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Level 0 – 30th May 2024

UK leader wants national service for 18-year-olds

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2405/240530-national-service-0.html>

The UK may start national service for 18-year-olds. They will have two choices. One is a year in the army. About 30,000 people will choose this. The other is voluntary work for one weekend a month. This means volunteering in the health, ambulance or fire services. The UK's leader wants young people to learn useful skills.

Many people say national service is too expensive. There are not enough staff to train 30,000 army volunteers. A former navy boss said it would "suck" money out of defence. Young people are worried about their freedom. However, one teenager says national service works well in many countries.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The UK may start | a. fire services |
| 2. They will have two | b. choose this |
| 3. a year | c. skills |
| 4. About 30,000 people will | d. choices |
| 5. one weekend | e. volunteering |
| 6. This means | f. in the army |
| 7. ambulance or | g. a month |
| 8. learn useful | h. national service |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. national service is too | a. out of defence |
| 2. There are not enough | b. army volunteers |
| 3. train 30,000 | c. staff |
| 4. A former navy | d. countries |
| 5. suck money | e. works well |
| 6. worried about | f. boss |
| 7. national service | g. their freedom |
| 8. in many | h. expensive |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The UK (1) _____ service for 18-year-olds. They will (2) _____. One is a year in the army. About 30,000 (3) _____ this. The other is voluntary work for one (4) _____. This means volunteering in the health, ambulance (5) _____. The UK's leader wants young people to (6) _____.

Many people say national service (7) _____.

There are (8) _____ to train 30,000 army volunteers. A (9) _____ said it would "suck" money out of defence. Young (10) _____ about their freedom. However, (11) _____ national service works well (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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NATIONAL SERVICE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2405/240530-national-service-0.html>

Write five GOOD questions about national service 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) _____

