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Germany wants workers from India

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260326-germany-labour-shortage.html>

Germany needs lots of workers. It is struggling to find enough skilled people to work in many areas. This is because many older workers are retiring and the birth rate is falling. There are not enough young people to fill hundreds of thousands of job vacancies. It needs to attract 288,000 foreign workers per year. A recent report from the BBC said Germany wants to fix this problem by asking workers from India to fill many vacancies. India has 600 million people below the age of 25. In particular, Germany needs people to work in engineering, healthcare, and manufacturing. The country needs thousands of nurses and caregivers. It also needs thousands of IT professionals.

Germany is Europe's largest economy. It is famous for manufacturing, especially for cars. Companies like Volkswagen, Mercedes, Porsche, and BMW make some of the most famous cars in the world. Germany is also a leader in renewable energy, pharmaceuticals, and financial services. The government has made it easier for people to get visas to work in Germany. It has increased the number of visas available to Indians from 20,000 per year to 90,000. However, many business owners say more workers are needed. Indian employment expert Aditi Banerjee said: "There's a huge labour surplus in India." She is helping many young Indian workers to find work in Germany.

Sources: <https://www.dw.com/en/germany-launches-alliance-to-fairly-recruit-skilled-workers/a-76461953>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c3wlww83yv4o>
<https://www.ndtv.com/world-news/why-indian-talent-is-in-high-demand-as-germany-struggles-with-workforce-shortages-11253593>

WARM-UPS

1. WORKERS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about 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?

Germany / workers / skilled people / retiring / birth rate / job vacancies / age / nurses economy / manufacturing / cars / renewable energy / pharmaceuticals / expert / work

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

3. AI: Students A **strongly** believe companies should use AI if there are job vacancies; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. WORKER SHORTAGES: How serious are worker shortages in these areas? How can we fix them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Seriousness	Fixes
Engineering		
Caregiving		
Manufacturing		
Financial services		
Pharmaceuticals		
Nursing		

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

6. JOBS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best jobs at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- English teacher
- Nurse
- Influencer
- Police officer
- Graphic designer
- Gardener
- Fisherman/woman
- Farmer

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. struggling | a. The number of babies born in a country/the world. |
| 2. skilled | b. Trying hard but not succeeding easily. |
| 3. retiring | c. Stopping work forever because you are older. |
| 4. birth rate | d. To make someone want to come or join. |
| 5. vacancies | e. More than others; especially. |
| 6. attract | f. Having the ability to do something well. |
| 7. in particular | g. Jobs that no one is doing yet and need to be filled. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8. economy | h. Medicines and the industry that makes them. |
| 9. manufacturing | i. More than what is needed. |
| 10. renewable | j. A person who knows a lot (or everything) about something. |
| 11. pharmaceuticals | k. Something that can be used again and does not run out. |
| 12. available | l. Ready to be used or taken. |
| 13. expert | m. The system of money, jobs, and business in a country. |
| 14. surplus | n. Making things in factories. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260326-germany-labour-shortage.html>

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

1. Germany has a worker shortage in two areas. **T / F**
2. The birth rate in Germany is rising. **T / F**
3. There are 600 million people in India under the age of 25. **T / F**
4. The article says Germany needs thousands of nurses. **T / F**
5. The article says Germany is the largest economy in Europe. **T / F**
6. Germany's government has made it harder for Indians to get a visa. **T / F**
7. Many business owners in Germany want more workers. **T / F**
8. An employment expert said there are very few extra workers in India. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. struggling | a. pioneer |
| 2. retiring | b. repair |
| 3. vacancies | c. look for |
| 4. fix | d. openings |
| 5. people | e. specialist |
| 6. especially | f. battling |
| 7. leader | g. excess |
| 8. expert | h. individuals |
| 9. surplus | i. giving up work |
| 10. find | j. mainly |

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

- | | |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. It is struggling | a. workers are needed |
| 2. fill hundreds of thousands of | b. many vacancies |
| 3. asking workers from India to fill | c. surplus in India |
| 4. Germany needs people to work | d. available to Indians |
| 5. It also needs thousands of IT | e. in engineering |
| 6. It is famous | f. to find enough |
| 7. Germany is also a leader in renewable | g. for manufacturing |
| 8. It has increased the number of visas | h. professionals |
| 9. business owners say more | i. energy |
| 10. There's a huge labour | j. job vacancies |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260326-germany-labour-shortage.html>

