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Nicki Minaj to pay college fees for fans

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THE ARTICLE

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The singer Nicki Minaj has told her millions of Twitter followers she would pay university tuition fees for some of them if they can get A-grades. The 34-year-old rapper agreed to donate thousands of dollars to 30 fans if they could prove they got straight A's at high school. She also promised she would pay more tuition fees in the future. Ms Minaj tweeted: "Show me straight A's that I can verify with your school, and I'll pay [your college fees]." In an additional tweet, she joked: "Let me make those payments tomorrow, then see if I have any money left." Soon after she posted her tweet on Twitter, she received thousands of replies. One student asked for \$6,000 to pay for his accommodation, books, classes and food.

Minaj did not initially plan to pay for her fans' tuition fees. She started tweeting about a contest to fly in a fan from anywhere in the world to join her at a music awards show in Las Vegas. A fan quickly asked if she would pay for his college fees and things went on from there. Nicki Minaj was born in Trinidad and raised in New York. A New York Times editor suggested she was, "the most influential female rapper of all time". She has sold 20 million singles worldwide as a solo artist, and another 60 million singles as a featured or guest artist. One Twitter user said: "She is...one of the most compassionate, caring and generous people in all of the entertainment industry."

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nicki_Minaj

WARM-UPS

1. SCHOOL FEES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about school fees. 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?

millions / university / tuition / A-grades / replies / accommodation / books / classes / initially / contest / music awards / college fees / editor / influential / female / rapper

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

3. TUITION FEES: Students A **strongly** believe school tuition fees should be free and paid for by an increase in tax; Students B **strongly** believe parents should pay. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. HELP THE STUDENTS: How can these people help students more at school? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What kind of help?	Will they do this?
Country's leader		
Pop singers		
School heads		
Teachers		
Parents		
Businesses		

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

6. COLLEGE: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important things about college at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- friends
- clubs
- teachers
- graduation
- passing exams
- growing up
- learning
- community

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170510-nicki-minaj.html>

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

- a. Nicki Minaj has billions of followers. **T / F**
- b. Nicki Minaj wanted to pay the tuition for 300 of her fans. **T / F**
- c. Minaj wanted to verify straight A's with students' schools. **T / F**
- d. A student asked Nicki Minaj for \$60,000 for his tuition fees. **T / F**
- e. Minaj first wanted someone to join her at an awards show in Las Vegas. **T / F**
- f. Nicki Minaj was born in New York and raised in Trinidad. **T / F**
- g. Minaj has sold 20 million singles as a solo singer. **T / F**
- h. A Twitter user said Minaj was compassionate and generous. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. tuition | a. at first |
| 2. prove | b. further |
| 3. additional | c. responses |
| 4. replies | d. grew up |
| 5. accommodation | e. get together with |
| 6. initially | f. education |
| 7. join | g. globally |
| 8. was raised | h. giving |
| 9. worldwide | i. housing |
| 10. generous | j. show |

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

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. she would pay university tuition | a. generous |
| 2. agreed to donate | b. accommodation |
| 3. pay more tuition fees | c. show |
| 4. she received thousands | d. fees |
| 5. \$6,000 to pay for his | e. artist |
| 6. at a music awards | f. industry |
| 7. the most influential | g. of replies |
| 8. as a solo | h. in the future |
| 9. compassionate, caring and | i. female rapper |
| 10. the entertainment | j. thousands of dollars |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170510-nicki-minaj.html>

The singer Nicki Minaj has told her (1) _____ of Twitter followers she would pay university (2) _____ fees for some of them if they can get A-grades. The 34-year-old rapper agreed to donate thousands of dollars to 30 fans if they could (3) _____ they got straight A's at high school. She also promised she would pay more tuition fees in the (4) _____. Ms Minaj tweeted: "Show me straight A's that I can verify with your school, and I'll pay [your college fees]." In an (5) _____ tweet, she joked: "Let me make those payments tomorrow, then see if I have any money (6) _____." Soon after she posted her tweet on Twitter, she received (7) _____ of replies. One student asked for \$6,000 to pay for his accommodation, books, classes and (8) _____.

tuition
thousands
prove
additional
food
millions
left
future

Minaj did not (9) _____ plan to pay for her fans' tuition fees. She started tweeting about a (10) _____ to fly in a fan from anywhere in the world to join her at a music awards show in Las Vegas. A fan quickly asked if she would pay for his college fees and (11) _____ went on from there. Nicki Minaj was born in Trinidad and (12) _____ in New York. A New York Times editor suggested she was, "the most influential female rapper of all (13) _____". She has sold 20 million singles worldwide as a solo artist, and another 60 million singles as a featured or (14) _____ artist. One Twitter user said: "She is...one of the most compassionate, (15) _____ and generous people in all of the entertainment (16) _____."

