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Japanese company allow pets into the office

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2209/220926-dog-office.html>

The coronavirus pandemic has changed working conditions worldwide. Millions of people have switched from working in their offices to working remotely at home. A Japanese company has initiated a novel measure to entice workers back into the office. The technology giant Fujitsu is allowing some of its workers to bring their pet dogs to work with them. Executives set up an experimental "dog office" at a building in Kawasaki, near Tokyo. Members of staff are being encouraged to return to the office by bringing their dogs to work. It is part of a trial aimed at making workers more comfortable in the workplace. More people may be willing to give up working remotely from home.

Japan's workforce is renowned for spending long hours in the office. The pandemic greatly changed this. Many workers started working from home. They preferred this new culture of teleworking. They also decided that working remotely was better than enduring two-hour commutes from the suburbs. They got attached to the idea of spending more quality time with their pets. Fujitsu's experiment is an incentive for workers to return to the office and be with their pooches. One worker said he could "communicate with other people with the help of our dogs". Reuters says the Fujitsu "dog office" has space for up to six dogs "and features stain-proof carpets and a range of pet supplies".

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<https://nypost.com/2022/09/23/japanese-company-fujitsu-lets-employees-to-bring-dogs-to-work/>
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WARM-UPS

1. OFFICES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about offices. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

coronavirus / pandemic / offices / remotely / workers / technology / dogs / trial / workforce / long hours / teleworking / commutes / suburbs / quality time / help / pet

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. OFFICE PETS: Students A **strongly** believe all offices should have pets; Students B **strongly** believe they shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. OFFICE WORKING: How can bosses change these things to make offices better? Why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Improvements	Why?
Desks		
Internet		
Lighting		
Music		
Refreshments		
Breaks		

5. PANDEMIC: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "pandemic". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. REMOTE WORKING: Rank these with your partner. Put the best things about remote working at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- More sleep
- Greater productivity
- Boost to local economy
- No commuting
- Zoom meetings
- Home cooking
- Time with pets
- Time with family

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 1. remotely | a. A plan or course of action taken to achieve a particular purpose. |
| 2. initiated | b. From a distance. |
| 3. novel | c. Interestingly new or unusual. |
| 4. measure | d. Gave support, confidence, or hope to someone. |
| 5. entice | e. Ready, eager, or prepared to do something. |
| 6. encouraged | f. Caused a process or action to begin. |
| 7. willing | g. Attract or tempt by offering pleasure or advantage. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 8. renowned | h. The residential areas at the edges of a city. |
| 9. enduring | i. A coloured patch or dirty mark on something that is difficult to remove. |
| 10. commute | j. A thing that motivates or encourages someone to do something. |
| 11. suburbs | k. A regular journey to and from one's place of work. |
| 12. attached | l. Made to feel affection or fondness. |
| 13. incentive | m. Known about or talked about by many people. |
| 14. stain | n. Lasting over a period of time. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2209/220926-dog-office.html>

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

1. Coronavirus changed the working conditions of billions of workers. **T / F**
2. A company that publishes novels introduced new measures. **T / F**
3. Workers at the Kawasaki motorbike company can bring pets to work. **T / F**
4. If workers can bring pets to work, more workers may go to the office. **T / F**
5. Japan's workers are well known for working long hours. **T / F**
6. Some workers have a two-hour journey to work. **T / F**
7. Up to 60 dogs can use the trial office. **T / F**
8. The company has put carpets that cannot be stained in its special office. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. switched | a. action |
| 2. initiated | b. prepared |
| 3. measure | c. inducement |
| 4. experimental | d. started |
| 5. willing | e. coping with |
| 6. renowned | f. pilot |
| 7. enduring | g. blemish |
| 8. commutes | h. shifted |
| 9. incentive | i. journeys to work |
| 10. stain | j. well known |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------|
| 1. The coronavirus pandemic has changed | a. of pet supplies |
| 2. a novel measure to | b. of a trial |
| 3. members of | c. up working remotely |
| 4. It is part | d. long hours in the office |
| 5. be willing to give | e. workers to return |
| 6. renowned for spending | f. entice workers back |
| 7. two-hour | g. carpets |
| 8. an incentive for | h. working conditions worldwide |
| 9. stain-proof | i. commutes |
| 10. a range | j. staff |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2209/220926-dog-office.html>

The coronavirus pandemic has changed working (1) _____ worldwide. Millions of people have switched from working in their offices to working (2) _____ at home. A Japanese company has initiated a novel measure to (3) _____ workers back into the office. The technology (4) _____ Fujitsu is allowing some of its workers to bring their pet dogs to work with them. Executives (5) _____ up an experimental "dog office" at a building in Kawasaki, near Tokyo. Members of staff are being (6) _____ to return to the office by bringing their dogs to work. It is part of a (7) _____ aimed at making workers more comfortable in the workplace. More people may be (8) _____ to give up working remotely from home.

encouraged
giant
remotely
willing
conditions
trial
set
entice

Japan's workforce is (9) _____ for spending long hours in the office. The pandemic greatly changed this. Many workers started working from home. They (10) _____ this new culture of teleworking. They also decided that working remotely was better than (11) _____ two-hour commutes from the (12) _____. They got attached to the idea of spending more (13) _____ time with their pets. Fujitsu's experiment is an (14) _____ for workers to return to the office and be with their pooches. One worker said he could "communicate with other people with the (15) _____ of our dogs". Reuters says the Fujitsu "dog office" has space for up to six dogs "and features stain-proof carpets and a (16) _____ of pet supplies".

suburbs
incentive
preferred
range
enduring
quality
renowned
help

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) The coronavirus pandemic has changed _____
 - a. working conditions world wise
 - b. working conditions worldwide
 - c. work in condition world wide
 - d. working condition worldwide
- 2) people have switched from working in their offices _____
 - a. too working remotely
 - b. to work in remotely
 - c. to working remotely
 - d. twerking remotely
- 3) A Japanese company has initiated a novel measure to _____
 - a. end dice workers back
 - b. ant ice worker back
 - c. and ice workers back
 - d. entice workers back
- 4) Members of staff are being encouraged to return to the office by bringing their _____
 - a. dogs to work
 - b. dogs too work
 - c. dogs thru work
 - d. dogs twerk
- 5) It is part of a trial aimed at making workers more comfortable _____
 - a. in the work place
 - b. in the place work
 - c. in the work plaice
 - d. in the workplace
- 6) Japan's workforce is renowned for spending long hours _____
 - a. in the office
 - b. in their office
 - c. in there office
 - d. in them office
- 7) working remotely was better than enduring two-hour commutes _____
 - a. from the sub barbs
 - b. from these burbs
 - c. from the sub burbs
 - d. from the suburbs
- 8) They got attached to the idea of spending _____
 - a. more qualify time
 - b. more quantity time
 - c. more quality time
 - d. more calamity time
- 9) an incentive for workers to return to the office and be _____
 - a. with their broaches
 - b. with their peaches
 - c. with their pooches
 - d. with their pooch is
- 10) space for up to six dogs "and features _____
 - a. strain-prove carpets
 - b. stain-proof carpets
 - c. strain-proof carpets
 - d. stain-prove carpets

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The coronavirus pandemic has changed (1) _____. Millions of people have switched from working in their offices to working (2) _____. A Japanese company has initiated a novel measure to entice workers back into the office. The technology giant Fujitsu (3) _____ of its workers to bring their pet dogs to work with them. Executives set up an experimental "dog office" at a building in Kawasaki, near Tokyo. Members of staff (4) _____ to return to the office by bringing their dogs to work. It is part of (5) _____ at making workers more comfortable in the workplace. More people may (6) _____ give up working remotely from home.

Japan's workforce (7) _____ spending long hours in the office. The pandemic greatly changed this. Many workers started working from home. They (8) _____ culture of teleworking. They also decided that working remotely was better than enduring two-hour commutes (9) _____. They got attached to the idea of spending more (10) _____ their pets. Fujitsu's experiment is an incentive for workers to return to the office and be with their pooches. One worker said he (11) _____ other people with the help of our dogs". Reuters says the Fujitsu "dog office" has space for up to six dogs "and features stain-proof carpets and (12) _____ pet supplies".