Germany needs lots of workers. It is (1) _____ to find enough skilled people to work in many areas. This is because many older workers are (2) _____ and the birth rate is falling. There are not (3) _____ young people to fill hundreds of thousands of job vacancies. It needs to (4) _____ 288,000 foreign workers per year. A recent report from the BBC said Germany wants to (5) _____ this problem by asking workers from India to fill many (6) _____. India has 600 million people below the age of 25. In particular, Germany needs people to work in (7) _____, healthcare, and manufacturing. The country needs thousands of nurses and caregivers. It also needs (8) _____ of IT professionals.

attract
retiring
vacancies
struggling
thousands
fix
engineering
enough

Germany is Europe's largest (9) _____. It is famous for manufacturing, especially for cars. Companies like Volkswagen, Mercedes, Porsche, and BMW make some of the most (10) _____ cars in the world. Germany is also a leader in (11) _____ energy, pharmaceuticals, and financial services. The government has made it easier for people to get (12) _____ to work in Germany. It has increased the number of visas (13) _____ to Indians from 20,000 per year to 90,000. However, many business (14) _____ say more workers are needed. Indian employment (15) _____ Aditi Banerjee said: "There's a huge labour surplus in India." She is (16) _____ many young Indian workers to find work in Germany.

renewable
available
economy
expert
visas
helping
famous
owners

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260326-germany-labour-shortage.html>

- 1) It is struggling to find enough skilled people to work _____
 - a. in many area
 - b. in any areas
 - c. on many areas
 - d. in many areas
- 2) This is because many older workers are retiring and the birth _____
 - a. rate is falling
 - b. rate is failing
 - c. rate is felling
 - d. rate is fall in
- 3) not enough young people to fill hundreds of thousands _____
 - a. off job vacancies
 - b. of job vacancy
 - c. of job vacancies
 - d. of jobs vacancies
- 4) A recent report from the BBC said Germany wants to _____
 - a. fix this problems
 - b. fix this problem
 - c. fix these problem
 - d. affix this problem
- 5) The country needs thousands of _____
 - a. nurses and caregiver
 - b. nurses and caregivers
 - c. nurse and caregivers
 - d. nurse and caregiver
- 6) Germany is Europe's largest economy. It is famous for manufacturing, _____
 - a. especially four cars
 - b. especially for cars
 - c. especially fore cars
 - d. especially afore cars
- 7) Germany is also a leader in renewable energy, pharmaceuticals, _____
 - a. and financial service
 - b. and financial services
 - c. and financially services
 - d. and financially service
- 8) The government has made it easier for people to get _____
 - a. visas to work
 - b. visas too work
 - c. visas to works
 - d. visas to worked
- 9) However, many business owners say more _____
 - a. workers are needy
 - b. workers are needing
 - c. workers are need it
 - d. workers are needed
- 10) Aditi Banerjee said there's a huge labour _____
 - a. surplus in India
 - b. surplus on India
 - c. sir plus in India
 - d. sap plus in India

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260326-germany-labour-shortage.html>

Germany needs (1) _____. It is struggling to find enough skilled people to work (2) _____. This is because many older workers are retiring and the birth rate is falling. There are not enough young people (3) _____ of thousands of job vacancies. It needs to attract 288,000 foreign workers per year. A recent report from the BBC said Germany wants to (4) _____ by asking workers from India to fill many vacancies. India has 600 million people (5) _____ of 25. In particular, Germany needs people to work in engineering, healthcare, and manufacturing. The country needs thousands of (6) _____. It also needs thousands of IT professionals.

