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Level 5

Abu Dhabi opens government 'Happiness Cafe'

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THE READING

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The UAE government has opened a cafe to make its employees happy. The new 'Happiness Cafe' is in the headquarters of the Ministry of Culture and Knowledge Development. Staff are encouraged to visit the cafe to unwind and chill out so they can revitalize and rejuvenate themselves. The cafe is full of soft sofas and has a specially designed decor to provide the perfect atmosphere of happiness and positivity. It also has its own garden and fountain to add a touch of nature. One worker loved the new cafe, saying it would help her to smile more at work.

The UAE's Minister of Culture and Knowledge Development opened the cafe. He hopes it will create a positive workplace environment, let workers release their productive energy, and improve the work of the ministry. The Happiness Cafe is part of a program initiated by the ruler of Dubai, called the National Program for Happiness and Positivity. The ruler called happiness, "a renewable and sustainable asset". This program intends to establish, "the values of positivity and happiness as a way of life in the UAE". The UAE wants to be in the top five of the world's happiest countries.

Sources: <http://www.thenational.ae/uae/happiness-cafe-opens-for-government-employees-in-abu-dhabi>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1705/170504-happiness-5.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The UAE government has | a. of Culture |
| 2. make its employees | b. decor |
| 3. the Ministry | c. unwind |
| 4. visit the cafe to | d. a touch of nature |
| 5. chill | e. opened a cafe |
| 6. a specially designed | f. of happiness |
| 7. provide the perfect atmosphere | g. out |
| 8. its own garden and fountain to add | h. happy |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. create a positive workplace | a. productive energy |
| 2. let workers release their | b. be in the top five |
| 3. improve the work | c. of life |
| 4. initiated by the ruler | d. countries |
| 5. establish the values of positivity | e. environment |
| 6. as a way | f. of Dubai |
| 7. The UAE wants to | g. and happiness |
| 8. the world's happiest | h. of the ministry |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The UAE government has opened (1) _____ its employees happy. The new 'Happiness Cafe' is in (2) _____ the Ministry of Culture and Knowledge Development. Staff are encouraged to visit the cafe (3) _____ out so they can revitalize and rejuvenate themselves. The cafe (4) _____ sofas and has a specially designed decor to provide the perfect (5) _____ happiness and positivity. It also has its own garden and fountain to add a (6) _____. One worker loved the new cafe, saying it would help her to smile more at work.

The UAE's Minister of Culture and Knowledge Development opened the cafe. He (7) _____ a positive workplace environment, let workers release their productive energy, and improve (8) _____ ministry. The Happiness Cafe is (9) _____ initiated by the ruler of Dubai, called the National Program for Happiness and Positivity. The ruler called happiness, "a (10) _____ sustainable asset". This program intends to establish, "the (11) _____ and happiness as a way of life in the UAE". The UAE wants (12) _____ five of the world's happiest countries.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HAPPINESS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1705/170504-happiness-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about happiness 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) _____

