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Level 4 – 19th July, 2018

New Mexico President takes 60% pay cut

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Mexico's next president Andres Obrador is leading his country's austerity drive. His salary will be less than half of the current president's. He wants to improve Mexico's economy. He said: "What we want is for the budget to reach everybody." Mr Obrador's salary will be just 40 per cent of that of Mexico's president, Enrique Peña Nieto. Obrador also said no public official would earn more than him. His supporters greatly welcomed his new measures.

Mr Obrador wanted to cut his salary more. He thought a bigger cut would stop people joining his government. Many are coming from the private sector. Obrador said he would keep his campaign promise to cut the benefits that high-level government officials get. He will cut back on their chauffeurs, bodyguards and health insurance. He will also turn the official presidential residence into a cultural center and stop pension payments to former presidents.

Sources: <http://www.latimes.com/world/la-fg-mexico-president-salary-20180716-story.html>
<http://thehill.com/latino/397153-mexican-president-elect-pledges-to-cut-his-own-salary>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Mexico's next | a. measures |
| 2. leading his country's austerity | b. than half |
| 3. His salary will be less | c. everybody |
| 4. He wants to improve | d. 40 per cent of that |
| 5. reach | e. president |
| 6. Obrador's salary will be just | f. earn more |
| 7. no public official would | g. drive |
| 8. welcomed his new | h. Mexico's economy |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Obrador wanted to cut his | a. payments |
| 2. a bigger cut would stop | b. the private sector |
| 3. Many are coming from | c. officials |
| 4. he would keep his campaign | d. people |
| 5. high-level government | e. residence |
| 6. He will cut back | f. salary more |
| 7. the official presidential | g. on their chauffeurs |
| 8. pension | h. promise |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Mexico's next president Andres Obrador (1) _____ country's
austerity drive. His salary will (2) _____ half of the current
president's. He (3) _____ Mexico's economy. He said:
"What we want is (4) _____ to reach everybody." Mr
Obrador's salary will be just 40 per cent of that of Mexico's president,
Enrique Peña Nieto. Obrador also said (5) _____ would earn
more than him. His supporters greatly welcomed (6) _____.
Mr Obrador wanted to (7) _____ more. He thought a bigger
cut would stop people joining his government. (8) _____
from the private sector. Obrador said he (9) _____
campaign promise to (10) _____ that high-level government
officials get. He will cut back on their chauffeurs, bodyguards and health
insurance. He will also (11) _____ presidential residence
into a cultural center and (12) _____ to former presidents.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PAY CUTS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about pay cuts 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) _____