Germany is Europe's largest economy. It (7) _____ manufacturing, especially for cars. Companies like Volkswagen, Mercedes, Porsche, and BMW (8) _____ the most famous cars in the world. Germany is also a leader in renewable energy, pharmaceuticals, (9) _____. The government has made it easier for people to get visas to work in Germany. It has increased the number of (10) _____ Indians from 20,000 per year to 90,000. However, many (11) _____ more workers are needed. Indian employment expert Aditi Banerjee said: "There's a huge labour surplus in India." She is (12) _____ Indian workers to find work in Germany.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260326-germany-labour-shortage.html>

1. What are many older workers in Germany doing?
2. What does the article say is falling in Germany?
3. How many foreign workers a year does Germany need each year?
4. How many people in India are under the age of 25?
5. What kind of professionals does the article say Germany needs?
6. What is Germany famous for manufacturing?
7. What kind of energy is Germany a leader in?
8. How many working visas are available to Indians each year?
9. What is Aditi Banerjee's job?
10. What did Aditi Banerjee say there was a surplus of in India?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260326-germany-labour-shortage.html>

- 1) What are many older workers in Germany doing?
 - a) retraining
 - b) retiring
 - c) returning to work
 - d) travelling
- 2) What does the article say is falling in Germany?
 - a) exchange rates
 - b) marriages
 - c) divorce rates
 - d) the birth rate
- 3) How many foreign workers a year does Germany need each year?
 - a) 288,000
 - b) 286,000
 - c) 284,000
 - d) 282,000
- 4) How many people in India are under the age of 25?
 - a) six-hundred thousand
 - b) six-hundred billion
 - c) six-hundred million
 - d) six-hundred trillion
- 5) What kind of professionals does the article say Germany needs?
 - a) banking professionals
 - b) IT professionals
 - c) AI professionals
 - d) education professionals
- 6) What does the article say Germany is famous for manufacturing?
 - a) cars
 - b) beer
 - c) hair dryers
 - d) computers
- 7) What kind of energy is Germany a leader in?
 - a) oil
 - b) solar energy
 - c) renewable energy
 - d) nuclear energy
- 8) How many working visas are available to Indians each year?
 - a) ninety thousand
 - b) nineteen thousand
 - c) ninety-nine thousand
 - d) 999,000
- 9) What is Aditi Banerjee's job?
 - a) She's an employment expert.
 - b) She's an AI professional.
 - c) She's a nurse.
 - d) She's an English teacher.
- 10) What did Aditi Banerjee say there was a surplus of in India?
 - a) AI coders
 - b) ideas
 - c) fish
 - d) labour

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – English Teacher

You think an English teacher is the best job. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their jobs. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): nurse, farmer or influencer.

Role B – Nurse

You think a nurse is the best job. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their jobs. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): English teacher, farmer or influencer.

Role C – Farmer

You think a farmer is the best job. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their jobs. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): nurse, English teacher or influencer.

Role D – Influencer

You think an influencer is the best job. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their jobs. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): nurse, farmer or English teacher.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260326-germany-labour-shortage.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'skilled' and 'worker'.

skilled	worker
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- 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">• lots• falling• fill• recent• fix• needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• especially• leader• easier• number• owners• helping
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WORKERS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about 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.

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 'labour'?
3. What job would you really like?
4. What is the job situation like in your country?
5. How surprised are you about Germany's labour shortage?
6. What skills would you like to have?
7. What age is best for people to retire at?
8. What do you think of getting workers from other countries?
9. How easy is it to find a job in your country?
10. Is Germany's plan a problem for India?

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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. What do you know about Germany's economy?
15. What do you think of German cars?
16. Would you like to work in another country?
17. How is technology changing jobs?
18. What do you think of AI replacing many jobs?
19. What do you think of working?
20. What questions would you like to ask the German government?

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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260326-germany-labour-shortage.html>

Germany (1) _____ lots of workers. It is (2) _____ to find enough skilled people to work in many areas. This is because many older workers are retiring and the (3) _____ rate is falling. There are not enough young people to fill hundreds of thousands of job vacancies. It needs to attract 288,000 foreign workers (4) _____ year. A recent report from the BBC said Germany wants to fix this problem by asking workers from India to fill many vacancies. India has 600 million people below the age of 25. (5) _____ particular, Germany needs people to work in engineering, healthcare, and manufacturing. The country needs (6) _____ of nurses and caregivers. It also needs thousands of IT professionals.

