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Level 0 – 16th July, 2020

French health workers get \$9 billion pay rise

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200716-health-workers-0.html>

France agreed a pay rise of \$9 billion for its health workers. Workers will get \$208 more in pay each month. The pay rise was to thank workers for their work in the coronavirus pandemic. The Prime Minister called it "a historic moment" Millions of French people clapped nurses and doctors during the pandemic.

Monday's announcement was on the day before France's national day. Health workers were at a ceremony in Paris. Unions asked them to stay away as a protest. The unions want the government to protect staff more. The government said it would do more. It said the pay rise was a "way of catching up for years of delay".

Sources: <https://www.france24.com/en/20200713-france-raises-pay-for-health-care-workers-by-more-than-%E2%82%AC8-billion>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200716-health-workers-0.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. France agreed | a. get \$208 more |
| 2. \$9 billion | b. thank workers |
| 3. Workers will | c. pandemic |
| 4. The pay rise was to | d. pandemic |
| 5. their work in the coronavirus | e. nurses and doctors |
| 6. a historic | f. for its health workers |
| 7. people clapped | g. a pay rise |
| 8. during the | h. moment |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Monday's announcement was on | a. ceremony |
| 2. France's national | b. up |
| 3. at a | c. more |
| 4. stay away as | d. delay |
| 5. protect staff | e. day |
| 6. The government said it | f. a protest |
| 7. a way of catching | g. the day before |
| 8. years of | h. would do more |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200716-health-workers-0.html>

France agreed a (1) _____ \$9 billion for its health workers. Workers will get \$208 (2) _____ each month. The pay rise (3) _____ workers for their work in (4) _____. The Prime Minister called it "(5) _____" Millions of French people (6) _____ doctors during the pandemic.

Monday's announcement was on (7) _____ France's national day. Health workers were at (8) _____ Paris. Unions asked (9) _____ away as a protest. The unions want the government (10) _____ more. The government said it (11) _____. It said the pay rise was a "way of catching up for (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HEALTH WORKERS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200716-health-workers-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about health workers in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

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) _____

