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The \$265,000 job that no one wants

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THE READING

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There is a doctor's job in a small New Zealand town that no one wants. It pays US\$265,000 a year. There is no weekend work, and houses in the area are cheap. The job is just four days a week, with 12 weeks' holiday a year. The current doctor Alan Kenny is leaving. He cannot find a replacement. Four medical companies also could not find a replacement. Dr Kenny thinks people want to live and work in the city and not in the countryside.

Last year, Dr Kenny could not go on a family holiday because he could not find a doctor to replace him. He has been a doctor in the town for 30 years. He said he wouldn't change his countryside life for city life. He wants to retire and he needs to give his patients to a younger doctor. He said his work keeps him busy. He loves his job. He said: "I would like to stay but I hit my head against a brick wall trying to attract doctors."

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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. It pays | a. replacement |
| 2. houses in the area | b. holiday a year |
| 3. 12 weeks' | c. US\$265,000 a year |
| 4. The current doctor Alan Kenny | d. the countryside |
| 5. Four medical | e. are cheap |
| 6. could not find a | f. in the city |
| 7. live and work | g. is leaving |
| 8. not in | h. companies |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Kenny could not go on | a. to stay |
| 2. he could not find a doctor to | b. to a younger doctor |
| 3. he wouldn't change his countryside | c. doctors |
| 4. he needs to give his patients | d. a family holiday |
| 5. He said his work keeps | e. a brick wall |
| 6. I would like | f. replace him |
| 7. I hit my head against | g. him busy |
| 8. trying to attract | h. life for city life |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There is a doctor's (1) _____ New Zealand town that (2) _____. It pays US\$265,000 a year. There is no weekend work, and houses (3) _____ cheap. The (4) _____ four days a week, with 12 weeks' holiday a year. The current doctor Alan Kenny is leaving. He cannot find (5) _____. Four medical companies also could not find a replacement. Dr Kenny thinks people want to live and work (6) _____ not in the countryside.

Last year, Dr Kenny could (7) _____ family holiday because he could not find a doctor (8) _____. He has been a doctor in the town for 30 years. (9) _____ change his countryside (10) _____. He wants to retire and he needs to give his patients (11) _____ doctor. He said his work keeps him busy. He loves his job. He said: "I would like to stay (12) _____ against a brick wall trying to attract doctors."

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)

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)