Germany is Europe's largest economy. It is famous (7) _____ manufacturing, especially for cars. Companies like Volkswagen, Mercedes, Porsche, and BMW make some of the most famous cars (8) _____ the world. Germany is also a leader in renewable energy, pharmaceuticals, and financial services. The government has (9) _____ it easier for people to get visas to work in Germany. It has increased the number of visas (10) _____ to Indians from 20,000 per year to 90,000. However, many business owners (11) _____ more workers are needed. Indian employment expert Aditi Banerjee said: "There's a (12) _____ labour surplus in India." She is helping many young Indian workers to find work in Germany.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) need | (b) needing | (c) needy | (d) needs |
| 2. | (a) stinging | (b) strangling | (c) straggling | (d) struggling |
| 3. | (a) birth | (b) born | (c) baby | (d) pregnant |
| 4. | (a) for | (b) purr | (c) per | (d) fur |
| 5. | (a) At | (b) In | (c) By | (d) On |
| 6. | (a) thousands | (b) thousand | (c) thousandths | (d) thousandth |
| 7. | (a) of | (b) for | (c) at | (d) on |
| 8. | (a) in | (b) at | (c) by | (d) on |
| 9. | (a) did | (b) made | (c) been | (d) taken |
| 10. | (a) ready | (b) use | (c) available | (d) prepare |
| 11. | (a) speak | (b) talk | (c) say | (d) voice |
| 12. | (a) hug | (b) splurge | (c) surge | (d) huge |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. It is rlgituggsn to find enough
2. older workers are irgrntie
3. thousands of job svaniccae
4. It needs to atattrc 288,000 foreign workers
5. Germany needs people to work in iegrnegienn
6. thousands of IT irpofaoesssln

Paragraph 2

7. Germany is Europe's largest yemoocn
8. It is famous for ngnctfaiurma
9. a leader in earbleenw energy
10. the number of visas ilbaavlae
11. Indian employment trpxee
12. a huge labour srlusup in India

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260326-germany-labour-shortage.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () age of 25. In particular, Germany needs people to work in engineering, healthcare, and
- () areas. This is because many older workers are retiring and the birth rate is falling. There are not enough
- () cars in the world. Germany is also a leader in renewable energy, pharmaceuticals, and financial
- () for cars. Companies like Volkswagen, Mercedes, Porsche, and BMW make some of the most famous
- () from India to fill many vacancies. India has 600 million people below the
- () Germany is Europe's largest economy. It is famous for manufacturing, especially
- (**1**) Germany needs lots of workers. It is struggling to find enough skilled people to work in many
- () increased the number of visas available to Indians from 20,000 per year to 90,000. However, many business
- () manufacturing. The country needs thousands of nurses and caregivers. It also needs thousands of IT professionals.
- () owners say more workers are needed. Indian employment expert Aditi Banerjee said: "There's a huge labour
- () services. The government has made it easier for people to get visas to work in Germany. It has
- () surplus in India." She is helping many young Indian workers to find work in Germany.
- () year. A recent report from the BBC said Germany wants to fix this problem by asking workers
- () young people to fill hundreds of thousands of job vacancies. It needs to attract 288,000 foreign workers per

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260326-germany-labour-shortage.html>

1. enough find is It people skilled struggling to .
2. are because is many older retiring This workers .
3. Fill hundreds job of thousands vacancies of .
4. 25 age below Six-hundred million of people the .
5. and caregivers country needs nurses of thousands The .
6. cars especially famous for for is It manufacturing .
7. cars famous Make most of some the worldwide .
8. easier for government has it made people The .
9. are business Many more needed owners say workers .
10. a India in is labour surplus There huge .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260326-germany-labour-shortage.html>

Germany needs *lots / lot* of workers. It is *struggling / struggle* to find enough skilled people to work in many *area / areas*. This is because many older workers are retiring and the birth rate is falling. There are not enough young people to fill hundreds of thousands *on / of* job vacancies. It needs to attract 288,000 foreign workers *for / per* year. A *recent / recently* report from the BBC said Germany wants to fix this problem *by / to* asking workers from India to fill many vacancies. India has 600 million people below the *old / age* of 25. In particular, Germany needs people to work in engineering, healthcare, and *manufacture / manufacturing*. The country needs thousands of nurses and caregivers. It also needs thousands *at / of* IT professionals.

Germany is Europe's largest *economics / economy*. It is famous for manufacturing, especially *for / from* cars. Companies like Volkswagen, Mercedes, Porsche, and BMW make *much / some* of the most famous cars in the world. Germany is also a *leader / leading* in renewable energy, pharmaceuticals, and financial *service / services*. The government has made it easier for people to get visas to work in Germany. It has *increased / increasing* the number of visas *available / ready* to Indians from 20,000 per year to 90,000. However, many business *owners / owns* say more workers are needed. Indian employment *expert / expat* Aditi Banerjee said: "There's a huge labour surplus in India." She is helping many young Indian workers to *finding / find* work in Germany.