time
things
caring
initially
industry
contest
guest
raised

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170510-nicki-minaj.html>

- 1) she would pay university tuition fees for some of them _____ A-grades
 - a. if they can got
 - b. if them can get
 - c. if they can get
 - d. of they can get
- 2) The 34-year-old rapper agreed to donate thousands of _____
 - a. dollars at 30 fans
 - b. dollars to 30 fans
 - c. dollars in 30 fans
 - d. dollars for 30 fans
- 3) She also promised she would pay more tuition _____
 - a. fees on the future
 - b. fees to the future
 - c. fees at the future
 - d. fees in the future
- 4) Let me make those payments tomorrow, then see if I have _____
 - a. any money left
 - b. any money lefts
 - c. any money leftie
 - d. any money leftovers
- 5) One student asked for \$6,000 to pay for his accommodation, books, _____
 - a. classis and food
 - b. class lists and food
 - c. classed is and food
 - d. classes and food
- 6) Minaj did not initially plan to pay for her fans' _____
 - a. tuition freeze
 - b. tuition flees
 - c. tuition fleas
 - d. tuition fees
- 7) She started tweeting about a contest to fly in a fan from anywhere in the _____
 - a. worldly to join her
 - b. worlds to join her
 - c. world to join her
 - d. worldwide to join her
- 8) A New York Times editor suggested she was the most influential female _____
 - a. rapper of all time
 - b. rapper of each time
 - c. rapper of whole time
 - d. rapper of every time
- 9) She has sold 20 million singles worldwide as _____
 - a. a polo artist
 - b. a solo artist
 - c. a silo artist
 - d. a hula artist
- 10) She is one of the most compassionate, caring and _____
 - a. generosity people
 - b. generates people
 - c. genius people
 - d. generous people

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The singer Nicki Minaj (1) _____ millions of Twitter followers she would pay university tuition (2) _____ them if they can get A-grades. The 34-year-old rapper agreed to donate thousands of dollars to 30 fans if they could prove (3) _____ A's at high school. She also promised she would pay more tuition fees in the future. Ms Minaj tweeted: "Show me straight (4) _____ verify with your school, and I'll pay [your college fees]." In an additional tweet, she joked: "Let me make those payments tomorrow, (5) _____ have any money left." Soon after she posted her tweet on Twitter, she received (6) _____. One student asked for \$6,000 to pay for his accommodation, books, classes and food.

Minaj did (7) _____ to pay for her fans' tuition fees. She started tweeting about (8) _____ in a fan from anywhere in the world to (9) _____ music awards show in Las Vegas. A fan quickly asked if she would pay for his college fees and things (10) _____. Nicki Minaj was born in Trinidad and raised in New York. A New York Times editor suggested she was, "the most influential female (11) _____". She has sold 20 million singles worldwide as a solo artist, and another 60 million singles as a featured or guest artist. One Twitter user said: "She is...one of the most compassionate, caring and generous (12) _____ the entertainment industry."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170510-nicki-minaj.html>

1. How many followers does Nicki Minaj have on Twitter?
2. How much did Nicki Minaj promise to donate to fans?
3. What did Nicki Minaj say she wanted to verify?
4. How many replies did Nicki Minaj receive to her tweet?
5. How much did a fan want for his college fees?
6. Where did Nicki Minaj initially want fans to join her?
7. Where did Nicki Minaj grow up?
8. Who said Minaj was the most influential female rapper ever?
9. How many singles has Minaj sold as a solo artist?
10. What industry did a Twitter user say Minaj was in?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170510-nicki-minaj.html>

- 1) How many followers does Nicki Minaj have on Twitter?
 - a) hundreds of thousands
 - b) millions
 - c) one million
 - d) 679,902
- 2) How much did Nicki Minaj promise to donate to fans?
 - a) \$679,902
 - b) hundreds of thousands of dollars
 - c) millions of dollars
 - d) thousands of dollars
- 3) What did Nicki Minaj say she wanted to verify?
 - a) straight A's
 - b) schools
 - c) promises
 - d) fees
- 4) How many replies did Nicki Minaj receive to her tweet?
 - a) 679,902
 - b) hundreds of thousands
 - c) thousands
 - d) millions
- 5) How much did a fan want for his college fees?
 - a) \$679,902
 - b) \$6,000
 - c) \$16,000
 - d) \$66,000
- 6) Where did Nicki Minaj initially want fans to join her?
 - a) Las Palmas
 - b) Los Alamos
 - c) Las Vegas
 - d) Los Angeles
- 7) Where did Nicki Minaj grow up?
 - a) Spain
 - b) Trinidad
 - c) London
 - d) New York
- 8) Who said Minaj was the most influential female rapper ever?
 - a) a New York Times editor
 - b) a famous rapper
 - c) a music paper
 - d) her best friend
- 9) How many singles has Minaj sold as a solo artist?
 - a) 20,000,000
 - b) 60,000,000
 - c) 679,902
 - d) 26,000,000
- 10) What industry did a Twitter user say Minaj was in?
 - a) a caring industry
 - b) the entertainment industry
 - c) the movie industry
 - d) an entertaining industry

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Friends

You think friends are the most important things about college. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): clubs, teachers or passing exams.

Role B – Clubs

You think clubs are the most important things about college. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): friends, teachers or passing exams.

Role C – Teachers

You think teachers are the most important things about college. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): clubs, friends or passing exams.

Role D – Passing exams

You think passing exams is the most important thing about college. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): clubs, teachers or friends.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170510-nicki-minaj.html>

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

college	fee
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- 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">• millions• some• high• joked• left• food	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• plan• join• things• most• solo• people
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SCHOOL FEES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about school fees 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.

SCHOOL FEES 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 'college'?
3. What do you know about Nicki Minaj?
4. What do you think of Nicki Minaj after reading this article?
5. What do you think of college tuition fees?
6. What grades did you get at school?
7. Should Nicki also pay for students who get C's and D's?
8. Do you think university is too expensive?
9. What is the best way to get A-grades?
10. How can students save money on college costs?

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SCHOOL FEES 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 'fees'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Which music star would you like to join at an awards show?
15. What do you think of rap music?
16. Who is the most important rapper ever?
17. Which famous people do you think are very caring?
18. What three adjectives best describe this story?
19. Should all singers help kids through college?
20. What questions would you like to ask Nicki Minaj?

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) tells | (b) tell | (c) told | (d) telling |
| 2. | (a) them | (b) they | (c) there | (d) that |
| 3. | (a) to | (b) by | (c) for | (d) of |
| 4. | (a) additional | (b) addition | (c) additionally | (d) add |
| 5. | (a) remain | (b) over | (c) right | (d) left |
| 6. | (a) paying | (b) pays | (c) paid | (d) pay |
| 7. | (a) plan | (b) plane | (c) plant | (d) plain |
| 8. | (a) by | (b) on | (c) up | (d) in |
| 9. | (a) went | (b) gone | (c) been | (d) came |
| 10. | (a) each | (b) all | (c) whole | (d) every |
| 11. | (a) was | (b) as | (c) has | (d) is |
| 12. | (a) all | (b) every | (c) entire | (d) whole |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. danoet thousands of dollars
2. pay more nuiitot fees
3. In an taonaildid tweet
4. Let me make those msapyent tomorrow
5. she received thousands of rsilepe
6. \$6,000 to pay for his cocdatimamoon

Paragraph 2

7. Minaj did not iillnyati plan to pay
8. join her at a music darsaw show
9. born in Trinidad and asired in New York
10. as a solo aitstr
11. caring and eogrneus
12. in all of the entertainment yustrind

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170510-nicki-minaj.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () future. Ms Minaj tweeted: "Show me straight A's that I can verify with your school, and I'll
- () caring and generous people in all of the entertainment industry."
- () pay [your college fees]." In an additional tweet, she joked: "Let me make those payments tomorrow, then see if I have
- (**1**) The singer Nicki Minaj has told her millions of Twitter followers she would pay university tuition
- () for his college fees and things went on from there. Nicki Minaj was born in Trinidad and raised
- () in New York. A New York Times editor suggested she was, "the most influential female rapper of all
- () anywhere in the world to join her at a music awards show in Las Vegas. A fan quickly asked if she would pay
- () fees for some of them if they can get A-grades. The 34-year-old rapper agreed to donate thousands of dollars to 30
- () or guest artist. One Twitter user said: "She is...one of the most compassionate,
- () asked for \$6,000 to pay for his accommodation, books, classes and food.
- () time". She has sold 20 million singles worldwide as a solo artist, and another 60 million singles as a featured
- () any money left." Soon after she posted her tweet on Twitter, she received thousands of replies. One student
- () Minaj did not initially plan to pay for her fans' tuition fees. She started tweeting about a contest to fly in a fan from
- () fans if they could prove they got straight A's at high school. She also promised she would pay more tuition fees in the

