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French health workers get \$9 billion pay rise

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THE ARTICLE

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

The French government has agreed to give a pay rise of \$9 billion to its health workers. It agreed the deal on Monday with labour unions. The extra cash means that nurses and care workers will get an extra \$208 a month in their pay packet. Doctors who work in the public sector will also get more money. France's Prime Minister said the pay rise was to recognise the efforts of health workers during the coronavirus pandemic. During the outbreak, millions of French people applauded and clapped their nurses and doctors. This caused the government to reward them with a rise in pay. The Prime Minister told reporters that: "No one can deny that this is a historic moment for our health system."

Monday's announcement and signing ceremony was on the day before Bastille Day on July the 14th. This is a day to honour a turning point in the French Revolution in 1789. It is the national day of France. Around 1,400 nurses, doctors and carers attended a ceremony in Paris' Place de la Concorde. However, some unions asked health workers to stay away from the celebration as a protest. The unions said the government needed to do more to protect staff and keep them safer during the pandemic. The Prime Minister said the government would do more. He said: "It 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>
<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/coronavirus-france-pay-rise-health-workers-jean-castex-a9617221.html>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-53398208>

WARM-UPS

1. HEALTH WORKERS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about health workers. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

government / pay rise / union / nurse / pay packet / public sector / pandemic / reward announcement / ceremony / revolution / doctors / celebration / protect / staff / delay

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. HIGHEST PAID: Students A **strongly** believe nurses should be among the highest paid workers; Students B **strongly** believe not. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. NURSE: What are the good and bad things about being a nurse? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good Things	Bad Things
Patients		
Hospitals		
Blood		
Hours		
Salary		
Colleagues		

5. UNION: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "union". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. PAY RISE: Rank these with your partner. Put those who most deserve a pay rise at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Nurses
- Soldiers
- Bankers
- Teachers
- Coder
- Shop assistant
- Prime Minister
- Artist

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| 1. agreed | a. Show official thanks for something or someone; reward someone. |
| 2. deal | b. Money (coins or notes). |
| 3. cash | c. A agreement between people, businesses or companies - especially in business or politics. |
| 4. public sector | d. Not accept the truth of something. |
| 5. recognise | e. Have the same opinion about something. |
| 6. pandemic | f. The part of an economy that is controlled by the government. |
| 7. deny | g. Of a disease that is all over a whole country or the world. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------|--|
| 8. announcement | h. Keep safe from harm or injury. |
| 9. ceremony | i. A part of a larger amount which is divided among a number of people. |
| 10. attended | j. Make someone or something late or slow. |
| 11. protect | k. A public occasion, usually one celebrating a particular event or anniversary. |
| 12. delay | l. The state or fact of being accountable or to blame for something. |
| 13. share | m. A public and typically formal statement about a fact. |
| 14. responsibility | n. Was present or went to an event or meeting. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. A nurse in France will get a pay rise of \$9 billion. **T / F**
- b. The government gave the pay rise without talking to unions. **T / F**
- c. The pay rise is only for nurses and not for doctors. **T / F**
- d. France's Prime Minister called the pay rise historic. **T / F**
- e. The pay rise was announced on France's national day. **T / F**
- f. About 1,400 health care workers attended a ceremony in Paris. **T / F**
- g. Unions said the government should do more to help health workers. **T / F**
- h. The Prime Minister said the pay rise was to catch up for years of delay. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| 1. pay | a. went to |
| 2. extra | b. brought about |
| 3. recognise | c. festivities |
| 4. caused | d. additional |
| 5. historic | e. part |
| 6. announcement | f. significant |
| 7. attended | g. salary |
| 8. celebration | h. keep safe |
| 9. protect | i. statement |
| 10. share | j. appreciate |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. labour | a. of delay |
| 2. work in the public | b. with a rise in pay |
| 3. French people applauded and | c. during the pandemic |
| 4. reward them | d. French Revolution |
| 5. this is a historic | e. clapped their nurses |
| 6. a turning point in the | f. every one of us |
| 7. carers attended a | g. unions |
| 8. keep them safer | h. moment |
| 9. catching up for years | i. ceremony in Paris |
| 10. each and | j. sector |