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

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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260326-germany-labour-shortage.html>

G_r_m_n_y n__ds l_ts _f w_rk_rs. _t _s str_ggl_ng t_
f_nd _n__gh sk_ll_d p__pl_ t_ w_rk _n m_ny _r__s.
Th_s _s b_c__s_ m_ny _ld_r w_rk_rs _r_ r_t_r_ng _nd
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b_l_w th_ _g_ _f 25. _n p_rt_c_l_r, G_r_m_n_y n__ds
p__pl_ t_ w_rk _n _ng_n__r_ng, h__lthc_r_, _nd
m_n_f_ct_r_ng. Th_ c__ntry n__ds th__s_nds _f n_rs_s
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f_r m_n_f_ct_r_ng, _sp_c__lly f_r c_rs. C_m_p_n__s l_k_
V_lksw_g_n, M_rc_d_s, P_rsch_, _nd BMW m_k_ s_m_ _f
th_ m_st f_m__s c_rs _n th_ w_rld. G_r_m_n_y _s _ls_
_ l__d_r _n r_n_w_bl_ _n_rgy, ph_r_m_c__t_c_ls, _nd
f_n_nc__l s_rv_c_s. Th_ g_v_rnm_nt h_s m_d_ _t
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260326-germany-labour-shortage.html>

germany needs lots of workers it is struggling to find enough skilled people to work in many areas this is because many older workers are retiring and the birth rate is falling there are not enough young people to fill hundreds of thousands of job vacancies it needs to attract 288000 foreign workers per year a recent report from the bbc said germany wants to fix this problem by asking workers from india to fill many vacancies india has 600 million people below the age of 25 in particular germany needs people to work in engineering healthcare and manufacturing the country needs thousands of nurses and caregivers it also needs thousands of it professionals

germany is europes largest economy it is famous for manufacturing especially for cars companies like volkswagen mercedes porsche and bmw make some of the most famous cars in the world germany is also a leader in renewable energy pharmaceuticals and financial services the government has made it easier for people to get visas to work in germany it has increased the number of visas available to indians from 20000 per year to 90000 however many business owners say more workers are needed indian employment expert aditi banerjee said theres a huge labour surplus in india she is helping many young indian workers to find work in germany

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Germany needs lots of workers. It is struggling to find enough skilled people to work in many areas. This is because many older workers are retiring and the birth rate is falling. There are not enough young people to fill hundreds of thousands of job vacancies. It needs to attract 288,000 foreign workers per year. A recent report from the BBC said Germany wants to fix this problem by asking workers from India to fill many vacancies. India has 60 million people below the age of 25. In particular, Germany needs people to work in engineering, healthcare, and manufacturing. The country needs thousands of nurses and caregivers. It also needs thousands of IT professionals. Germany is Europe's largest economy. It is famous for manufacturing, especially for cars. Companies like Volkswagen, Mercedes, Porsche, and BMW make some of the most famous cars in the world. Germany is also a leader in renewable energy, pharmaceuticals, and financial services. The government has made it easier for people to get visas to work in Germany. It has increased the number of visas available to Indians from 20,000 per year to 90,000. However, many business owners say more workers are needed. Indian employment expert Aditi Banerjee said: "There's a huge labour surplus in India." She is helping many young Indian workers to find work in Germany.

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

4. AI WORKERS: Write a magazine article about countries using AI to do more jobs. 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 workers. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on working. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 T 5 T 6 F 7 T 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Retiring
- The birth rate
- 288,000
- Six-hundred million
- IT professionals
- Cars
- Renewable energy
- Ninety thousand
- She's an employment expert.
- Labour

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- It is struggling to find enough skilled people.
- This is because many older workers are retiring.
- Fill hundreds of thousands of job vacancies.
- Six-hundred million people below the age of 25.
- The country needs thousands of nurses and caregivers.
- It is famous for manufacturing, especially for cars.
- Make some of the most famous cars worldwide.
- The government has made it easier for people.
- Many business owners say more workers are needed.
- There is a huge labour surplus in India.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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