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Level 1 – 26th March, 2019

Head teacher has to clean school toilets

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.



THE READING

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190326-head-teacher-1.html

Schools in England have little money to spend. They have to cut back on things. The government has cut budgets. A head teacher in London cannot pay for cleaners or canteen staff. She has to help clean the toilets herself. She told reporters she was embarrassed because her school did not have enough money to support students. She has sold school land, cut subjects and fired teachers to keep her school open.

The London school is like many in the UK. Schools have made difficult decisions about how to spend their money. Schools wrote to millions of parents to explain there is no money. Schools asked parents to volunteer. Some schools asked parents for toilet paper and classroom basics. Students in one school get just one sheet of A4 paper a month. Teachers want to meet the education secretary, but he said no. The UK government said education is a priority.

Sources: https://www.bbc.com/news/education-47482587 https://inews.co.uk/news/education/head-teacher-clean-toilets-serve-luch-school-funding-cuts/ https://edexec.co.uk/head-teacher-forced-to-scrub-school-toilets-due-to-lack-of-funding/

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- 1. cut back
- 2. The government has
- 3. pay for cleaners or
- 4. help clean the toilets
- 5. have enough money to
- 6. She has sold school
- 7. cut subjects and fired
- 8. keep her school

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- The London school is like
 Schools have made difficult
 secretary
 explain there
 Schools asked parents
 Schools asked parents
 toilet paper and
 one sheet of A4
 to volunteer
 the education
- 8. education is a

- a. support students
- b. canteen staff
- c. open
- d. cut budgets
- e. teachers
- f. herself
- g. on things
- h. land

h. paper a month

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(2)			•	A hea	ad teacher	in Lo	ndon c	annot
(3)				_ or	canteen	staff.	She	has
(4) the toilets herself. She told reporters								
she was embarrassed because her school did not have enough								
(5) students. She has sold school land, cut								
subject	s an	d fired	teacher	^S (6) _			S	chool
open.								

The London school is (7) ______ the UK. Schools have made difficult decisions about (8) ______ their money. Schools wrote to millions of parents to explain there is no money. Schools (9) ______ volunteer. Some schools (10) ______ toilet paper and classroom basics. Students in one school get just one sheet of A4 paper a month. Teachers want (11) ______ education secretary, but he said no. The UK government said education (12) ______.

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PUT A SLASH (/)WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HEAD TEACHERS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about head teachers 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

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190326-head-teacher-1.html

Write about **head teachers** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.