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Jobless young people a big problem

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THE READING

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The number of young people without a job is very high in many countries. There are 73 million 15-24-year-olds around the world who want to work but cannot find a job. The International Labour Organization (ILO) said that although youth unemployment is coming down in rich countries, it is rising in Asia, the Middle East, North Africa and Brazil. The rate in China increased from 9.3 per cent in 2010 to 10.6 per cent last year. It could be 11.1 per cent in 2016. In Brazil, the figure was 14 per cent at the beginning of this year, but is now almost 16 per cent.

The ILO said: "It's still not easy to be young and starting out in today's labour market." It is worst for young women. The highest rate of youth unemployment is for women in the Middle East and North Africa. This figure is around 45 per cent. There are many reasons for the high youth unemployment. One big factor is the global financial collapse of 2008. Many countries still have problems from that. The ILO says youth unemployment is not just important for economic reasons. It also affects health, peace and levels of people's happiness.

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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. The number of young people | a. down in rich countries |
| 2. There are 73 million 15- | b. in 2016 |
| 3. unemployment is coming | c. East |
| 4. the Middle | d. of this year |
| 5. The rate in China increased from | e. without a job |
| 6. It could be 11.1 per cent | f. was 14 per cent |
| 7. the figure | g. 9.3 per cent |
| 8. at the beginning | h. 24-year-olds |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|------------------|
| 1. It's still not easy to | a. reasons |
| 2. starting out in today's | b. women |
| 3. It is worst for young | c. is for women |
| 4. The highest rate of youth unemployment | d. be young |
| 5. the Middle | e. happiness |
| 6. One big factor is the global financial | f. labour market |
| 7. important for economic | g. collapse |
| 8. levels of people's | h. East |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The number of young people without a job (1) _____ many countries. There are 73 million 15-24-year-olds around the world (2) _____ but cannot find a job. The International Labour Organization (ILO) said that although youth unemployment (3) _____ in rich countries, (4) _____ Asia, the Middle East, North Africa and Brazil. The rate in China increased from 9.3 per cent in (5) _____ per cent last year. It could be 11.1 per cent in 2016. In Brazil, the figure was 14 per cent at the beginning of this year, (6) _____ 16 per cent.

The ILO said: "It's (7) _____ be young and starting out in today's labour market." It (8) _____ young women. The (9) _____ youth unemployment is for women in the Middle East and North Africa. This figure is around 45 per cent. There are many (10) _____ high youth unemployment. One big factor is the global (11) _____ 2008. Many countries still have problems from that. The ILO says youth unemployment is not just important for economic reasons. It also affects health, (12) _____ people's happiness.

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)

WRITING

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Write about **unemployment** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.
