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**Level 0 – 10th June, 2019**

## **23 million men married before they were 15**

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

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190610-child-grooms-0.html>

A UNICEF report says 115 million boys and men were married as children. About 23 million married before they were 15. News usually looks at young girls as child brides. UNICEF's report looks at forced marriages for boys. It looked at 82 countries. The Central African Republic had the highest rate of child grooms.

UNICEF said child marriage damages children's lives. It said: "Marriage steals childhood." Child grooms are too young to be fathers. Early fatherhood pressures boys to look after families. They lose education and job opportunities. UNICEF said forced marriage affected boys and girls and was unfair.

Sources: <https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/115-million-boys-and-men-around-world-married-children-unicef>  
<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/africa/child-grooms-unicef-boys-men-marriage-children-a8947296.html>  
<https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2019/jun/07/its-not-just-girls-one-in-30-young-men-were-married-as-children>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190610-child-grooms-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                  |                        |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. A UNICEF                      | a. at 82 countries     |
| 2. 115 million boys and men were | b. were 15             |
| 3. married before they           | c. brides              |
| 4. News usually looks            | d. of child grooms     |
| 5. child                         | e. married as children |
| 6. forced                        | f. at young girls      |
| 7. It looked                     | g. report              |
| 8. the highest rate              | h. marriages           |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                  |                     |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. child marriage damages        | a. opportunities    |
| 2. Marriage                      | b. to be fathers    |
| 3. Child                         | c. steals childhood |
| 4. too young                     | d. families         |
| 5. Early fatherhood              | e. children's lives |
| 6. look after                    | f. and girls        |
| 7. job                           | g. pressures boys   |
| 8. forced marriage affected boys | h. grooms           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190610-child-grooms-0.html>

A UNICEF (1) \_\_\_\_\_ million boys and men were  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_. About 23 million married before they  
were 15. News (3) \_\_\_\_\_ young girls as child  
brides. UNICEF's report (4) \_\_\_\_\_ marriages for  
boys. It looked (5) \_\_\_\_\_. The Central African  
Republic had the highest (6) \_\_\_\_\_ grooms.

UNICEF (7) \_\_\_\_\_ damages children's lives. It  
said: "Marriage steals childhood." Child (8) \_\_\_\_\_  
young (9) \_\_\_\_\_. Early fatherhood pressures  
boys (10) \_\_\_\_\_ families. They lose education  
and job opportunities. UNICEF (11) \_\_\_\_\_  
affected boys and girls (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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girls and was unfair.

# CHILD GROOMS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190610-child-grooms-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Child grooms 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) \_\_\_\_\_

