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Education adviser attacks UK schools

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THE READING

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An education adviser has attacked British schools and teachers. The adviser works closely with the UK Education Secretary Michael Gove. Mr Gove is unpopular with British teachers. The adviser made teachers very angry about a new report he made. He said education in Britain is between very bad and ordinary. He said most teachers do not do a good job in the classroom and that "real talent is rare". He wrote: "In England, few teachers are well trained in the basics of extended writing or mathematical and scientific modelling and problem-solving."

Mr Cummings also attacked other areas of Britain's schools. He said billions of dollars are "wasted" on poorer students and on "pointless" university courses. He said too many university courses teach students little and do not help them get a job. He said university students should work harder. Cummings angered teachers by saying 70 per cent of a child's ability in the classroom is because of genes, and not because of teachers. Many people said Mr Cummings should be fired. One said he has too many "mad" ideas. Many teachers also want Michael Gove to be fired.

Sources: <http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/michael-gove-adviser-says-teachers-2366294#ixzz2haRdDBKo>
<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2013/oct/11/genetics-teaching-gove-adviser>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. The adviser works closely with the | a. very angry |
| 2. The adviser made teachers | b. not do a good job |
| 3. between very bad | c. modelling |
| 4. He said most teachers do | d. is rare |
| 5. real talent | e. UK Education Secretary |
| 6. few teachers are well | f. solving |
| 7. mathematical and scientific | g. and ordinary |
| 8. problem- | h. trained in the basics |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. attacked other areas | a. should be fired |
| 2. billions of dollars | b. university courses |
| 3. "pointless" | c. of Britain's schools |
| 4. help them | d. students |
| 5. university | e. are "wasted" |
| 6. a child's | f. "mad" ideas |
| 7. Many people said Mr Cummings | g. get a job |
| 8. One said he has too many | h. ability |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Mr Cummings also attacked (7) _____ Britain's schools. He said billions of (8) _____ on poorer students and on "pointless" university courses. He said too many university courses (9) _____ and do not help them get a job. He said university students should work harder. Cummings (10) _____ saying 70 per cent of a child's ability in the classroom is (11) _____, and not because of teachers. Many people said Mr Cummings should be fired. One said (12) _____ "mad" ideas. Many teachers also want Michael Gove to be fired.

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)
