

Breaking News English.com

Ready-to-Use English Lessons by Sean Banville

**"1,000 IDEAS & ACTIVITIES
FOR LANGUAGE TEACHERS"**

breakingnewsenglish.com/book.html

**Thousands more free lessons
from Sean's other websites**

www.freeeslmaterials.com/sean_banville_lessons.html

Level 0 – 19th September 2024

Amazon staff to return to office five days a week

FREE online quizzes, mp3 listening and more for this lesson here:

<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2409/240919-amazon-hybrid-work-policy-0.html>

Contents

The Reading	2
Phrase Matching	3
Listening Gap Fill	4
No Spaces	5
Survey	6
Writing and Speaking	7
Writing	8

Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

X (Twitter)



[X.com/SeanBanville](https://x.com/SeanBanville)

Facebook



www.facebook.com/pages/BreakingNewsEnglish/155625444452176

THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2409/240919-amazon-hybrid-work-policy-0.html>

COVID-19 is no longer a health emergency. However, many workers are still working from home. Amazon has told its staff to return to a five-day week from January. It said: "We're going to return to being in the office the way we were before...Covid." It said staff could teach and learn from one another in the office.

Amazon staff often talk about their concerns. In February 2023, Amazon asked people to be in the office for three days a week, and the workers protested. They also complained about Amazon cutting 27,000 jobs. Another complaint was about climate change. Amazon has made a "bureaucracy mailbox" for staff complaints.

Sources: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/retail/2024/09/16/amazon-return-to-office-policy-five-days/75253666007/>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/czj99ln72k9o>
<https://www.geekwire.com/2024/amazons-new-back-to-office-mandate-adds-to-debate-over-remote-work-and-employee-productivity/>

PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2409/240919-amazon-hybrid-work-policy-0.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. COVID-19 is no longer a health | a. return |
| 2. workers are still working | b. its staff |
| 3. Amazon has told | c. before |
| 4. return to a five- | d. from home |
| 5. We're going to | e. another |
| 6. being in the | f. emergency |
| 7. the way we were | g. office |
| 8. learn from one | h. day week |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. staff often talk | a. about Amazon |
| 2. Amazon asked people to | b. mailbox |
| 3. the workers | c. jobs |
| 4. They also complained | d. complaints |
| 5. cutting 27,000 | e. about their concerns |
| 6. Another complaint was about | f. be in the office |
| 7. Amazon has made a bureaucracy | g. climate change |
| 8. staff | h. protested |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2409/240919-amazon-hybrid-work-policy-0.html>

COVID-19 (1) _____ a health emergency.

However, (2) _____ still working from home.

Amazon has (3) _____ to return to a five-day

week from January. It said: "We're (4) _____ to

being in the office the (5) _____ before...Covid."

It said staff could teach and learn from (6) _____

the office.

Amazon (7) _____ about their concerns. In

February 2023, Amazon (8) _____ be in the

office for three (9) _____, and the workers

protested. They (10) _____ Amazon cutting

27,000 jobs. Another (11) _____ climate change.

Amazon has made a "bureaucracy mailbox"

(12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2409/240919-amazon-hybrid-work-policy-0.html>

COVID-19 is no longer a health emergency. However, many workers are still working from home. Amazon has told its staff to return to a five-day week from January. It said: "We're going to return to being in the office the way we were before Covid." It said staff could teach and learn from one another in the office. Amazon staff often talk about their concerns. In February 2023, Amazon asked people to be in the office for three days a week, and the workers protested. They also complained about Amazon cutting 27,000 jobs. Another complaint was about climate change. Amazon has made a "bureaucracy mailbox" for staff complaints.

WORKING FROM HOME SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2409/240919-amazon-hybrid-work-policy-0.html>

Write five GOOD questions about working from home 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) _____

Amazon staff to return to office five days a week – 19th September 2024
More free lessons at breakingnewsenglish.com

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2409/240919-amazon-hybrid-work-policy-0.html>

Write about **working from home** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
