | h. the holidays |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The British public | a. meal |
| 2. politicians voted against giving | b. their businesses |
| 3. children will not get a proper | c. over \$8,000 a day |
| 4. he totally understands the | d. rich family |
| 5. he comes from a | e. is angry |
| 6. consultants in the UK are paid | f. across the UK |
| 7. Many stores | g. the food vouchers |
| 8. banning politicians from | h. issue of hunger |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The UK government (1) _____ children free school lunches during the holidays. (2) _____ of the government voted against (3) _____ food voucher. The value of the voucher was just \$20 per child. The government is now (4) _____ make a U-turn. In the summer, the Manchester United footballer Marcus Rashford campaigned to get the government to provide school (5) _____ children during the coronavirus pandemic. The government made a U-turn then. Mr Rashford has (6) _____ for another U-turn.

The British (7) _____ that politicians voted against giving the food vouchers. Many children will not get (8) _____ during the holidays. Prime Minister Boris Johnson said he (9) _____. He said he "totally understands" the issue of hunger. Many people on social media said Mr Johnson does not understand because he comes from (10) _____ and has always had money. People are angry COVID-19 consultants in the UK (11) _____ \$8,000 a day, but children cannot get a \$20 lunch voucher. Many stores across the UK are banning politicians (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SCHOOL MEALS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201028-free-school-meals-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about school meals 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) _____

