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## **Level 5**

# **Facebook boss to take paternity leave**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1511/151125-paternity-leave-5.html>

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg is going to take two months of paternity leave after the birth of his daughter. This tells all would-be fathers to get involved in their newborn's life. Zuckerberg is only taking half of the time Facebook gives male employees for paternity leave. Nevertheless, it sets a good example on the responsibilities of fatherhood. Zuckerberg wrote: "This is a very personal decision. Studies show that when working parents take time to be with their newborns, outcomes are better for the children." He added: "We're excited to start this next stage in our lives."

Over the past decades, more companies have given men fully paid paternity leave. However, many men are reluctant to take up this benefit. Technology companies are often in the forefront of looking after employees, but even their male employees have been hesitant. Many male workers continue working so they don't fall behind on projects or miss out on promotions. The UK reported just a small increase in the amount of paternity leave taken recently. An employment specialist gave some advice to men who were unsure about taking paternity leave: "Be courageous".

Sources: [http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2015/11/23/2015112300527.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2015/11/23/2015112300527.html)  
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# MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1511/151125-paternity-leave-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                     |                               |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. after the birth                  | a. fatherhood                 |
| 2. This tells all would-            | b. of his daughter            |
| 3. it sets a good                   | c. decision                   |
| 4. the responsibilities of          | d. for the children           |
| 5. a very personal                  | e. be fathers to get involved |
| 6. parents take time to             | f. stage in our lives         |
| 7. outcomes are better              | g. example                    |
| 8. We're excited to start this next | h. be with their newborns     |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Over the past                  | a. behind           |
| 2. Technology companies are often | b. in the amount    |
| 3. they don't fall                | c. courageous       |
| 4. miss out on                    | d. in the forefront |
| 5. a small increase               | e. decades          |
| 6. An employment                  | f. to men           |
| 7. gave some advice               | g. promotions       |
| 8. Be                             | h. specialist       |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Over the past decades, more companies (7) \_\_\_\_\_ fully paid paternity leave. However, many (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to take up this benefit. Technology companies (9) \_\_\_\_\_ forefront of looking after employees, but even their male employees have been hesitant. Many male workers continue working so they don't (10) \_\_\_\_\_ projects or miss out on promotions. The UK reported just a small increase in the amount of paternity leave taken recently. An employment specialist gave (11) \_\_\_\_\_ who were unsure about taking paternity leave: "(12) \_\_\_\_\_".

# PATERNITY LEAVE SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1511/151125-paternity-leave-5.html>

Write five GOOD questions about paternity leave 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) \_\_\_\_\_