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2209/220926-dog-office.html>

1. What does the article say has changed working conditions worldwide?
2. What adjective does the writer use to describe the company's measure?
3. What is the name of the company that is conducting the trial?
4. What does the company want to make its workers feel?
5. What does the company hope people are prepared to give up?
6. What is well known for spending long hours in the office?
7. How long does the article say some people spend commuting?
8. What does the article say people spend quality time doing?
9. How many dogs can the dog office accommodate?
10. What kind of carpets are in the new dog office?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2209/220926-dog-office.html>

- 1) What does the article say has changed working conditions worldwide?
 - a) the cost of living crisis
 - b) the coronavirus pandemic
 - c) climate change
 - d) wars
- 2) What adjective does the writer use to describe the company's measure?
 - a) fragrant
 - b) luminous
 - c) stark
 - d) novel
- 3) What is the name of the company that is conducting the trial?
 - a) Fujitsu
 - b) Fuji
 - c) Fujitec
 - d) Fujiyama
- 4) What does the company want to make its workers feel?
 - a) nature
 - b) guilty
 - c) comfortable
 - d) their pets
- 5) What does the company hope people are prepared to give up?
 - a) smoking
 - b) working remotely
 - c) their office chairs
 - d) overtime
- 6) What is well known for spending long hours in the office?
 - a) Japan's workforce
 - b) bosses
 - c) dogs
 - d) spiders and mice
- 7) How long does the article say some people spend commuting?
 - a) ages
 - b) half-an-hour
 - c) 2 hours
 - d) 20 minutes
- 8) What does the article say people spend quality time doing?
 - a) being with their pets
 - b) making presentations
 - c) overtime
 - d) commuting
- 9) How many dogs can the dog office accommodate?
 - a) up to six
 - b) at least six
 - c) exactly six
 - d) about six
- 10) What kind of carpets are in the new dog office?
 - a) fireproof carpets
 - b) Persian carpets
 - c) shag-pile carpets
 - d) stain-proof carpets

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – More Sleep

You think more sleep is the best thing about remote working. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): greater productivity, no commuting or Zoom meetings.

Role B – No Commuting

You think no commuting is the best thing about remote working. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): more sleep, greater productivity or Zoom meetings.

Role C – Greater Productivity

You think greater productivity is the best thing about remote working. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): no commuting, more sleep or Zoom meetings.

Role D – Zoom Meetings

You think Zoom meetings are the best thing about remote working. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): greater productivity, no commuting or more sleep.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2209/220926-dog-office.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'dog' and 'office'.

dog	office

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• pandemic• novel• allowing• near• part• give up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• spending• preferred• two• quality• help• features
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OFFICES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about offices 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.

OFFICES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'dog'?
3. Did the pandemic change how you work or study?
4. What are the advantages of working remotely?
5. Should pets be allowed in offices?
6. What are the benefits of people taking their pets to work?
7. Would you rather work at home or remotely?
8. What do you think of the idea of a dog office?
9. How else could companies make workers feel more comfortable?
10. What advice do you have for people who work remotely?

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OFFICES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'office'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How long should people spend in an office?
15. What are the disadvantages of working remotely?
16. What are the downsides of people taking their pets to work?
17. How do dogs help people communicate?
18. How would you feel about dogs being in your workplace?
19. What can companies do to keep pets happy?
20. What questions would you like to ask the company execs?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Japan's workforce is (7) _____ for spending long hours in the office. The pandemic greatly changed this. Many workers started working from home. They preferred this new culture of teleworking. They also decided that working remotely was better than (8) _____ two-hour commutes from the (9) _____. They got attached to the idea of spending more quality time with their pets. Fujitsu's experiment is an (10) _____ for workers to return to the office and be with their pooches. One worker said he could "communicate with other people with the help of our dogs". Reuters says the Fujitsu "dog office" has space for up to six dogs "and features (11) _____-proof carpets and a range of pet (12) _____".

