

## "FATHERHOOD LESSONS TO HELP FAMILIES STAY TOGETHER"

### Listening practice

#### Pre-listening activities

1. **RESPONSIBILITIES:** What are the responsibilities of a father? Complete this table with your ideas.

	Responsibilities	How important?
Diapers		
Feeding		
Discipline		
Play		
Night-time		
Mother		

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

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

#### While-listening activities.

1. Listen and choose the correct option.

1. Who started the new fatherhood project?
  - a) British mothers
  - b) Fathers United
  - c) the British government
  - d) children
2. What does the project aim to slow down the rate of?
  - a) family breakdown
  - b) population growth
  - c) homelessness
  - d) two-child families



3 Who is Iain Duncan Smith?

- a) a software engineer
- b) a child
- c) a project leader
- d) a teacher



4 What skills will lessons help new fathers develop?

- a) playing games
- b) bottle feeding
- c) diaper changing
- d) communication skills

5 What did Mr Smith say the government should strengthen?

- a) families
- b) the economy
- c) the army
- d) people

2. **SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the listening.

1. project	a. cope with
2. manage	b. probable
3. support	c. relationship
4. likely	d. scheme
5. bond	e. help

#### Post-listening activities

*Being a father is more difficult than being a mother. Discuss.*

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