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WORDS IN THE NEWS ON THE 3TH APRIL 2017 (Adapted from www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b08ksc5t)

1. Listen to the news and do the exercises.

NEWS ITEM 1. Answer questions 1 to 7.

1. How many people were charged in connection with the attack?
2. Who was the victim?
3. How many people were involved in the attack?
4. What injuries were caused to the victim?
5. When did the attack take place?
6. What are the police asking for?
7. When will the victim be interviewed?

NEWS ITEM 2. Fill in the gaps with no more than three words.

According to Lord Howard, the UK are ready to (1) _____ if doubts appear about Gibraltar remaining a UK's overseas territory.

It's been asserted that Spain will decide whether a (2) _____ between Spain and the EU will apply to Gibraltar.

According to the Spanish Foreign Minister, the UK are losing (3) _____ over the Rock.

Mr Johnson said that (4) _____ will not be part of the deal.

Madrid considers that Gibraltar has an unfair advantage thanks to its (5) _____

NEWS ITEM 3. Answer questions 1 to 5.

1. What happened in Colombia?
2. How many people are known to have died?
3. What are the chances of finding more survivors?
4. What do the inhabitants lack?
5. What is the problem with roads?

NEWS ITEM 4. Correct these false statements about this news item.

1. Thirty hours of free childcare will be provided for children under three.
2. The government is providing enough money to implement the policy.
3. Two of the nurseries that Helen runs are participating in the pilot scheme.
4. The measure will benefit all married parents.
5. Parents are reluctant to pay extra charges.

2. Read this article related to NEWS ITEM 4 and match the headings with the paragraphs. There is one heading you do not need to use.

- A. When will it start?
- B. Will my child get it?
- C. What are the eligibility rules?
- D. What is the free childcare deal?
- E. Will the government increase the funding?
- F. What if one parent in a couple isn't working?
- G. Why doesn't free childcare necessarily mean free?
- H. How do you apply for the thirty hours free childcare?

30 hours of free childcare - will my child get it and how to apply?

Adapted from www.madeformums.co

The doubling of free childcare to 30 hours is being rolled out by the Government across England this year and you can now pre-register. Find out if you're eligible and how to apply, plus why free may not mean entirely free...

1. _____

In a nutshell, many working parents of 3 to 4-year-olds in England will be eligible for 30 hours of free childcare - rather than the current 15 hours.

But the first thing you need to know is that this is 30 hours free for only 38 weeks per year - not 52 weeks of the year. It's basically equivalent to school term times - and totals 1140 free hours across the year.

In theory, you may be able to spread the free childcare out over further weeks, but this will mean you'll get fewer than 30 hours free childcare each week.

It will be available at the following participating childcare options:

- Nurseries and nursery classes
- Playgroups and pre-school
- Childminders
- Sure Start Children's Centres

2. _____

Not necessarily as not everyone is eligible. But everyone will still receive the 15 hours free childcare that is currently available.

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- Your child will be aged 3 or 4 when the scheme starts in your area
- Both parents must be working - or the sole parent is working in a lone parent family
- Each parent earns, on average, a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at National Minimum Wage or National Living Wage
- Each parent must have an annual income of less than £100,000
- You live in England

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The scheme is scheduled to roll out nationwide in September 2017.

The Government has already been running pilot schemes in 8 English areas: Wigan, Staffordshire, Swindon, Portsmouth, Northumberland, York, Newham and Hertfordshire. A further 4 pilots will run from April in Dorset, Leicestershire, North Yorkshire and Tower Hamlets.

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You can now pre-register for the 30-hour scheme on the Gov.UK website. You'll need to confirm you live in England and will be asked to provide your email address and your child's date of birth. You'll then be emailed with information about when the scheme will be available and how to apply.

You can also find out more on a new Childcare Choices website set up by HMRC. This also gives information about the new Tax-Free Childcare scheme and includes a childcare calculator so you can compare your different options.

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As the first trials are rolling out, there's concern that free childcare won't be quite as free as first appears. Basically, if the money isn't coming from the Government, then the shortfall is likely to be paid for by us, the parents.

Charging for extras...

While nurseries can't charge for the 30 hours, they can charge for other 'extras' or ask for contributions. One nursery in York (one of the pilot areas) will be adding a new charge for food, whereas previously this had been included in the overall cost.

"I'm introducing a charge, which is something that was never there beforehand," one nursery owner in York told Radio 4's *Today* programme. "I'm now going to introduce a funded hour's charge, which includes the meals which we've been providing, in a lot of cases totally for free."

Another York nursery is asking parents to pay £5 per day as a voluntary contribution.

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In November 2015, the then-Chancellor George Osborne announced in his Autumn Statement that the Government was going to invest a further £300m in early years providers, increasing the hourly rate to an average of £4.88 from 2017. He also announced that nurseries will be given £50m in capital investment to provide more places.

There was a cautiously positive response from the nursery industry.

The Chief Executive of National Day Nurseries Association, Purnima Tanuku OBE, said, "The sector is now looking carefully at the details to establish whether the increase is sufficient to support the Government's ambitious promise of 30 hours free childcare to working parents. The Government must work to make sure that every penny secured for early years goes straight to the frontline of childcare."