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Level 0

Jobless young people a big problem

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1510/151011-youth-unemployment.html>

The number of jobless 15-24-year-olds is very high. Over 73 million want to work but cannot find a job. Youth unemployment is coming down in rich countries, but rising in poorer countries. In China, it was 10.6 per cent last year and could be 11.1 per cent in 2016. In Brazil, the figure went up 2 per cent this year.

It is hard to be young and looking for work. It is worst for women. The unemployment figure for young women in the Middle East is around 45 per cent. One big reason is the global financial collapse of 2008. Youth unemployment isn't just bad for the economy. It is also bad for health, peace and happiness.

Sources: <http://uk.reuters.com/article/2015/10/09/uk-employment-china-idUKKCN0S22QI20151009>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The number | a. unemployment |
| 2. 15- | b. countries |
| 3. cannot find a | c. 2 per cent this year |
| 4. Youth | d. 24-year-olds |
| 5. coming down | e. job |
| 6. rising in poorer | f. year |
| 7. it was 10.6 per cent last | g. of jobless |
| 8. the figure went up | h. in rich countries |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. It is hard to | a. for women |
| 2. looking for | b. collapse |
| 3. It is worst | c. East |
| 4. The unemployment figure for | d. be young |
| 5. the Middle | e. young women |
| 6. One big | f. happiness |
| 7. the global financial | g. work |
| 8. peace and | h. reason |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The (1) _____ 15-24-year-olds is very high.

Over (2) _____ to work but cannot find a job.

Youth unemployment (3) _____ in rich

countries, but rising (4) _____. In China, it was

10.6 per cent last year (5) _____ 11.1 per cent

in 2016. In Brazil, the (6) _____ 2 per cent this

year.

It is (7) _____ and looking for work. It is worst

for women. The unemployment (8) _____

women in (9) _____ is around 45 per cent. One

big reason (10) _____ financial collapse of

2008. Youth unemployment (11) _____ the

economy. It (12) _____ health, peace and

happiness.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

