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South Korea pays lonely people to leave the house – 20th April 2023

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Many people do not want to leave their home. They do not want to meet other people. They are recluses. South Korea will help these people. It will give them \$500 a month. The money is for people aged nine to 24. Korea wants these people to go out. This will help their mental and physical health.

About 3 per cent of young Koreans are reclusive. They have big problems living a normal life. This is because of bullying, family problems, social media, and other reasons. Korea said the \$500 means young people will go out and have fewer health problems. Korea needs young people to work to help old people.

Level 1

Many people stay at home. They do not want to go out and shut themselves off from the world. They do not want to meet other people. They are recluses. South Korea will help these people to "re-enter society". It will give them \$500 a month to leave their home. The cash is for people aged nine to 24. Korea said it wants young people to go out. It will support people's mental and physical health.

About 3 per cent of young Koreans are reclusive. They have big problems living a normal life. There are many reasons for this. These include bullying, family problems, technology and social media. Korea said the \$500-a-month payment will help people. The money means the young people could have fewer mental and health problems. