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Working long hours kills hundreds of thousands

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210522-working-hours-5.html>

The WHO has issued a grim warning about the danger of overworking. It said working long hours causes the premature death of hundreds of thousands of people. The organization analysed the link between loss of life and long hours. The findings were sad. Around three-quarters of a million workers die early from strokes and heart attacks because of working over 55 hours a week. Most of these deaths were in people aged 60 to 70 who worked over 55 hours between the ages of 45 and 74. The WHO said men accounted for 72 per cent of the deaths.

The WHO said people who work at least 55 hours a week have a 42 per cent increased risk of stroke, and a 19 per cent increased chance of heart disease. Researchers looked at data from 154 countries from 1970 to 2018. The WHO said: "No job is worth the risk of stroke or heart disease. Governments, employers and workers need to work together to agree on limits to protect the health of workers." Over nine per cent of workers overwork. The WHO said the situation is "accelerating" because of the pandemic and that there is a "trend towards increased working time".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. The WHO has issued | a. sad |
| 2. the danger of | b. death |
| 3. premature | c. aged 60 to 70 |
| 4. The organization analysed | d. for 72 per cent |
| 5. The findings were | e. from strokes |
| 6. die early | f. a grim warning |
| 7. in people | g. the link |
| 8. men accounted | h. overworking |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. a 42 per cent increased risk | a. of workers |
| 2. No job is worth | b. working time |
| 3. workers need to | c. of stroke |
| 4. agree | d. work together |
| 5. protect the health | e. accelerating |
| 6. Over nine per cent of workers | f. on limits |
| 7. the situation is | g. the risk |
| 8. a trend towards increased | h. overwork |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210522-working-hours-5.html>

The WHO has (1) _____ warning about the danger of overworking. It said working long hours causes the (2) _____ hundreds of thousands of people. The organization analysed the link between (3) _____ and long hours. The findings were sad. Around three-quarters of a million workers die (4) _____ and heart attacks because of working over 55 hours a week. Most (5) _____ were in people aged 60 to 70 who worked over 55 hours between the ages of 45 and 74. The WHO said (6) _____ 72 per cent of the deaths.

The WHO said people who (7) _____ 55 hours a week have a 42 per cent increased (8) _____, and a 19 per cent increased chance of heart disease. Researchers looked at data from 154 countries from 1970 to 2018. The WHO said: "No (9) _____ the risk of stroke or heart disease. Governments, employers and workers need to work together to (10) _____ to protect the health of workers." Over nine per cent of workers overwork. The WHO said the (11) _____ because of the pandemic and that there is (12) _____ increased working time".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WORKING HOURS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210522-working-hours-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about working hours 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) _____

