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Travelling to and from work is work, says EU

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1509/150914-payroll-4.html>

The European Union (EU) said that workers with no fixed office will be paid for travelling to and from their first and last clients each day. This will affect staffing costs across Europe. This means higher salaries for care workers, sales staff, plumbers, and other company employees who work from home. The EU said it wants to protect the health and safety of workers. It also wants to make sure workers do not work more than 48 hours a week.

Thousands of European companies will have to make sure their employees' first and last appointments are near their homes. An employment lawyer said if bosses do not change working hours, their workers could quickly work more than the number of hours they are legally allowed to work. Companies could face legal action if this happens. The new rule does not affect workers who travel to their fixed place of work every day.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-34210002>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. workers with no | a. for care workers |
| 2. paid for | b. fixed office |
| 3. first and | c. workers |
| 4. This means higher salaries | d. than 48 hours a week |
| 5. employees who work | e. last clients |
| 6. safety of | f. the health |
| 7. The EU said it wants to protect | g. travelling |
| 8. do not work more | h. from home |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|-----------------------|
| 1. Thousands of | a. action |
| 2. employees' first and | b. hours |
| 3. working | c. of work |
| 4. workers could quickly | d. allowed to work |
| 5. they are legally | e. European companies |
| 6. Companies could face legal | f. who travel |
| 7. The new rule does not affect workers | g. last appointments |
| 8. fixed place | h. work more |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1509/150914-payroll-4.html>

The European Union (EU) said that workers (1) _____ will

be paid for travelling to and from their first and (2) _____.

This will affect staffing costs across Europe. This (3) _____

for care workers, sales staff, (4) _____ company

employees who work from home. The EU said it (5) _____

health and safety of workers. It also wants (6) _____

workers do not work more than 48 hours a week.

Thousands of European companies (7) _____ sure their

employees' first and last appointments (8) _____ homes.

An employment lawyer said (9) _____ change working

hours, their workers (10) _____ more than the number of

hours they are legally allowed to work. Companies could

(11) _____ if this happens. The new rule does not affect

workers who travel to their (12) _____ work every day.

WORKING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about working 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)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)

