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Fatherhood lessons to help families stay together

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THE READING

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The U.K. will start a new project to help men with fatherhood. Men can take lessons on how to be a better parent. The project is to reduce family breakdown in the U.K. Over a million British children have no father at home. A 16-year-old is more likely to own a smartphone than have a father. A spokesperson said the bond between a father and his child was very important for children as they grow up.

The new classes will be for men only. They will look at how a baby can change relationships. There will also be lessons on communication skills, possible problems and where to get help. The U.K. wants the divorce rate to go down. Divorce harms children. It affects school work, eating habits and relations with parents. A spokesman said the government had to "be serious about seeking to support and strengthen families".

Sources: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2893961/Men-lessons-parenting-slow-rate-family-breakdown-survey-reveals-teenagers-likely-smartphones-fathers-home.html>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1501/150104-fatherhood-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. a new project to help men | a. be a better parent |
| 2. lessons on how to | b. old |
| 3. family | c. father at home |
| 4. children have no | d. they grow up |
| 5. A 16-year- | e. with fatherhood |
| 6. more likely to own | f. and his child |
| 7. the bond between a father | g. breakdown |
| 8. important for children as | h. a smartphone |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The new classes will be | a. parents |
| 2. how a baby can change | b. get help |
| 3. communication | c. strengthen families |
| 4. where to | d. for men only |
| 5. divorce | e. children |
| 6. Divorce harms | f. rate |
| 7. relations with | g. relationships |
| 8. seeking to support and | h. skills |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The U.K. (1) _____ project to help men with fatherhood. Men can take lessons (2) _____ better parent. The project (3) _____ family breakdown in the U.K. Over a million British children have no (4) _____. A 16-year-old is more likely to own a smartphone (5) _____. A spokesperson said the bond between a father and his child was very important for children (6) _____.

The new classes will (7) _____. They will look at how a baby can change relationships. (8) _____ lessons on communication skills, (9) _____ and where to get help. The U.K. wants the (10) _____ go down. Divorce harms children. It affects school work, eating (11) _____ with parents. A spokesman said the government had to "be serious about (12) _____ and strengthen families".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)
