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New Mexico President takes 60% pay cut

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THE READING

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Mexico's future president Andres Obrador is leading by example in his country's austerity drive. He will take less than half the salary of the current president. He wants to help get Mexico's economy back on track. Mr Obrador told reporters: "What we want is for the budget to reach everybody." This means he will take home a salary that is just 40 per cent of the salary currently earned by Mexico's current president, Enrique Peña Nieto. In addition, Mr Obrador said no public official would be able to earn more than he will earn. His supporters greatly welcomed his new measures.

Mr Obrador wanted to cut his salary further but stopped at 60 per cent. He thought a bigger cut would reduce the quality of people joining his government. Many are coming from the private sector to take up government jobs. Obrador said he would keep his campaign promise to reduce perks given to high-level government officials. He will cut back on chauffeurs, bodyguards and health insurance for ministers. 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 future | a. back on track |
| 2. leading by | b. half the salary |
| 3. He will take less than | c. current president |
| 4. help get Mexico's economy | d. his new measures |
| 5. This means he will take | e. able to earn more |
| 6. earned by Mexico's | f. president |
| 7. no public official would be | g. example |
| 8. His supporters greatly welcomed | h. home a salary |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Obrador wanted to cut | a. jobs |
| 2. reduce the quality | b. residence |
| 3. coming from the private | c. payments |
| 4. take up government | d. perks |
| 5. keep his campaign | e. sector |
| 6. reduce | f. his salary further |
| 7. the official presidential | g. promise |
| 8. stop pension | h. of people |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Mexico's future president Andres Obrador is (1) _____ in his country's austerity drive. He will take less than (2) _____ of the current president. He wants to help get Mexico's economy back on track. Mr Obrador told reporters: "What we want is (3) _____ to reach everybody." This means he will take (4) _____ that is just 40 per cent of the salary (5) _____ Mexico's current president, Enrique Peña Nieto. In addition, Mr Obrador said no public official would be (6) _____ more than he will earn. His supporters greatly welcomed his new measures.

Mr Obrador wanted to (7) _____ further but stopped at 60 per cent. He thought a bigger (8) _____ the quality of people joining his government. Many are coming from the private sector to take (9) _____. Obrador said he would keep his campaign promise to (10) _____ to high-level government officials. He will (11) _____ chauffeurs, bodyguards and health insurance for ministers. He will also turn the official presidential residence into a cultural center (12) _____ payments to former presidents.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PAY CUTS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180719-pay-cut-4.html>

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) _____