GAP FILL

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

The French government has (1) _____ to give a pay rise of \$9 billion to its health workers. It agreed the (2) _____ on Monday with labour unions. The extra cash means that nurses and care workers will get an (3) _____ \$208 a month in their pay packet. Doctors who work in the public (4) _____ will also get more money. France's Prime Minister said the pay rise was to recognise the efforts of health workers (5) _____ the coronavirus pandemic. During the outbreak, millions of French people applauded and (6) _____ their nurses and doctors. This caused the government to reward them with a (7) _____ in pay. The Prime Minister told reporters that: "No one can deny that this is a historic (8) _____ for our health system."

clapped
sector
deal
moment
during
agreed
rise
extra

Monday's announcement and (9) _____ ceremony was on the day before Bastille Day on July the 14th. This is a day to (10) _____ a turning point in the French Revolution in 1789. It is the national day of France. Around 1,400 nurses, doctors and carers (11) _____ a ceremony in Paris' Place de la Concorde. However, some unions asked health workers to stay away from the (12) _____ as a protest. The unions said the government needed to do more to protect (13) _____ and keep them safer during the pandemic. The Prime Minister said the government would do (14) _____. He said: "It is a way of catching up for years of (15) _____, for which each and every one of us has their (16) _____ of responsibility.

attended
more
celebration
share
signing
delay
honour
staff

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) The French government has agreed to give a pay rise _____
 - a. off \$9 billion
 - b. with \$9 billion
 - c. of \$9 billion
 - d. oft \$9 billion
- 2) It agreed the deal on Monday with _____
 - a. labour onions
 - b. laboured onions
 - c. laboured unions
 - d. labour unions
- 3) nurses and care workers will get an extra \$208 a month in _____
 - a. their paid packet
 - b. their play packet
 - c. their pay packet
 - d. their pain packet
- 4) During the outbreak, millions of French people applauded _____
 - a. and clipped
 - b. and clapped
 - c. and clopped
 - d. and cupped
- 5) No one can deny that this is a historic moment for _____
 - a. our health cistern
 - b. our healthy sis term
 - c. our health sister
 - d. our health system
- 6) Monday's announcement and signing ceremony was on _____
 - a. then day before
 - b. them day before
 - c. the day before
 - d. their day before
- 7) This is a day to honour a turning point in the French Revolution _____
 - a. in 1798
 - b. in 1978
 - c. in 1879
 - d. in 1789
- 8) Around 1,400 nurses, doctors and carers _____
 - a. attend it a ceremony
 - b. attended a ceremonial
 - c. attended a cereal money
 - d. attended as alimony
- 9) some unions asked health workers to stay away from the celebration _____
 - a. as a protest
 - b. as a protect
 - c. as a pro test
 - d. as app roe test
- 10) He said: "It is a way of catching up for _____"
 - a. years of relay
 - b. years of delay
 - c. years of dill lay
 - d. years of dilly

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. Who was the pay deal agreed with?
2. How much extra cash will nurses get each month?
3. Which doctors will get extra cash?
4. What did French people do to nurses and doctors during the pandemic?
5. What kind of moment did the PM say the rise was for the health service?
6. What celebration happened after the pay rise was announced?
7. When was the French Revolution?
8. How many health care workers attended a ceremony in Paris?
9. Who asked health care workers to stay away from a celebration?
10. What did the Prime Minister say the pay rise was catching up for?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) Who was the pay deal agreed with?
 - a) local governments
 - b) hospitals
 - c) unions
 - d) surgeries
- 2) How much extra cash will nurses get each month?
 - a) \$208
 - b) \$802
 - c) \$280
 - d) \$820
- 3) Which doctors will get extra cash?
 - a) public sector doctors
 - b) surgeons
 - c) newly-qualified doctors
 - d) private sector doctors
- 4) What did French people do to nurses and doctors during the pandemic?
 - a) gave them money
 - b) they clapped them
 - c) they waved at them
 - d) they shook their hands
- 5) What kind of moment did the PM say the rise was for the health service?
 - a) a moment to think
 - b) a wonderful moment
 - c) a sad moment
 - d) a historic moment
- 6) What celebration happened after the pay rise was announced?
 - a) a pay rise party
 - b) Bastille Day
 - c) a birthday party
 - d) a wedding
- 7) When was the French Revolution?
 - a) 1789
 - b) 1798
 - c) 1879
 - d) 1978
- 8) How many health care workers attended a ceremony in Paris?
 - a) exactly 1,400
 - b) just under 1,400
 - c) around 1,400
 - d) just over 1,400
- 9) Who asked health care workers to stay away from a celebration?
 - a) the government
 - b) doctors
 - c) nurses
 - d) unions
- 10) What did the Prime Minister say the pay rise was catching up for?
 - a) years of delay
 - b) austerity
 - c) pay
 - d) thanks

