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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210802-latin-4.html>

The UK will spend \$5.5 million on teaching Latin. The Latin Excellence Programme aims to "level up" students in 40 government-run schools. Latin was spoken in Rome 2,000 years ago. It is taught in 49% of the UK's "elite" schools but only 2.7% of state schools. The UK said: "Latin has a reputation as an elitist subject...for the privileged few, but the subject can bring so many benefits." It said Latin could help with learning foreign languages.

The programme has sparked a debate. Many people ridiculed it as a "poorly-funded gimmick". A politician said Latin is elite because only rich people with family connections "can afford to waste time on ...understanding...the dialogue in [ancient] books". An author said she only uses Latin to "translate things on tombs". A teacher said money should be spent on living languages like Chinese that could help children "get ahead in the world," or on computer coding.

Sources: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/thousands-more-students-to-learn-ancient-and-modern-languages>  
<https://www.rt.com/uk/530785-uk-debates-usefulness-latin/>  
<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9846015/Latin-taught-state-schools-bid-make-language-elitist.html>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210802-latin-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                    |                               |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. The UK will spend \$5.5 million | a. schools                    |
| 2. level                           | b. many benefits              |
| 3. Latin was spoken                | c. up students                |
| 4. 2.7% of state                   | d. learning foreign languages |
| 5. Latin has a reputation as       | e. on teaching Latin          |
| 6. for the privileged              | f. an elitist subject         |
| 7. the subject can bring so        | g. in Rome                    |
| 8. Latin could help with           | h. few                        |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. The programme has sparked | a. like Chinese   |
| 2. ridiculed it as a poorly- | b. ancient books  |
| 3. rich people with family   | c. a debate       |
| 4. can afford to             | d. connections    |
| 5. the dialogue in           | e. waste time     |
| 6. translate things on       | f. in the world   |
| 7. living languages          | g. tombs          |
| 8. get ahead                 | h. funded gimmick |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The programme has (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Many people ridiculed it as a "(8) \_\_\_\_\_". A politician said Latin is elite because only rich people (9) \_\_\_\_\_ "can afford to waste time on ...understanding...the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ books". An author said she only uses Latin to "(11) \_\_\_\_\_ tombs". A teacher said money should be spent on living languages like Chinese that could help children "(12) \_\_\_\_\_ the world," or on computer coding.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# LATIN SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210802-latin-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Latin 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/2108/210802-latin-4.html>

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

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