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) at | (b) for | (c) from | (d) on |
| 2. | (a) novel | (b) bookish | (c) volume | (d) chapter |
| 3. | (a) allowing | (b) allowance | (c) allowed | (d) allows |
| 4. | (a) set | (b) let | (c) bet | (d) met |
| 5. | (a) of | (b) by | (c) at | (d) as |
| 6. | (a) wailing | (b) welling | (c) walling | (d) willing |
| 7. | (a) renewed | (b) disowned | (c) renowned | (d) knowingly |
| 8. | (a) engineering | (b) endangering | (c) endearing | (d) enduring |
| 9. | (a) suburbs | (b) reverbs | (c) blurbs | (d) curbs |
| 10. | (a) regime | (b) incentive | (c) effervescence | (d) affluence |
| 11. | (a) strain | (b) stain | (c) sprain | (d) slain |
| 12. | (a) demands | (b) profits | (c) supplies | (d) losses |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. The coronavirus inpdmecca
2. ietindtia a novel measure
3. eienct workers back into the office
4. deurgaoenc to return
5. part of a irtla
6. working yoltmere from home

Paragraph 2

7. Japan's workforce is wneoernd
8. enduring two-hour cmmueost
9. from the bbusurs
10. an ceveinitn for workers
11. be with their spoohec
12. ntsia-proof carpets

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2209/220926-dog-office.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () incentive for workers to return to the office and be with their pooches. One worker said he
- () changed this. Many workers started working from home. They preferred this new culture of teleworking. They also
- () from working in their offices to working remotely at home. A Japanese company has initiated a novel
- () for up to six dogs "and features stain-proof carpets and a range of pet supplies".
- () could "communicate with other people with the help of our dogs". Reuters says the Fujitsu "dog office" has space
- () Japan's workforce is renowned for spending long hours in the office. The pandemic greatly
- (**1**) The coronavirus pandemic has changed working conditions worldwide. Millions of people have switched
- () bringing their dogs to work. It is part of a trial aimed at making workers more
- () comfortable in the workplace. More people may be willing to give up working remotely from home.
- () workers to bring their pet dogs to work with them. Executives set up an experimental "dog office" at a building
- () measure to entice workers back into the office. The technology giant Fujitsu is allowing some of its
- () in Kawasaki, near Tokyo. Members of staff are being encouraged to return to the office by
- () decided that working remotely was better than enduring two-hour commutes from the
- () suburbs. They got attached to the idea of spending more quality time with their pets. Fujitsu's experiment is an

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. worldwide . The pandemic conditions has changed coronavirus working
2. offices . in switched from People have working their
3. measure to initiated novel entice workers . It a
4. workers comfortable the Making in more workplace .
5. from up Willing give home . working to remotely
6. for in the office . long spending Renowned hours
7. preferred They of culture new teleworking . this
8. suburbs . than enduring two-hour from Better the commutes
9. with their quality time Spending pets . more
10. help with with the of people dogs . Communicate

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2209/220926-dog-office.html>

The coronavirus pandemic has changed working *condition / conditions* worldwide. Millions of people have switched from working *on / in* their offices to working remotely at home. A Japanese company has initiated a *novel / novelist* measure to *entice / entire* workers back into the office. The technology giant Fujitsu is *allowance / allowing* some of its workers to bring their pet dogs to work with them. Executives set *down / up* an experimental "dog office" at a building in Kawasaki, near Tokyo. Members *of / at* staff are being encouraged to return *to / on* the office by bringing their dogs to work. It is part of a *trail / trial* aimed at making workers more comfortable in the workplace. More people may be willing to give up working *remotely / remote* from home.

Japan's workforce is *renewed / renowned* for spending long hours in the office. The pandemic greatly changed *it / this*. Many workers started working from home. They preferred this new culture of teleworking. They also decided that working remotely was better than *enduring / endearing* two-hour commutes from the *suburban / suburbs*. They got attached *on / to* the idea of spending more *qualify / quality* time with their pets. Fujitsu's experiment is an incentive *to / for* workers to return to the office and be with their *poaches / pooches*. One worker said he could "communicate with other people with the *help / helping* of our dogs". Reuters says the Fujitsu "dog office" has space for up to six dogs "and features *strain-proof / stain-proof* carpets and a range of pet supplies".

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th_ c_r_n_v_r_s p_nd_m_c h_s ch_ng_d w_rk_ng
c_nd_t__ns w_rldw_d_. M_ll__ns _f p__pl_ h_v_
sw_tch_d fr_m w_rk_ng _n th__r _ff_c_s t_ w_rk_ng
r_m_t_ly _t h_m_. _ J_p_n_s_ c_m_p_ny h_s _n_t__t_d
_ n_v_l m__s_r_ t_ _nt_c_ w_rk_rs b_ck _nt_ th_
_ff_c_. Th_ t_chn_l_gy g__nt F_j_ts_ _s _ll_w_ng s_m_
_f _ts w_rk_rs t_ br_ng th__r p_t d_gs t_ w_rk w_th
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w_rk_ng r_m_t_ly fr_m h_m_.

