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Level 2 – 20th April 2023

South Korea pays lonely people to leave the house

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

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230420-reclusiveness-2.html>

Many people stay at home and do not want to go out. They shut themselves off from the world and do not want to meet other people. They are recluses. South Korea has an idea for these people to "re-enter society". It will pay people \$500 a month to leave their home. The payment will be for poor and lonely people aged nine to 24. South Korea's government said it wanted to help younger people. It said it wants young people to go out. The government will support people's mental and emotional stability, and their health.

Korea says about 3.1 per cent of young Korean people are reclusive. They have big difficulties in living a normal life. They shut themselves off from society for many reasons. These include bullying, exam stress, family problems, technology and social media. The government said the \$500-a-month payment will help these people. The money means the young people could have fewer mental and health problems. Korea has an ageing society. It needs young people to work so they can help old people.

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2023/04/14/asia/south-korea-youth-recluse-stipend-intl-hnk/index.html>
<https://news.yahoo.com/korea-pay-reclusive-lonely-young-190420633.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. people stay at home and do not | a. other people |
| 2. They shut themselves off | b. help younger people |
| 3. meet | c. recluses |
| 4. They are | d. lonely people |
| 5. pay people \$500 | e. want to go out |
| 6. poor and | f. to go out |
| 7. it wanted to | g. from the world |
| 8. it wants young people | h. a month |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. They have big | a. society |
| 2. They shut themselves | b. media |
| 3. social | c. old people |
| 4. the \$500-a-month | d. difficulties |
| 5. have fewer mental and | e. off from society |
| 6. Korea has an ageing | f. to work |
| 7. It needs young people | g. health problems |
| 8. they can help | h. payment |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Many people stay at home and do not want (1) _____. They shut themselves off from the world and do not (2) _____ other people. They are recluses. South Korea (3) _____ for these people to "re-enter society". It will pay people \$500 a month (4) _____ home. The payment will be for poor and lonely people aged nine to 24. South Korea's government said it (5) _____ younger people. It said it wants young people to go out. The government will (6) _____ and emotional stability, and their health.

Korea says about 3.1 per cent of young Korean (7) _____. They have big difficulties in living a normal life. They (8) _____ from society for many reasons. These include bullying, exam stress, family problems, technology (9) _____. The government said the \$500-a-month payment will (10) _____. The money means the young people (11) _____ mental and health problems. Korea has an ageing society. It needs young people to work (12) _____ help old people.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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LONELINESS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about loneliness 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

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Write about **loneliness** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
