

# IELTS WRITING 2 – LESSON 26

This handout was modified and developed for the following source material.

[www.Breaking News English.com](http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com)

Ready-to-Use English Lessons by Sean Banville: **Fatherhood lessons to help families stay together:** 4th January, 2015

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1501/150104-fatherhood.html>

## WARM-UPS

**1. VOCABULARY:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

**government / responsibilities / lessons / scheme / growing up / smartphone / bond / classes / relationship / support / divorce / eating habits / importance / society**

**2. RESPONSIBILITIES:** What are the responsibilities of a father? Complete this table with your partner(s).

Task	Responsibility	Frequency	How important?
Diapers			
Feeding			
Discipline			
Play			
Bed Time			
Provide Financially			

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**3. QUALITIES:** With your partner, Rank these items from most important to least important. Share your answers with another classmate.

- patience
- cooking skills
- a sense of humour
- fitness
- playfulness
- energy
- fairness
- time

### BEFORE READING

**4. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- The British government has started fatherhood lessons for men. T / F
- The government hopes to stop families breaking up. T / F
- More UK 16-year-olds have a smartphone than have a father at home. T / F
- A newspaper said the mother-child bond is the most important. T / F
- Mothers and fathers can attend the fatherhood classes. T / F
- Classes will tell fathers where they can go if they need help. T / F
- A Mr. Smith said divorce had no effect on children's eating habits. T / F
- Smith said the government is not serious about strengthening families. T / F

**5. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

1. project	a. alter
2. manage	b. probable
3. rate	c. encouraging
4. likely	d. cope with
5. bond	e. more
6. change	f. help
7. further	g. scheme
8. support	h. trying
9. promoting	i. speed
10. seeking	j. relationship