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Level 0

The \$265,000 job that no one wants

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1602/160226-doctors.html>

There is a doctor's job in New Zealand. It pays US\$265,000 a year. There is no weekend work. The job is four days a week, with 12 weeks' holiday. Houses in the area are cheap. The current doctor is leaving. He cannot find a replacement. No one wants the job. People want to live in the city and not in the countryside.

Last year, the doctor could not go on holiday. He could not find anyone to replace him. He has been in the town for 30 years. He loves the countryside. He wants to retire and give his patients to another doctor. His work keeps him busy. He said: "I would like to stay but I hit my head against a brick wall trying to attract doctors."

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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. It pays | a. the city |
| 2. 12 weeks' | b. leaving |
| 3. Houses in the area | c. replacement |
| 4. The current doctor is | d. US\$265,000 a year |
| 5. He cannot find a | e. countryside |
| 6. No one wants | f. holiday |
| 7. People want to live in | g. the job |
| 8. not in the | h. are cheap |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. the doctor could not go | a. against a brick wall |
| 2. He could not find anyone | b. town for 30 years |
| 3. He has been in the | c. on holiday |
| 4. give his patients | d. attract doctors |
| 5. His work keeps | e. to replace him |
| 6. I would like | f. him busy |
| 7. I hit my head | g. to stay |
| 8. trying to | h. to another doctor |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There (1) _____ job in New Zealand. It pays US\$265,000 a year. There is (2) _____. The job is four (3) _____, with 12 weeks' holiday. Houses in the (4) _____. The current doctor is leaving. He (5) _____ replacement. No one wants the job. People want to live in the city (6) _____ countryside.

Last year, the doctor (7) _____ on holiday. He could not find anyone (8) _____. He has been in the town (9) _____. He loves the countryside. He wants to retire (10) _____ patients to another doctor. His work (11) _____. He said: "I would like to stay but I hit my head against (12) _____ trying to attract doctors."

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) _____

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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) _____

