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**Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210102-online-learning-4.html>

The year 2020 has been difficult for hundreds of thousands of teachers. They have had to deliver lessons using online platforms. Millions of students have had lessons on websites like Zoom. This has caused a major transformation in education. The quality of education differs according to Internet speeds, the levels of teacher preparedness and teachers' competence in using technology. Many students had no lessons because they had no computer.

Malaysia has started a new programme to help underprivileged children. Eligible students will get a device so they can have online lessons. Malaysia wants to help students and schools in need and find the best methods to expand the programme. There are plans to improve educational TV shows for students with no Internet access. Malaysia will also employ sign language interpreters to help the hard of hearing. It wants to focus on students' needs.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210102-online-learning-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                             |                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The year 2020 has        | a. transformation   |
| 2. hundreds of thousands    | b. lessons          |
| 3. They have had to deliver | c. using technology |
| 4. online                   | d. of teachers      |
| 5. caused a major           | e. preparedness     |
| 6. The quality of education | f. been difficult   |
| 7. the levels of teacher    | g. differs          |
| 8. teachers' competence in  | h. platforms        |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                         |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Malaysia has started a new   | a. interpreters         |
| 2. help underprivileged         | b. students             |
| 3. eligible                     | c. needs                |
| 4. find the best methods to     | d. programme            |
| 5. plans to improve educational | e. of hearing           |
| 6. employ sign language         | f. children             |
| 7. help the hard                | g. TV shows             |
| 8. focus on students'           | h. expand the programme |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The year 2020 (1) \_\_\_\_\_ for hundreds of thousands of teachers. They have (2) \_\_\_\_\_ lessons using online platforms. Millions (3) \_\_\_\_\_ had lessons on websites like Zoom. This has caused a major transformation in education. The quality of education (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Internet speeds, the levels of teacher preparedness and teachers' (5) \_\_\_\_\_ technology. Many students had no lessons (6) \_\_\_\_\_ no computer.

Malaysia has started a new programme (7) \_\_\_\_\_ children. Eligible students will get (8) \_\_\_\_\_ they can have online lessons. Malaysia (9) \_\_\_\_\_ students and schools in need and find the best (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the programme. There are (11) \_\_\_\_\_ educational TV shows for students with no Internet access. Malaysia will also employ sign language interpreters to help the (12) \_\_\_\_\_. It wants to focus on students' needs.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# ONLINE LEARNING SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210102-online-learning-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about online learning 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

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Write about **online learning** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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