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## Shakira to build a school in Haiti

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# THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Pop star Shakira will help build a school in Haiti. The Colombian singer wants to help Haiti's people recover from the terrible earthquake that hit them in January. She will call her school Barefoot Haiti. Shakira has already been to the place where they will build her school. She met around 100 of her future students. Many of them danced to her songs when she arrived. Shakira told Haitians: "We've come to make all the preparations to be able to start the building of a...school here in Haiti." She added: "We need to think about the future of this country."

Shakira helping the children of Haiti is great news. She is very popular all around the world, especially with young people. It's a shame there are not more celebrities and famous people like her. Singers, actors, sports stars and successful business people are very rich. They have enough money to build one school each. Many celebs already do this, but all of them should do it. I think they should show more charity. They could really help their image and set a good example to others. The world needs them to do this.

# PHRASE MATCH

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1004/100412-shakira.html>

**Match the following phrases from the article.**

## Paragraph 1

- |                              |                      |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Shakira will help build   | a. to her songs      |
| 2. recover from the terrible | b. build her school  |
| 3. the place where they will | c. a school in Haiti |
| 4. Many of them danced       | d. the preparations  |
| 5. make all                  | e. this country      |
| 6. think about the future of | f. earthquake        |

## Paragraph 2

- |                                  |                      |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. helping the children of Haiti | a. not more          |
| 2. very popular all              | b. example to others |
| 3. It's a shame there are        | c. is great news     |
| 4. They have enough              | d. more charity      |
| 5. they should show              | e. around the world  |
| 6. set a good                    | f. money             |

# LISTENING GAP FILL

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1004/100412-shakira.html>

Pop star Shakira \_\_\_\_\_ in Haiti. The Colombian singer wants to help Haiti's people \_\_\_\_\_ terrible earthquake that hit them in January. She will call her school Barefoot Haiti. Shakira has already \_\_\_\_\_ where they will build her school. She met around 100 of her future students. Many of them danced to her songs \_\_\_\_\_. Shakira told Haitians: "We've come to make all the preparations \_\_\_\_\_ the building of a...school here in Haiti." She added: "We need to think about \_\_\_\_\_ country."

Shakira helping the children of Haiti is great news. She is very \_\_\_\_\_ the world, especially with young people. It's a shame \_\_\_\_\_ celebrities and famous people like her. Singers, actors, sports stars and successful business \_\_\_\_\_. They have enough money \_\_\_\_\_ each. Many celebs already do this, but all of them should do it. I \_\_\_\_\_ more charity. They could really help their image and set a good example to others. The world \_\_\_\_\_ this.

# MULTIPLE CHOICE

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1004/100412-shakira.html>

Pop star Shakira will help (1) \_\_\_ a school in Haiti. The Colombian singer wants to help Haiti's people recover from the terrible earthquake that (2) \_\_\_ them in January. She will call her school Barefoot Haiti. Shakira has already been to the place where they will build her school. She met (3) \_\_\_ 100 of her future students. Many of them danced to her songs when she arrived. Shakira told Haitians: "We've come to make all the preparations to be able (4) \_\_\_ start the building of a...school here in Haiti." She (5) \_\_\_: "We need to think about the future of this country."

Shakira helping the children of Haiti is great news. She is very (6) \_\_\_ all around the world, especially with young people. It's a (7) \_\_\_ there are not more celebrities and famous people (8) \_\_\_ her. Singers, actors, sports stars and successful business people are very rich. They have enough money to build one school (9) \_\_\_. Many celebs already do this, but all of them should do it. I think they should show more charity. They could really help their image and (10) \_\_\_ a good example to others. The world needs them to do this.

## Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- |     |            |             |              |
|-----|------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) built  | (b) build   | (c) builder  |
| 2.  | (a) hit    | (b) punched | (c) attacked |
| 3.  | (a) round  | (b) rounded | (c) around   |
| 4.  | (a) to     | (b) for     | (c) at       |
| 5.  | (a) plus   | (b) added   | (c) divided  |
| 6.  | (a) common | (b) likely  | (c) popular  |
| 7.  | (a) shame  | (b) shape   | (c) shade    |
| 8.  | (a) likely | (b) like    | (c) liking   |
| 9.  | (a) per    | (b) between | (c) each     |
| 10. | (a) set    | (b) met     | (c) let      |

# SPELLING

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1004/100412-shakira.html>

**Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.**

## Paragraph 1

1. The Colombian eirsng
2. the erleibr earthquake
3. ladeary been to the place
4. She met odunar 100
5. when she vairdre
6. think about the uufert

## Paragraph 2

7. leinpgh the children
8. She is very aulopr
9. celebrities and aofmus people
10. They have guohne money
11. show more hrcatiy
12. set a good xelmaep

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1004/100412-shakira.html>

## Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) the preparations to be able to start the building of a...school here in Haiti." She added: "We need to think about the future of this country."
- ( ) students. Many of them danced to her songs when she arrived. Shakira told Haitians: "We've come to make all
- ( ) recover from the terrible earthquake that hit them in January. She will call her school Barefoot Haiti. Shakira
- ( ) stars and successful business people are very rich. They have enough money to build one school each. Many celebs
- ( ) Shakira helping the children of Haiti is great news. She is very popular all around the world, especially with
- ( **1** ) Pop star Shakira will help build a school in Haiti. The Colombian singer wants to help Haiti's people
- ( ) help their image and set a good example to others. The world needs them to do this.
- ( ) young people. It's a shame there are not more celebrities and famous people like her. Singers, actors, sports
- ( ) has already been to the place where they will build her school. She met around 100 of her future
- ( ) already do this, but all of them should do it. I think they should show more charity. They could really

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From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1004/100412-shakira.html>

**With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.**

1. school will in help Haiti build a Shakira.

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2. Haiti's terrible people earthquake recover from Help the.

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3. already has Shakira place the to been.

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4. songs her to danced them of Many.

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5. need We future the about think to.

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6. all She around is the very world popular.

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7. are there shame a It's more not.

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8. enough build each have to school They money one.

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9. charity more show should they think I.

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10. others Set good to a example.

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

### **STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

### **STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1004/100412-shakira.html>

**Write about Shakira for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.**

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# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. SHAKIRA:** Search the Internet and find more information about Shakira. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about Shakira. Include imaginary an interview with Shakira and the children of her future school. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**5. LETTER:** Write a letter to Shakira. Ask her three questions about her life. Give it three of your opinions on what else she can do to help people. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.