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## **Level 0**

### **Fatherhood lessons to help families stay together**

**4th January, 2015**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1501/150104-fatherhood-0.html>

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

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1501/150104-fatherhood-0.html>

The U.K. has a new project to help new fathers. Men can take lessons to be a better parent. The project will make families stronger. A 16-year-old in Britain is more likely to own a smartphone than have a father. The bond between a father and his child is very important. Children need this when they grow up.

The new classes will be for men only. They will learn how a baby can change relationships. They will learn about communication skills, possible problems and where to get help.

The U.K. wants the divorce rate to go down. Divorce hurts children. It also harms their school work, eating habits and relations with parents.

Sources: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2893961/Men-lessons-parenting-slow-rate-family-breakdown-survey-reveals-teenagers-likely-smartphones-fathers-home.html>  
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/men/relationships/fatherhood/11321755/Fatherhood-lessons-wont-stop-families-breaking-up.html>  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-30658123>

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1501/150104-fatherhood-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. help new                       | a. stronger       |
| 2. lessons to be a better         | b. a smartphone   |
| 3. The project will make families | c. fathers        |
| 4. A 16-year-                     | d. up             |
| 5. more likely to own             | e. this           |
| 6. The bond between a father and  | f. old in Britain |
| 7. Children need                  | g. parent         |
| 8. when they grow                 | h. his child      |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. The new classes will be    | a. work            |
| 2. how a baby can change      | b. skills          |
| 3. communication              | c. hurts children  |
| 4. where to get               | d. rate to go down |
| 5. The U.K. wants the divorce | e. for men only    |
| 6. Divorce                    | f. with parents    |
| 7. It also harms their school | g. relationships   |
| 8. relations                  | h. help            |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The U.K. has (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to help new fathers.

Men can take lessons (2) \_\_\_\_\_ parent. The

project will make (3) \_\_\_\_\_. A 16-year-old in

Britain is more (4) \_\_\_\_\_ a smartphone than

have a father. The bond between a father and his child

(5) \_\_\_\_\_. Children need this when

(6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The new classes will be (7) \_\_\_\_\_. They will

(8) \_\_\_\_\_ can change relationships. They will

learn about communication skills, (9) \_\_\_\_\_

and where to get help. The U.K. wants the divorce rate

(10) \_\_\_\_\_. Divorce hurts children. It also

harms (11) \_\_\_\_\_, eating habits and

(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) \_\_\_\_\_

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

