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**Level 0 – 21st June, 2021**

## **A quarter of adults don't want children**

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

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# THE READING

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Views on children are changing in the USA. A quarter of adults are happy being "child-free". Researchers looked at why child-free people are different from "non-parents". These are "not-yet-parents" - those planning to have kids, and people who cannot have children because of medical problems.

Researchers looked at information from 1,000 adults. They said child-free people were more liberal than parents. Parents were more likely to be in a relationship. Child-free adults were younger and less well-educated than parents. The researchers said more research would find out why people want to be child-free.

Sources: [https://www.eurekaalert.org/pub\\_releases/2021-06/msu-saq061521.php](https://www.eurekaalert.org/pub_releases/2021-06/msu-saq061521.php)  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Views                   | a. people are different |
| 2. changing in the         | b. have children        |
| 3. A quarter of adults are | c. problems             |
| 4. why child-free          | d. on children          |
| 5. These are not yet       | e. USA                  |
| 6. those planning to have  | f. parents              |
| 7. people who cannot       | g. happy                |
| 8. medical                 | h. kids                 |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Researchers looked at  | a. a relationship |
| 2. child-free people were | b. out why        |
| 3. Parents were more      | c. younger        |
| 4. be in                  | d. be child-free  |
| 5. Child-free adults were | e. educated       |
| 6. less well-             | f. information    |
| 7. find                   | g. likely         |
| 8. people want to         | h. more liberal   |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Views on children (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the USA. A quarter of adults (2) \_\_\_\_\_ "child-free". Researchers looked at why child-free (3) \_\_\_\_\_ from "non-parents". These are "(4) \_\_\_\_\_" - those planning to have (5) \_\_\_\_\_ who cannot have children because (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Researchers (7) \_\_\_\_\_ from 1,000 adults. They said child-free (8) \_\_\_\_\_ liberal than parents. Parents were (9) \_\_\_\_\_ be in a relationship. Child-free (10) \_\_\_\_\_ and less well-educated than parents. The researchers (11) \_\_\_\_\_ would find out why people (12) \_\_\_\_\_ child-free.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# CHILDREN SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2106/210621-child-free-0.html>

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

