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The best companies to work for

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THE READING

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A report has listed the best 25 companies in the USA to work for. It asked employees about their happiness. Top of the list was Google. It is famous for excellent working conditions. Facebook was top last year. A Google software engineer gets an average of \$119,000 a year. Google has free gyms for staff and a pet hotel for when staff go on vacation. One ex-employee said Google staff are so happy that they rarely take time off.

Another survey has a different list. The careers website Glassdoor also asked employees to answer questions about happiness, career opportunities, and pay, etc. It said the consulting firm Bain and Company was the best place to work. Bain and Co. was very proud to be number one. It has tried to make a professional work experience for over 40 years. This has made the company grow. Employees want to make their clients around the world happy.

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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. A report has listed the | a. engineer |
| 2. It asked employees about | b. was Google |
| 3. Top of the list | c. conditions |
| 4. working | d. so happy |
| 5. software | e. best 25 companies |
| 6. gets an average | f. time off |
| 7. Google staff are | g. their happiness |
| 8. they rarely take | h. of \$119,000 a year |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Another survey has | a. to work |
| 2. asked employees to | b. Bain and Company |
| 3. career | c. be number one |
| 4. the consulting firm | d. a different list |
| 5. the best place | e. opportunities |
| 6. very proud to | f. the world happy |
| 7. This has made the | g. answer questions |
| 8. make their clients around | h. company grow |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A report (1) _____ 25 companies in the USA to work for. It asked employees (2) _____. Top of the list was Google. It is famous for (3) _____. Facebook was top last year. A Google (4) _____ an average of \$119,000 a year. Google has free gyms for staff and a pet hotel for when (5) _____. One ex-employee said Google staff are (6) _____ rarely take time off.

Another survey (7) _____. The careers website Glassdoor also asked employees (8) _____ about happiness, (9) _____, and pay, etc. It said the consulting firm Bain and Company was the best place to work. Bain and Co. was very (10) _____ one. It has tried to make a professional (11) _____ for over 40 years. This has made the company grow. Employees want to (12) _____ around the world happy.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)
