

"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).

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| 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.**

- Who started the new fatherhood project?
 - British mothers
 - Fathers United
 - the British government
 - children
- What does the project aim to slow down the rate of?
 - family breakdown
 - population growth
 - homelessness
 - two-child families



- 3 Who is Iain Duncan Smith?
- a software engineer
 - a child
 - a project leader
 - a teacher
- 4 What skills will lessons help new fathers develop?
- playing games
 - bottle feeding
 - diaper changing
 - communication skills
- 5 What did Mr Smith say the government should strengthen?
- families
 - the economy
 - the army
 - 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.

