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Level 2 – 21st June, 2021

A quarter of adults don't want children

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Views on having children are changing in the USA. New research shows that 25 per cent of adults do not want to have children. A quarter of American adults are happy being "child-free". They are happier without children. Psychologists Jennifer Watling Neal and Zachary Neal did research on why child-free people might be different. They wanted to find out what the differences were between child-free people and "non-parents". They said non-parents include "not-yet-parents" (those planning to have kids) and people who cannot have children because of medical problems.

The researchers looked at data from 1,000 adults. Ms Neal said: "We were most surprised by how many child-free people there are. We found that more than one in four people...identified as child-free." She said child-free people were more liberal than those with children. Unsurprisingly, parents were more likely to be in a relationship. Ms Neal also said child-free adults were a little younger and less well-educated than parents or non-parents. She added that more research is needed to find out why people want to be child-free.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Views | a. problems |
| 2. New research | b. out |
| 3. adults do not | c. of American adults |
| 4. A quarter | d. shows that |
| 5. They wanted to find | e. children |
| 6. those planning to | f. on having children |
| 7. people who cannot have | g. have kids |
| 8. because of medical | h. want to have children |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The researchers looked at data | a. little younger |
| 2. more than one | b. is needed |
| 3. She said child-free people | c. in four people |
| 4. more likely to be in a | d. to be child-free |
| 5. child-free adults were a | e. relationship |
| 6. less well- | f. from 1,000 adults |
| 7. She added that more research | g. educated |
| 8. find out why people want | h. were more liberal |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ children are changing in the USA. New research shows that 25 per cent (2) _____ not want to have children. A quarter of American (3) _____ being "child-free". They are happier without children. Psychologists Jennifer Watling Neal and Zachary Neal (4) _____ why child-free people might be different. They wanted to find out what (5) _____ between child-free people and "non-parents". They said non-parents include "not-yet-parents" (those planning to have kids) and people who cannot have children because (6) _____.

The researchers (7) _____ from 1,000 adults. Ms Neal said: "We were (8) _____ how many child-free people there are. We found that more than one in four (9) _____ child-free." She said child-free people were more liberal than those with children. Unsurprisingly, parents were more likely to be (10) _____. Ms Neal also said child-free adults were a little younger and (11) _____ than parents or non-parents. She added that more research (12) _____ find out why people want to be child-free.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CHILDREN SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about children 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) _____

