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Indian repatriates 3,700 prisoners in UAE

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THE READING

An Indian businessman in the United Arab Emirates has helped send home nearly 3,700 prisoners from various nations in UAE jails. They had finished their time in prison but had no money to pay their debts or buy an air ticket home. Firoz G. Merchant, 54, owner of a jewellery company, spent about $1,000,000 to free the men. He plans to help another 1,000 men later this year. Merchant said he only helps prisoners with unpaid debts.

Do-gooder Mr Merchant said the poor UAE economy in 2010 motivated him. Thousands of builders lost their jobs and had many debts from loans, credit cards and rent. He said: "There were a lot of people behind bars….It opened my eyes that this is my duty." He wanted them to go home for Ramadan because it is the month for giving. He said: "I want to put greater effort into getting these prisoners back...and reunited with their families."

Sources: http://www.**indianexpress**.com/news/indian-trader-helps-free-inmates-in-uae-jails/1136585/
            http://www.**thenational**.ae/news/uae-news/indian-businessman-writes-off-dh1-5m-debt-for-
            hundreds-of-uae-prisoners#ixzz2Y1YFEDRh

MATCHING

PARAGRAPH ONE:

1.	3,700 prisoners from	a.	1,000 men later
2	finished their time	b.	debts
3.	pay their	c.	various nations
4.	spent about $1,000,000	d.	with unpaid debts
5.	He plans to help another	e.	to free the men
6.	he only helps prisoners	f.	in prison

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1.	the poor UAE economy in 2010	a.	bars
2	Thousands of builders	b.	these prisoners back
3.	a lot of people behind	c.	motivated him
4.	It opened my eyes that	d.	with their families
5.	put greater effort into getting	e.	lost their jobs
6.	reunited	f.	this is my duty

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

An Indian businessman in the United Arab Emirates (1) _____

nearly 3,700 prisoners (2) _____ UAE jails. They had

finished their (3) _____ no money to pay their debts or

buy an air ticket home. Firoz G. Merchant, 54, owner of a jewellery

company, spent about $1,000, (4) _____. He plans

(5) _____ men later this year. Merchant said he only helps

prisoners (6) _____.

Do-gooder Mr Merchant said (7) _____ in 2010 motivated

him. Thousands of builders lost their jobs and (8) _____

loans, credit cards and rent. He said: "There were a lot of people behind

bars….It (9) _____ this is my duty." He wanted them to go

home for Ramadan because it is (10) _____. He said: "I

want to (11) _____ getting these prisoners back...and

(12) _____ families."

CHARITY SURVEY

Write five GOOD questions about charity in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
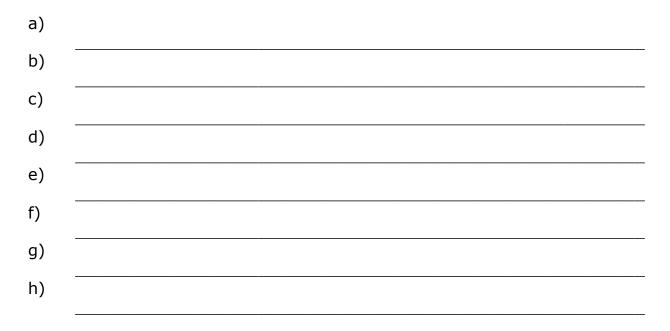When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	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.
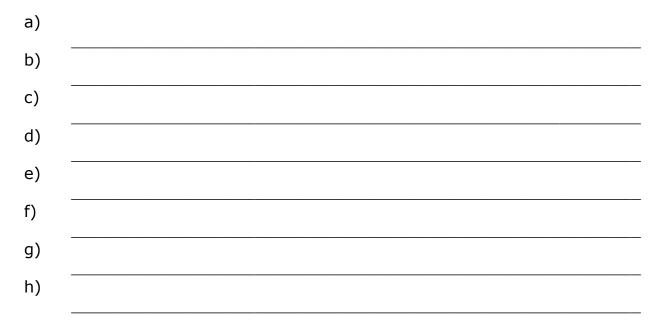
WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

Write about **charity** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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