J_p_n's w_rkf_rc_ _s r_n_wnd f_r sp_ndng l_ng h__rs
n th _ff_c_. Th_ p_nd_m_c gr__tly ch_ng_d th_s.
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pr_f_rr_d th_s n_w c_ltr_ _f t_l_w_rk_ng. Th_y _ls_
d_c_d_d th_t w_rk_ng r_m_t_ly w_s b_tt_r th_n
_nd_rng tw_-h__r c_mmt_s fr_m th_ s_b_rbs. Th_y
g_t _tt_ch_d t_ th_ _d__ _f sp_ndng m_r_ q__l_ty
t_m_ w_th th__r p_ts. F_j_ts_'s _xp_r_m_nt _s _n
_nc_nt_v_ f_r w_rk_rs t_ r_t_rn t_ th_ _ff_c_ _nd b_
w_th th__r p__ch_s. _n_ w_rk_r s__d h_ c__ld
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2209/220926-dog-office.html>

the coronavirus pandemic has changed working conditions worldwide millions of people have switched from working in their offices to working remotely at home a japanese company has initiated a novel measure to entice workers back into the office the technology giant fujitsu is allowing some of its workers to bring their pet dogs to work with them executives set up an experimental dog office at a building in kawasaki near tokyo members of staff are being encouraged to return to the office by bringing their dogs to work it is part of a trial aimed at making workers more comfortable in the workplace more people may be willing to give up working remotely from home

japans workforce is renowned for spending long hours in the office the pandemic greatly changed this many workers started working from home they preferred this new culture of teleworking they also decided that working remotely was better than enduring twohour commutes from the suburbs they got attached to the idea of spending more quality time with their pets fujitsus experiment is an incentive for workers to return to the office and be with their pooches one worker said he could communicate with other people with the help of our dogs reuters says the fujitsu dog office has space for up to six dogs and features stainproof carpets and a range of pet supplies

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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The coronavirus pandemic has changed working conditions worldwide. Millions of people have switched from working in their offices to working remotely at home. A Japanese company has initiated a novel measure to entice workers back into the office. The technology giant Fujitsu is allowing some of its workers to bring their pet dogs to work with them. Executives set up an experimental "dog office" at a building in Kawasaki, near Tokyo. Members of staff are being encouraged to return to the office by bringing their dogs to work. It is part of a trial aimed at making workers more comfortable in the workplace. More people may be willing to give up working remotely from home. Japan's workforce is renowned for spending long hours in the office. The pandemic greatly changed this. Many workers started working from home. They preferred this new culture of teleworking. They also decided that working remotely was better than enduring two-hour commutes from the suburbs. They got attached to the idea of spending more quality time with their pets. Fujitsu's experiment is an incentive for workers to return to the office and be with their pooches. One worker said he could "communicate with other people with the help of four dogs". Reuters says the Fujitsu "dog office" has space for up to six dogs and features stain-proof carpets and a range of pet supplies.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. OFFICES: Make a poster about offices. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. PETS: Write a magazine article about pets being allowed in offices. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on pets. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on pets in offices. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. f 3. c 4. a 5. g 6. d 7. e
8. m 9. n 10. k 11. h 12. l 13. j 14. i

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 F 4 T 5 T 6 T 7 F 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. h	2. d	3. a	4. f	5. b
6. j	7. e	8. i	9. c	10. g

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. The coronavirus pandemic
2. Novel
3. Fujitsu
4. Comfortable
5. Working remotely from home
6. Japan's workforce
7. Two hours
8. Being with their pets
9. Up to six
10. Stain-proof carpets

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. The coronavirus pandemic has changed working conditions worldwide.
2. People have switched from working in their offices.
3. It initiated a novel measure to entice workers.
4. Making workers more comfortable in the workplace.
5. Willing to give up working remotely from home.
6. Renowned for spending long hours in the office.
7. They preferred this new culture of teleworking.
8. Better than enduring two-hour commutes from the suburbs.
9. Spending more quality time with their pets.
10. Communicate with people with the help of dogs.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)