

## IELTS WRITING 2 – LESSON 26

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

[www.Breaking News English.com](http://www.Breaking News English.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
- a sense of humour
- playfulness
- fairness
- cooking skills
- fitness
- energy
- 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.

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| 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 |