ROLE PLAY

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

Role A – Nurses

You think nurses are the most deserving of a pay rise. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why people in their jobs don't really need a pay rise. Also, tell the others which is the least deserving of these (and why): bankers, coders or shop assistants.

Role B – Bankers

You think bankers are the most deserving of a pay rise. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why people in their jobs don't really need a pay rise. Also, tell the others which is the least deserving of these (and why): nurses, coders or shop assistants.

Role C – Coders

You think coders are the most deserving of a pay rise. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why people in their jobs don't really need a pay rise. Also, tell the others which is the least deserving of these (and why): bankers, nurses or shop assistants.

Role D – Shop Assistants

You think shop assistants are the most deserving of a pay rise. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why people in their jobs don't really need a pay rise. Also, tell the others which is the least deserving of these (and why): bankers, coders or nurses.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms... for the words 'health' and 'worker'.

health	worker

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• deal• extra• efforts• outbreak• caused• deny	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• before• point• national• needed• safer• share
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HEALTH WORKERS SURVEY

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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.

HEALTH WORKERS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'health'?
3. What do you think of the pay rise?
4. How much should nurses get paid?
5. Would you like to be a nurse?
6. How difficult is the job of a nurse?
7. How difficult is the job of a doctor?
8. How often should we applaud our health workers?
9. What would being a health worker be like in a pandemic?
10. What advice do you have for health workers?

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HEALTH WORKERS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'worker'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Should nurses be among the highest paid workers?
15. What do you know about the French Revolution?
16. What do you think of labour unions?
17. What more should governments do for health workers?
18. Have you ever needed the help of health workers?
19. Are doctors or nurses more important?
20. What questions would you like to ask a health worker?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) greed | (b) agreeing | (c) agree | (d) agreed |
| 2. | (a) seal | (b) peel | (c) appeal | (d) deal |
| 3. | (a) pocket | (b) packet | (c) picket | (d) bucket |
| 4. | (a) effects | (b) affords | (c) efforts | (d) affronts |
| 5. | (a) clapped | (b) penned | (c) recovered | (d) stopped |
| 6. | (a) historic | (b) history | (c) historian | (d) hysteria |
| 7. | (a) limiting | (b) stomping | (c) stamping | (d) signing |
| 8. | (a) turning | (b) spinning | (c) twisting | (d) whirling |
| 9. | (a) savers | (b) carers | (c) givers | (d) doers |
| 10. | (a) was | (b) has | (c) as | (d) is |
| 11. | (a) many | (b) some | (c) more | (d) any |
| 12. | (a) plus | (b) share | (c) divide | (d) cut |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. The French government has graeed
2. \$208 a month in their pay ktcepa
3. during the coronavirus mcdnpeai
4. people uppaalded and clapped their nurses
5. rdarew them with a rise in pay
6. a hioicrts moment for our health system

Paragraph 2

7. signing yeoemrnc
8. It is the natoilan day of France
9. to stay away from the abtnocrliee
10. needed to do more to tprecto staff
11. catching up for years of lydae
12. their share of birisetosinpyl

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () \$208 a month in their pay packet. Doctors who work in the public sector will also get more
- () on Monday with labour unions. The extra cash means that nurses and care workers will get an extra
- () during the coronavirus pandemic. During the outbreak, millions of French people applauded and
- () money. France's Prime Minister said the pay rise was to recognise the efforts of health workers
- () reporters that: "No one can deny that this is a historic moment for our health system."
- () Monday's announcement and signing ceremony was on the day before Bastille Day on July the 14th. This is a day to
- () to do more to protect staff and keep them safer during the pandemic. The Prime Minister
- (**1**) The French government has agreed to give a pay rise of \$9 billion to its health workers. It agreed the deal
- () years of delay, for which each and every one of us has their share of responsibility."
- () clapped their nurses and doctors. This caused the government to reward them with a rise in pay. The Prime Minister told
- () asked health workers to stay away from the celebration as a protest. The unions said the government needed
- () honour a turning point in the French Revolution in 1789. It is the national day of France. Around 1,400 nurses, doctors
- () and carers attended a ceremony in Paris' Place de la Concorde. However, some unions
- () said the government would do more. He said: "It is a way of catching up for