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. agreed 34-year-old of to dollars donate rapper The thousands .
2. promised also She future the in fees tuition more pay would she .
3. A's that I can verify with your school Show me straight .
4. tomorrow" payments those make me joked: She . "Let
5. for One for \$6,000 student his to asked accommodation pay .
6. Minaj fees tuition fans' her for pay to plan initially not did .
7. a in fly to contest A world the in anywhere from fan .
8. his for pay would she if asked quickly fan A fees college .
9. the female all was influential of She most rapper time .
10. sold 20 million singles worldwide as a solo artist She has .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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The singer Nicki Minaj has told her *million / millions* of Twitter followers she would pay university tuition fees for some of them if they can get A-grades. The 34-year-old rapper *agreeing / agreed* to donate thousands of dollars to 30 fans if they could *prove / proof* they got *straight / straightened* A's at high school. She also promised she would pay more tuition fees *on / in* the future. Ms Minaj tweeted: "Show me straight A's that I can verify with your school, and I'll pay [your college fees]." In an *addition / additional* tweet, she joked: "Let me make *those / them* payments tomorrow, then see if I have any money *right / left*." Soon after she posted her tweet on Twitter, she received thousands *of / for* replies. One student asked for \$6,000 to pay for his accommodation, books, *classes / classy* and food.

Minaj did not *initially / initial* plan to pay for her fans' tuition fees. She started tweeting about a *contests / contest* to fly in a fan from anywhere in the world to *joint / join* her at a music awards show in Las Vegas. A fan quickly *asked / asks* if she would pay for his college fees and things *gone / went* on from there. Nicki Minaj was *born / birth* in Trinidad and raised in New York. A New York Times editor suggested she was, "the most influential female rapper of *every / all* time". She has sold 20 million singles *worldly / worldwide* as a solo artist, and another 60 million singles as a featured or *guest / guessed* artist. One Twitter user said: "She is...one of the most compassionate, caring and generous people in all of the entertainment *industry / industrial*."

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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Th_ s_ng_r N_ck_ M_n_j h_s t_ld h_r m_ll__ns _f
Tw_tt_r f_ll_w_rs sh_ w__ld p_y _n_v_rs_ty t__t__n
f__s f_r s_m_ _f th_m _f th_y c_n g_t __gr_d_s. Th_
34-y__r-ld r_pp_r _gr_d t_ d_n_t_ th__s_nds _f
d_ll_rs t_ 30 f_ns _f th_y c__ld pr_v_ th_y g_t str__ght
's _t h_gh sch__l. Sh_ _ls_ pr_m_s_d sh_ w__ld p_y
m_r_ t__t__n f__s _n th_ f_t_r_. Ms M_n_j tw__t_d:
"Sh_w m_ str__ght _'s th_t _ c_n v_r_fy w_th y__r
sch__l, _nd _'ll p_y [y__r c_ll_g_ f__s]." _n _n
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p_ym_nts t_m_rr_w, th_n s__ _f _ h_v_ _ny m_n_y
l_ft." S__n _ft_r sh_ p_st_d h_r tw__t_n Tw_tt_r, sh_
r_c__v_d th__s_nds _f r_pl__s. _n st_d_nt _sk_d f_r
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_nd f__d.

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t__t__n f__s. Sh_ st_rt_d tw__t_ng b__t _c_nt_st t_
fly _n _f_n fr_m _nywh_r_ _n th_ w_rld t_ j__n h_r t_
_m_s_c _w_rds sh_w _n L_s V_g_s. _f_n q__ckly
_sk_d _f sh_ w__ld p_y f_r h_s c_ll_g_ f__s _nd th_ngs
w_nt _n fr_m th_r_. N_ck_ M_n_j w_s b_rn _n Tr_n_d_d
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170510-nicki-minaj.html>

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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Write about **school fees** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170510-nicki-minaj.html>

All rich people should help pay the school fees of poorer kids. Discuss.

HOMework

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. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. NICKI MINAJ: Make a poster about Nicki Minaj. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. SCHOOL FEES: Write a magazine article about richer people paying the school fees of poorer students. 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 school fees. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how we can help poorer kids get through school. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. tuition | a. education |
| 2. prove | b. show |
| 3. additional | c. further |
| 4. replies | d. responses |
| 5. accommodation | e. housing |
| 6. initially | f. at first |
| 7. join | g. get together with |
| 8. was raised | h. grew up |
| 9. worldwide | i. globally |
| 10. generous | j. giving |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Millions
2. Thousands of dollars
3. Straight A's
4. Thousands
5. \$6,000
6. Las Vegas
7. New York
8. A New York Times editor
9. 20 million
10. The entertainment industry

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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 ;-)