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Level 1 – 16th July, 2020

French health workers get \$9 billion pay rise

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

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THE READING

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France has agreed a pay rise of \$9 billion for its health workers. The extra cash means that health workers will get \$208 more in their pay packet each month. The pay rise was to recognise the efforts of health workers during the coronavirus pandemic. The Prime Minister said: "No one can deny that this is a historic moment for our health system." During the outbreak, millions of French people applauded nurses and doctors. They have been rewarded with a rise in pay.

Monday's announcement was on the day before Bastille Day - a day to honour the French Revolution in 1789. It is the national day of France. Health workers attended a ceremony in Paris, but unions asked them to stay away as a protest. The unions said the government had to do more to protect staff and keep them safe. The government said it would do more. It said the pay rise was a "way of catching up for years of delay".

Sources: <https://www.france24.com/en/20200713-france-raises-pay-for-health-care-workers-by-more-than-%E2%82%AC8-billion>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200716-health-workers-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. France has agreed | a. nurses and doctors |
| 2. The extra | b. packet |
| 3. health workers will | c. pandemic |
| 4. in their pay | d. cash |
| 5. The pay rise was to recognise | e. moment |
| 6. during the coronavirus | f. get \$208 more |
| 7. this is a historic | g. the efforts |
| 8. French people applauded | h. a pay rise |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. the day before | a. to do more |
| 2. a day to honour the | b. a ceremony |
| 3. It is the national | c. Bastille Day |
| 4. Health workers attended | d. of delay |
| 5. unions asked them to | e. French Revolution |
| 6. the government had | f. them safe |
| 7. protect staff and keep | g. day of France |
| 8. catching up for years | h. stay away |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200716-health-workers-1.html>

France (1) _____ pay rise of \$9 billion for its health workers. The (2) _____ that health workers will get \$208 more in their (3) _____ month. The pay rise was to recognise the (4) _____ workers during the coronavirus pandemic. The Prime Minister said: "No one (5) _____ this is a historic moment for our health system." During the outbreak, millions of French people applauded nurses and doctors. They have been (6) _____ rise in pay.

Monday's (7) _____ the day before Bastille Day - a day to honour the French Revolution in 1789. It (8) _____ day of France. Health workers (9) _____ in Paris, but unions asked them to stay away (10) _____. The unions said the government had to do more to protect staff and (11) _____. The government said it would do more. It said the pay rise was a "way of catching up for (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HEALTH WORKERS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200716-health-workers-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about health workers 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) _____

