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**Level 2** – 26th May, 2022

## Millionaires say 'tax us more'

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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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Times are hard for people because of rising prices. COVID-19 and the Ukraine War have pushed up food and energy bills. In some countries, energy prices have tripled and food is 20 per cent more expensive than a year ago. A group of wealthy people who own companies has asked governments to tax them more. The people were at a meeting of global leaders in Davos, Switzerland. They protested in the streets. They marched with left-wing activists. They asked governments to increase taxes for people like them. The protestors wanted fairer taxes.

The Davos meeting has been held since 1971. World leaders meet there once a year to talk about global problems. The group of wealthy people call themselves the Patriotic Millionaires. One millionaire said it was shocking that world leaders listen "to those who have the most but know the least" about the cost of living crisis. He said many super-rich people are well known for paying very little in tax. He added that he wants the richest people to be taxed more. A different millionaire protestor said "another quarter of a billion people will be pushed into extreme poverty this year".

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/business-61549155>  
<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2022/may/22/millionaires-join-davos-protests-demanding-tax-us-now-taxation-wealthy-cost-of-living-crisis>  
<https://www.commondreams.org/news/2022/05/22/tax-rich-say-millionaire-activists-protesting-davos-amid-record-wealth-inequality>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                      |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. pushed up food and           | a. taxes             |
| 2. energy prices have           | b. a year ago        |
| 3. more expensive than          | c. wing activists    |
| 4. people who own               | d. tripled           |
| 5. The people were at a meeting | e. people like them  |
| 6. They marched with left-      | f. energy bills      |
| 7. increase taxes for           | g. of global leaders |
| 8. The protestors wanted fairer | h. companies         |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                |                      |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The Davos meeting has been  | a. a billion people  |
| 2. leaders meet                | b. know the least    |
| 3. One millionaire said it     | c. poverty           |
| 4. those who have the most but | d. held since 1971   |
| 5. he wants the richest people | e. protestor         |
| 6. A different millionaire     | f. was shocking      |
| 7. another quarter of          | g. to be taxed more  |
| 8. pushed into extreme         | h. there once a year |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220526-millionaires-tax-2.html>

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The Davos meeting has (7) \_\_\_\_\_ 1971. World leaders meet there once a year to talk (8) \_\_\_\_\_. The group of wealthy people call themselves the Patriotic Millionaires. One millionaire said it (9) \_\_\_\_\_ world leaders listen "to those who have the most but know the least" about the cost (10) \_\_\_\_\_. He said many super-rich people are well known for paying very little in tax. He added that he wants the richest people to (11) \_\_\_\_\_. A different millionaire protestor said "(12) \_\_\_\_\_ a billion people will be pushed into extreme poverty this year".

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# TAX SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220526-millionaires-tax-2.html>

Write five GOOD questions about tax 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 **tax** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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