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Money does not make children pass exams

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THE READING

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A report says money does not help children to pass exams. Parents could be wasting their money by doing this. Researchers said taking children on a trip could get them to try harder and do better. Researchers looked at how promises of cash and days out affected the studying and learning of over 10,000 students. Many students tried harder in class and did more homework, but this did not help their test scores.

A researcher said the report looked at the wrong things. He said it needed to look at what got students to work harder. He said some students have many goals and believe that education can help them in life. Other kids think that working hard makes no difference. These children might think exam success is from genes and family background. An expert said good teachers were most important, especially for children from poorer families.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-29461681>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. money does not help | a. their money |
| 2. Parents could be wasting | b. in class |
| 3. taking children on | c. try harder |
| 4. get them to | d. a trip |
| 5. promises of cash | e. scores |
| 6. tried harder | f. children to pass exams |
| 7. this did | g. and days out |
| 8. test | h. not help |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. the report looked | a. genes |
| 2. look at what got students | b. goals |
| 3. students have many | c. no difference |
| 4. education can help them | d. at the wrong things |
| 5. working hard makes | e. background |
| 6. exam success is from | f. to work harder |
| 7. family | g. poorer families |
| 8. children from | h. in life |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A report (1) _____ not help children to pass exams. Parents could be (2) _____ by doing this. Researchers said taking children (3) _____ get them to try harder and do better. Researchers looked at how promises of cash (4) _____ affected the studying and learning (5) _____ students. Many students tried harder in class and did more homework, but this did not help (6) _____.

A researcher said the report looked (7) _____. He said it (8) _____ what got students to work harder. He said some students have many goals and believe that education can help (9) _____. Other kids think that working hard (10) _____. These children might think exam success is from genes and (11) _____. An expert said good teachers were most important, especially for children (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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)

WRITING

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