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**Level 1** – 21st June, 2021

## A quarter of adults don't want children

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2106/210621-child-free-1.html>

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2106/210621-child-free-1.html>

Views on children are changing in the USA. Research shows that 25 per cent of adults do not want children. A quarter of American adults are happy being "child-free". Two psychologists did research on why child-free people might be different from "non-parents". They said non-parents are "not-yet-parents" (those planning to have kids) and people who cannot have children because of medical problems.

Researchers looked at data from 1,000 adults. They were surprised by how many child-free people there were. They said child-free people were more liberal than parents. Unsurprisingly, parents were more likely to be in a relationship. Child-free adults were a little younger and less well-educated than parents or non-parents. The researchers added that more research would find out why people want to be child-free.

Sources: [https://www.eurekaalert.org/pub\\_releases/2021-06/msu-saq061521.php](https://www.eurekaalert.org/pub_releases/2021-06/msu-saq061521.php)  
<https://www.futurity.org/child-free-happy-adults-2583322-2/>  
<https://msutoday.msu.edu/news/2021/childfree-adults>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2106/210621-child-free-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Views                        | a. of American adults |
| 2. Research shows               | b. children           |
| 3. 25 per cent of adults do not | c. research           |
| 4. A quarter                    | d. on children        |
| 5. Two psychologists did        | e. problems           |
| 6. those planning               | f. that               |
| 7. people who cannot have       | g. want children      |
| 8. medical                      | h. to have kids       |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                      |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Researchers looked at data | a. relationship      |
| 2. They were surprised        | b. out               |
| 3. child-free people          | c. little younger    |
| 4. more likely to be in a     | d. be child-free     |
| 5. Child-free adults were a   | e. by how many       |
| 6. less well-                 | f. from 1,000 adults |
| 7. more research would find   | g. were more liberal |
| 8. why people want to         | h. educated          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Views <sup>(1)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ changing in the USA. Research shows that 25 per cent of adults do <sup>(2)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. A quarter of American adults <sup>(3)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ "child-free". Two psychologists <sup>(4)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ why child-free people might be different from "non-parents". They said non-parents are "<sup>(5)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_" (those planning to have kids) and people who cannot have children because <sup>(6)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

Researchers looked <sup>(7)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 1,000 adults. They were <sup>(8)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ many child-free people there were. They said child-free people were <sup>(9)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ parents. Unsurprisingly, parents were <sup>(10)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ be in a relationship. Child-free adults were a little younger and less <sup>(11)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ parents or non-parents. The researchers added that more research would <sup>(12)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ people want to be child-free.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# CHILDREN SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2106/210621-child-free-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about children 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2106/210621-child-free-1.html>

Write about **children** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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