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**Level 5 – 26th September, 2022**

## Japanese company allow pets into the office

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**Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2209/220926-dog-office-5.html>

Coronavirus has changed working conditions worldwide. Millions of us switched from working in offices to working remotely at home. A Japanese company has a new measure to entice workers back into the office. The technology giant Fujitsu will let some workers bring their pet dog to work. Executives set up an experimental "dog office" at a building near Tokyo. Members of staff can return to their office and bring their dog with them. It is part of a trial to make workers more comfortable in the workplace. More people may give up working remotely from home.

Japan's workforce is well known for working long hours. The pandemic changed this. Many workers now work from home. They think that working remotely is better than their two-hour commute from the suburbs. They like the idea of spending more quality time with their pet. Fujitsu hopes its experiment will get workers back to the office. One worker said he could "communicate with other people with the help of our dogs". Reuters says the Fujitsu "dog office" has space for up to six dogs. It also has stain-proof carpets and different pet supplies.

Sources: <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/salarymans-best-friend-japan-office-lets-dogs-post-covid-work-shift-2022-09-22/>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                      |                         |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. working                           | a. back into the office |
| 2. entice workers                    | b. of a trial           |
| 3. bring their pet dog               | c. dog office           |
| 4. Executives set up an experimental | d. conditions           |
| 5. Members                           | e. give up              |
| 6. It is part                        | f. of staff             |
| 7. make workers more                 | g. to work              |
| 8. More people may                   | h. comfortable          |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                      |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. well known for working     | a. better            |
| 2. The pandemic               | b. supplies          |
| 3. working remotely is        | c. from the suburbs  |
| 4. two-hour commute           | d. with other people |
| 5. spending more quality time | e. to six dogs       |
| 6. communicate                | f. changed this      |
| 7. space for up               | g. with their pet    |
| 8. pet                        | h. long hours        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Japan's workforce is (7) \_\_\_\_\_ working long hours. The pandemic changed this. Many workers now work from home. They think that working (8) \_\_\_\_\_ than their two-hour commute (9) \_\_\_\_\_. They like the idea of spending more quality time with their pet. Fujitsu (10) \_\_\_\_\_ will get workers back to the office. One worker said he could "communicate with other people with (11) \_\_\_\_\_ our dogs". Reuters says the Fujitsu "dog office" has space for up to six dogs. It also has stain-proof carpets and (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# OFFICES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2209/220926-dog-office-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about offices 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) \_\_\_\_\_

