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## Level 0

### Malaysians give cash to help government

3rd June, 2018

<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180603-crowdfunding-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 <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180603-crowdfunding-0.html>

Malaysians gave \$2 million to help their country's new government. The government will fix problems left by the old government. One big problem is the national debt. The old government lost a lot of money. The government is using Internet crowdfunding to get money. People can give money using their credit card.

The \$2 million is very small because the country's debt is \$251 billion. Malaysia said it was important for people to help. People voluntarily want to share their money. The idea came from a woman who loves and is proud of her country. She started to raise money. Other people joined her. They also wanted to help.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/business-44327407>  
<https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/se-asia/malaysians-donate-s235m-in-24-hours-to-hope-fund-set-up-to-help-reduce-national-debt>  
<http://www.businessinsider.com/malaysia-started-a-crowdfunding-campaign-to-pay-off-debt-2018-6>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180603-crowdfunding-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                             |                      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Malaysians gave          | a. crowdfunding      |
| 2. help their country's new | b. give money        |
| 3. fix                      | c. lot of money      |
| 4. One big problem is       | d. card              |
| 5. lost a                   | e. problems          |
| 6. Internet                 | f. \$2 million       |
| 7. People can               | g. government        |
| 8. using their credit       | h. the national debt |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The \$2 million       | a. it was important |
| 2. the country's debt is | b. to raise money   |
| 3. Malaysia said         | c. help             |
| 4. The idea came         | d. her              |
| 5. proud                 | e. is very small    |
| 6. She started           | f. of her country   |
| 7. Other people joined   | g. \$251 billion    |
| 8. They also wanted to   | h. from a woman     |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180603-crowdfunding-0.html>

Malaysians gave \$2 million (1) \_\_\_\_\_ country's new government. The government (2) \_\_\_\_\_ left by the old government. One (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the national debt. The old government (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of money. The government (5) \_\_\_\_\_ crowdfunding to get money. People can (6) \_\_\_\_\_ their credit card.

The \$2 million (7) \_\_\_\_\_ because the country's debt is \$251 billion. Malaysia (8) \_\_\_\_\_ important for people to help. People voluntarily (9) \_\_\_\_\_ their money. The (10) \_\_\_\_\_ a woman who loves and is (11) \_\_\_\_\_ country. She started to raise money. Other people joined her. They (12) \_\_\_\_\_ help.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180603-crowdfunding-0.html>

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# CROWDFUNDING SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180603-crowdfunding-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about crowdfunding 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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180603-crowdfunding-0.html>

Write about **crowdfunding** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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