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A third of kids get no bedtime story

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THE READING

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It seems the tradition of bedtime stories for children is disappearing in Britain. A study from online retailer Littlewoods.com shows a third of parents do not read bedtime stories. It also said 50 per cent of kids prefer watching TV or playing computer games. Just five per cent of British under-sevens do not own a book. Reasons for parents not reading stories include a lack of time (13%), stress (9%), and children not being interested.

Littlewoods and a British pop star will try to end this trend. They started a bedtime story competition for under-sevens. The singer is excited to read the kids' stories. She said choosing a winner wouldn't be easy. She spoke about the joy she got from reading bedtime stories to her kids. Littlewoods said it understood how important it is for parents and kids to spend quality time together. It said bedtime stories are a great way to do just this.

Sources: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2418076/Third-parents-longer-read-bedtime-story-children.html#ixzz2eLyr8oq>
<http://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/lifestyle/atomic-kittens-natasha-hamilton-ready-5906829>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. the tradition | a. of time |
| 2. online | b. being interested |
| 3. kids prefer | c. under-sevens |
| 4. five per cent of British | d. of bedtime stories |
| 5. a lack | e. watching TV |
| 6. children not | f. retailer |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. try to end | a. got from reading |
| 2. They started a bedtime story | b. time together |
| 3. choosing a winner | c. this trend |
| 4. the joy she | d. competition |
| 5. spend quality | e. just this |
| 6. a great way to do | f. wouldn't be easy |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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It seems (1) _____ bedtime stories for children is disappearing in Britain. A study (2) _____ Littlewoods.com shows (3) _____ do not read bedtime stories. It also said 50 per cent of kids (4) _____ or playing computer games. Just five per cent of British under-sevens (5) _____. Reasons for parents not reading stories (6) _____ time (13%), stress (9%), and children not being interested.

Littlewoods and a British pop star (7) _____ this trend. They started a bedtime story competition (8) _____. The singer is excited to read the kids' stories. She said (9) _____ wouldn't be easy. She spoke about (10) _____ from reading bedtime stories to her kids. Littlewoods said it understood how important it is for parents and kids to (11) _____ together. It said bedtime stories are (12) _____ do just this.

BEDTIME STORIES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about bedtime stories 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) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

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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) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

FREE WRITING

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Write about **bedtime stories** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.
