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## **Level 4**

# **Facebook boss to take paternity leave**

**25th November, 2015**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1511/151125-paternity-leave-4.html>

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1511/151125-paternity-leave-4.html>

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg will take two months of paternity leave after his daughter is born. This tells all would-be fathers to do the same. Zuckerberg is only taking half of the leave Facebook gives male employees, but it sets a good example. Zuckerberg wrote: "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."

In the past decades, more companies have given paternity leave. However, many men do not take up this benefit. Technology companies often look after employees best, but even their male employees do not take the leave. Many continue working so they don't fall behind on projects or miss a promotion. An employment specialist gave some advice to men who were unsure about taking paternity leave: "Be courageous".

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# MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1511/151125-paternity-leave-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                     |                              |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Facebook                         | a. with their newborns       |
| 2. take two months                  | b. is born                   |
| 3. after his daughter               | c. be fathers to do the same |
| 4. This tells all would-            | d. CEO                       |
| 5. male                             | e. for the children          |
| 6. take time to be                  | f. of paternity leave        |
| 7. outcomes are better              | g. stage                     |
| 8. We're excited to start this next | h. employees                 |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. In the past          | a. a promotion     |
| 2. many men do not take | b. courageous      |
| 3. Technology           | c. behind          |
| 4. so they don't fall   | d. were unsure     |
| 5. miss                 | e. decades         |
| 6. An employment        | f. up this benefit |
| 7. advice to men who    | g. companies       |
| 8. Be                   | h. specialist      |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg will take (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
paternity leave after his daughter is born. This tells all  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_ to do the same. Zuckerberg  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_ half of the leave Facebook gives male  
employees, (4) \_\_\_\_\_ good example. Zuckerberg wrote:  
"Studies show that when working parents take time  
(5) \_\_\_\_\_ newborns, outcomes are better for the children."  
He added: "We're excited to start this next (6) \_\_\_\_\_  
lives."

In (7) \_\_\_\_\_, more companies have given paternity leave.  
However, many men do (8) \_\_\_\_\_ this benefit. Technology  
companies often look after employees best, (9) \_\_\_\_\_  
male employees (10) \_\_\_\_\_ leave. Many continue working  
so (11) \_\_\_\_\_ behind on projects or miss a promotion. An  
employment specialist gave some advice to men  
(12) \_\_\_\_\_ about taking paternity leave: "Be courageous".

# PATERNITY LEAVE SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1511/151125-paternity-leave-4.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)

