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Almost no poor countries by 2035

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THE READING

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Bill Gates said that by 2035, there will be almost no poor countries. Today there are 35. The people have very little money. All of South America, Asia, and Central America (but maybe not Haiti), and most in Africa will be richer. When Gates was born, most countries were poor. In 20 years from now, most countries will be richer.

Mr Gates said N. Korea, Haiti and some African nations will still be poor. Nearly 90% of countries will be richer than India today. Poor countries will copy rich countries. They will have new medicines, better seeds and a faster Internet. He said more than one billion people are still very, very poor. He said: "It's not time to celebrate".

Sources: <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/europe/No-poor-countries-by-2035-Bill-Gates/articleshow/29226518.cms>
<http://latino.foxnews.com/latino/money/2014/01/22/bill-gates-world-will-have-almost-no-poor-countries-by-2035/>

VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1401/140125-poor-countries-0.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. by | a. South America |
| 2. Today there | b. most countries were poor |
| 3. The people have very | c. 2035 |
| 4. All of | d. be richer |
| 5. Central | e. are 35 |
| 6. When Gates was born, | f. from now |
| 7. In 20 years | g. little money |
| 8. most countries will | h. America |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. some African | a. poor |
| 2. Nearly 90% | b. medicines |
| 3. Poor countries will | c. Internet |
| 4. They will have new | d. to celebrate |
| 5. a faster | e. of countries |
| 6. more than one | f. nations |
| 7. still very, very | g. billion people |
| 8. time | h. copy rich countries |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Bill Gates (1) _____ 2035, there will be almost no poor countries. (2) _____ 35. The people have (3) _____. All of South America, Asia, and Central America (but maybe not Haiti), (4) _____ will be richer. When Gates was (5) _____ were poor. In 20 (6) _____, most countries will be richer.

Mr Gates said N. Korea, Haiti and some African (7) _____ poor. (8) _____ countries (9) _____ than India today. Poor countries will copy rich countries. They (10) _____ medicines, better seeds and (11) _____. He said more than one billion people are still very, very poor. He said: "It's not (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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aitiandsomeAfricannationswillstillbepoor.Nearly90%ofcountries
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Theywillhavenewmedicines,betterseedsandafasterInternet.Hes
aidmorethanonebillionpeoplearestillvery,verypoor.Hesaid:"It'sn
ottimetocelbrate".

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) _____

