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Level 2 – 16th July, 2020

French health workers get \$9 billion pay rise

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The French government and labour unions have agreed a pay rise of \$9 billion for health workers. The extra cash means that workers will get an extra \$208 a month in their pay packet. Public sector doctors will also get more money. The Prime Minister said the pay rise was to recognise the efforts of health workers during the coronavirus pandemic. He 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. This caused the government to reward them with a rise in pay.

Monday's announcement was on the day before Bastille Day on July the 14th. This is a day to honour the French Revolution in 1789. It is the national day of France. Around 1,400 health workers attended a ceremony in Paris. However, unions asked them to stay away from the celebration as a protest. The unions said the government had to do more to protect staff and keep them safe during the pandemic. The government said it would do more. It said: "[The pay rise] is a way of catching up for years of delay, for which each and every one of us has their share of responsibility."

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-2.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. labour | a. nurses and doctors |
| 2. agreed a pay rise | b. get more money |
| 3. workers will get an extra | c. pandemic |
| 4. in their pay | d. unions |
| 5. Public sector doctors will also | e. moment |
| 6. during the coronavirus | f. of \$9 billion |
| 7. this is a historic | g. packet |
| 8. people applauded | h. \$208 a month |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. the day | a. would do more |
| 2. a day to honour the | b. every one of us |
| 3. health workers attended a | c. them safe |
| 4. protect staff and keep | d. responsibility |
| 5. The government said it | e. ceremony in Paris |
| 6. catching up for years | f. before Bastille Day |
| 7. each and | g. of delay |
| 8. their share of | h. French Revolution |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Monday's announcement was on (7) _____ Bastille Day on July the 14th. This is a (8) _____ the French Revolution in 1789. It is the national day of France. Around 1,400 health workers (9) _____ in Paris. However, unions asked them to stay away from the celebration as a protest. The unions said the government had to do (10) _____ staff and keep them safe during the pandemic. The government said it would do more. It said: "[The pay rise] is a way (11) _____ for years of delay, for which (12) _____ one of us has their share of responsibility."

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) _____

