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Level 5 – 31st May, 2019

Anger at TV show with big age difference couples

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190531-age-differences-5.html>

People in the UK are angry at a TV channel. Viewers accused the Channel 5 series Age Gap Love of "normalising grooming". The show followed the lives of couples with a big age difference. One show followed the relationship of a couple who dated when the man was 44 and his partner was 16. The man was a friend of the 16-year-old's mother. He became friendly with the daughter when she was a child. After this episode was aired, the channel received a flood of complaints from viewers. They slammed the show for "making this concept seem normal".

The couple in the show are married with two children. The man, 47, said he was worried about what people would think of the big gap. His wife, now 19, also spoke about their relationship. She said: "The age doesn't really bother me. It never has done. I don't see him as an old man...or anything like that. He's just sensitive - like a big teddy bear." She added: "I've always wanted to have a family, so I just thought he would be the perfect man." Life has not been easy for the couple. When they first started dating, they got a lot of abuse from neighbours and had to move to another city.

Sources: <https://www.mirror.co.uk/tv/tv-news/age-gap-love-accused-normalising-16213965>
<https://www.thesun.co.uk/fabulous/9166705/viewers-blast-channel-5-normalising-grooming-age-gap-love/>
<https://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/tv/viewers-criticise-channel-5s-age-16341922>

PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190531-age-differences-5.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. People in the UK are angry | a. of complaints |
| 2. couples with a big | b. old's mother |
| 3. a couple who dated when | c. seem normal |
| 4. a friend of the 16-year- | d. was aired |
| 5. He became friendly | e. at a TV channel |
| 6. After this episode | f. the man was 44 |
| 7. the channel received a flood | g. with the daughter |
| 8. making this concept | h. age difference |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. married with | a. dating |
| 2. The age doesn't really | b. teddy bear |
| 3. I don't see him | c. another city |
| 4. like a big | d. as an old man |
| 5. Life has not been easy | e. from neighbours |
| 6. When they first started | f. two children |
| 7. they got a lot of abuse | g. for the couple |
| 8. had to move to | h. bother me |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190531-age-differences-5.html>

People in the UK (1) _____ a TV channel. Viewers accused the Channel 5 series Age Gap Love of "normalising grooming". The show (2) _____ of couples with a big age difference. One show followed the relationship of a (3) _____ when the man was 44 and his partner was 16. The man was a friend of the 16-year-old's mother. He (4) _____ the daughter when she was a child. After this (5) _____, the channel received a flood of complaints from viewers. They slammed the show for "(6) _____ seem normal".

The couple in the show are married with two children. The man, 47, said he was worried about what people would think of (7) _____. His wife, now 19, also (8) _____ relationship. She said: "The age doesn't (9) _____. It never has done. I don't see him as an old man...or anything like that. (10) _____ - like a big teddy bear." She added: "I've always wanted to have a family, so I just thought he would be (11) _____." Life has not been easy for the couple. When they first started dating, they got a (12) _____ from neighbours and had to move to another city.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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AGE DIFFERENCES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190531-age-differences-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about age differences 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) _____

