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Level 0

Venezuela seizes 4 million toys for its children

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1612/161213-toys-0.html>

Venezuela's government took 4 million toys from a company.

It will give them to children. The government says the company's prices were too high. Only rich people could buy them. Many people don't have money for things like toys. The minimum salary in Venezuela does not buy much.

The government said children are very important and should have toys. It said the toy company did not give any toys to shops, so prices went up. The government said the company tried to sell the toys at high prices. The company said it did nothing wrong. It said many of the toys were unfashionable.

Sources: <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-12-09/venezuela-seizes-millions-of-toys-accuses-importer-of-hoarding>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. toys from | a. people could buy them |
| 2. It will give them | b. toys |
| 3. the company's prices were | c. a company |
| 4. Only rich | d. much |
| 5. Many people don't | e. too high |
| 6. things like | f. salary |
| 7. The minimum | g. have money |
| 8. does not buy | h. to children |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. children are very important | a. tried |
| 2. the toy company did not give | b. nothing wrong |
| 3. prices went | c. toys |
| 4. The government said the company | d. unfashionable |
| 5. sell the | e. any toys to shops |
| 6. at high | f. up |
| 7. The company said it did | g. and should have toys |
| 8. many of the toys were | h. prices |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Venezuela's government took 4 million (1) _____

company. It (2) _____ to children. The

(3) _____ the company's prices were too high.

Only rich people (4) _____. Many people don't

have (5) _____ like toys. The minimum salary

in Venezuela does (6) _____.

The government said children (7) _____ and

should have toys. It said the toy company (8) _____

any toys to shops, so (9) _____. The

government said the company tried (10) _____

at high prices. The company said it did (11) _____.

It said many of the toys (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TOYS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1612/161213-toys-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about toys 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) _____

