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**Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181129-working-week-1.html>

Businessman Elon Musk has said people must work up to 100 hours a week to "change the world". Mr Musk works very hard. He is the founder, CEO and lead designer of SpaceX; the co-founder of Tesla; and the co-founder of PayPal. His many projects have changed our lives. He is a workaholic but he loves working. He talked about hard work in an interview. He said: "There are easier places to work, but nobody ever changed the world on 40 hours a week."

Workers at Mr Musk's companies also work long hours. He said "everyone" at Tesla has worked 100 hours per week at times this year. Musk said some Tesla employees were unhappy with their long hours. Others said they like to work 70 hours per week. Musk said, the "pain level" increases above 80 hours a week. He didn't say what the pain was. The average CEO of a multi-billion-dollar company works about 70 hours a week.

Sources: <https://www.businessinsider.com/elon-musk-says-80-hours-per-week-needed-change-the-world-2018-11>  
<https://www.cnbc.com/2018/11/05/elon-musk-on-working-120-hours-a-week-youll-go-bonkers.html>  
<https://thetechportal.com/2018/11/04/elon-musk-minute-interview/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181129-working-week-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                              |                      |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. must work up to 100 hours | a. workaholic        |
| 2. Mr Musk works very        | b. places to work    |
| 3. the co-founder            | c. a week            |
| 4. His many projects have    | d. changed the world |
| 5. He is a                   | e. of PayPal         |
| 6. He talked                 | f. changed our lives |
| 7. There are easier          | g. hard              |
| 8. nobody ever               | h. about hard work   |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                             |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. work long                | a. above 80 hours |
| 2. 100 hours                | b. dollar company |
| 3. Others said they         | c. hours          |
| 4. the pain level increases | d. CEO            |
| 5. He didn't say what       | e. a week         |
| 6. The average              | f. like to work   |
| 7. a multi-billion-         | g. per week       |
| 8. about 70 hours           | h. the pain was   |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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to 100 hours (2) \_\_\_\_\_ "change the world". Mr  
Musk works very hard. He is the founder, CEO and lead designer  
of SpaceX; (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Tesla; and the co-founder of  
PayPal. His many projects (4) \_\_\_\_\_ lives. He is a  
workaholic but (5) \_\_\_\_\_. He talked about hard  
work in an interview. He said: "There are easier places to work,  
(6) \_\_\_\_\_ changed the world on 40 hours a  
week."

Workers at Mr Musk's companies (7) \_\_\_\_\_ hours.  
He said "everyone" at Tesla has worked 100 hours per  
(8) \_\_\_\_\_ this year. Musk said some Tesla  
employees (9) \_\_\_\_\_ their long hours. Others said  
they like to work 70 hours per week. Musk said,  
(10) \_\_\_\_\_ increases above 80 hours a week. He  
didn't say what (11) \_\_\_\_\_. The average CEO of a  
multi-billion-dollar company (12) \_\_\_\_\_ hours a  
week.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# THE WORKING WEEK SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181129-working-week-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about the working week 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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181129-working-week-1.html>

Write about **the working week** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.

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