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Working long hours kills hundreds of thousands

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210522-working-hours-4.html>

The WHO has issued a warning about the danger of overworking. It said this has caused the premature death of hundreds of thousands of people. The organization found that around three-quarters of a million workers die early from strokes and heart attacks because of overworking. Most of these deaths were in people aged 60 to 70 who worked over 55 hours a week between the ages of 45 and 74. Men accounted for 72 per cent of these deaths.

The WHO said people who overwork have a 42 per cent increased risk of stroke, and a 19 per cent increased chance of heart disease. It said: "No job is worth the risk of stroke or heart disease. Governments...need to...agree on limits to protect the health of workers." Over nine per cent of people overwork. The WHO said the situation is "accelerating" because of the pandemic. It said there is a "trend towards increased working time".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|--------------------|
| 1. The WHO has issued | a. death |
| 2. the danger | b. from strokes |
| 3. premature | c. aged 60 to 70 |
| 4. around three-quarters of | d. of overworking |
| 5. workers die early | e. of these deaths |
| 6. heart attacks because | f. a warning |
| 7. Most of these deaths were in people | g. of overworking |
| 8. Men accounted for 72 per cent | h. a million |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. people who | a. worth the risk |
| 2. a 42 per cent increased risk | b. working time |
| 3. increased chance of | c. of workers |
| 4. No job is | d. of stroke |
| 5. Governments need to agree | e. is accelerating |
| 6. protect the health | f. on limits |
| 7. The WHO said the situation | g. overwork |
| 8. a trend towards increased | h. heart disease |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The WHO (1) _____ warning about the danger of overworking. It said this has caused the (2) _____ hundreds of thousands of people. The organization (3) _____ three-quarters of a million workers die early from (4) _____ attacks because of overworking. Most of these deaths were in people aged 60 to 70 (5) _____ 55 hours a week between the ages of 45 and 74. (6) _____ 72 per cent of these deaths.

The WHO said people (7) _____ a 42 per cent increased risk of stroke, and a 19 per cent increased (8) _____ disease. It said: "No (9) _____ the risk of stroke or heart disease. Governments...need to... (10) _____ to protect the health of workers." Over nine per cent of people overwork. The WHO said the (11) _____ because of the pandemic. It said there is (12) _____ increased working time".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WORKING HOURS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about working hours 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) _____

