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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Getting visas in Australia just got tougher. Foreign partners of residents who want permanent residence must soon pass an English language test. Australia's government says people need to show a certain level of English proficiency before they are given permanent visa. This requirement could start from the middle of 2021. Australia's immigration minister said: "We will require an applicant...to have met a functional level of English or to have at least made reasonable efforts to learn English." People can get 500 hours of free English classes on a government language programme.

The English test is controversial. Politicians critical of the new requirement called it "discriminatory" and "racist". They said it targets people from non-Western nations. A spokesman for Australia's opposition party said: "English proficiency isn't a test of someone's love." He said couples already faced an uphill struggle in the application process. An immigration expert said: "It certainly puts a lot of pressure on couples who've been hit hard by COVID. Many of them have lost their jobs and now they've got this added burden to pass an English test."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. permanent | a. to learn English |
| 2. English | b. of 2021 |
| 3. the middle | c. programme |
| 4. immigration | d. residence |
| 5. met a functional | e. English classes |
| 6. made reasonable efforts | f. proficiency |
| 7. get 500 hours of free | g. level of English |
| 8. a government language | h. minister |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. discriminatory and | a. their jobs |
| 2. it targets people from non- | b. an uphill struggle |
| 3. couples already faced | c. an English test |
| 4. An immigration | d. racist |
| 5. puts a lot of pressure | e. burden |
| 6. Many of them have lost | f. Western nations |
| 7. they've got this added | g. on couples |
| 8. pass | h. expert |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The English (7) _____. Politicians critical of the new requirement (8) _____ and "racist". They said it targets people from non-Western nations. A spokesman for Australia's (9) _____: "English proficiency isn't a test of someone's love." He said couples already faced (10) _____ in the application process. An immigration expert said: "It certainly puts a lot of (11) _____ who've been hit hard by COVID. Many of them have lost their jobs and now they've got this added (12) _____ an English test."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ENGLISH TESTS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about English tests 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

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