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. pay billion . of Agreed rise \$9 to a give
2. workers extra an Care get will \$208 .
3. during pandemic . Efforts of health the coronavirus workers
4. them in rise Reward a with pay .
5. system . a is This for historic moment our
6. the French turning Honour Revolution . a point in
7. stay workers asked unions health away . Some to
8. to Governments staff . do needed protect to more
9. catching Ways of years up of delay for
10. us every responsibility . of one and has Each

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

The French government has agreed to *give / given* a pay rise of \$9 billion to its health workers. It agreed the *dealing / deal* on Monday with labour unions. The extra *cache / cash* means that nurses and care workers will get an extra \$208 a month *in / on* their pay packet. Doctors who work *in / on* the public sector will also get more money. France's Prime Minister said the pay rise was *for / to* recognise the efforts of health workers *during / doing* the coronavirus pandemic. During the outbreak, millions of French people applauded and clapped *their / them* nurses and doctors. This caused the government to reward them with a rise *on / in* pay. The Prime Minister told reporters that: "No one can deny that this is a *history / historic* moment for our health system."

Monday's announcement and *signing / singing* ceremony was on the day before Bastille Day on July the 14th. This is a day to honour a *turning / turn* point in the French Revolution in 1789. It is the national *week / day* of France. Around 1,400 nurses, doctors and carers *attention / attended* a ceremony in Paris' Place de la Concorde. However, some *unions / onions* asked health workers to stay *way / away* from the celebration as a *protect / protest*. The unions said the government *needed / necessary* to do more to protect staff and keep them safer during the pandemic. The Prime Minister said the government would do more. He said: "It is a way of catching *down / up* for years of delay, for which each and every one of us has their *shave / share* of responsibility."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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The French government has agreed to give a pay rise of \$9 billion to its health workers. It agreed the deal on Monday with labour unions. The extra cash means that nurses and care workers will get an extra \$208 a month in their pay packet. Doctors who work in the public sector will also get more money. France's Prime Minister said the pay rise was to recognise the efforts of health workers during the coronavirus pandemic. During the outbreak, millions of French people applauded and clapped their nurses and doctors. This caused the government to reward them with a rise in pay. The Prime Minister told reporters that: "No one can deny that this is a historic moment for our health system." Monday's announcement and signing ceremony was on the day before Bastille Day on July the 14th. This is a day to honour our turning point in the French Revolution in 1789. It is the national day of France. Around 1,400 nurses, doctors and carers attended a ceremony in Paris' Place de la Concorde. However, some unions asked health workers to stay away from the celebration as a protest. The unions said the government needed to do more to protect staff and keep them safer during the pandemic. The Prime Minister said the government would do more. He said: "It is a way of catching up for years of delay, for which each and everyone of us has their share of responsibility."

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. HEALTH WORKERS: Make a poster about health workers. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. PAY RISE: Write a magazine article about health workers getting a 100% pay rise. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on health workers. Ask him/her three questions about health workers. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e 2. c 3. b 4. f 5. a 6. g 7. d
8. m 9. k 10. n 11. h 12. j 13. i 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b F c F d T e F f T g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. d	3. j	4. b	5. f
6. i	7. a	8. c	9. h	10. e

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Unions
2. \$208
3. Public sector doctors
4. They applauded and clapped them
5. A historic moment
6. Bastille Day
7. 1789
8. Around 1,400
9. Unions
10. Years of delay

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Agreed to give a pay rise of \$9 billion.
2. Care workers will get an extra \$208.
3. Efforts of health workers during the coronavirus pandemic.
4. Reward them with a rise in pay.
5. This is a historic moment for our system.
6. Honour a turning point in the French Revolution.
7. Some unions asked health workers to stay away.
8. Governments needed to do more to protect staff.
9. Ways of catching up for years of delay.
10. Each and every one of us has responsibility.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. a 4. b 5. d 6. b 7. a 8. c 9. d 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)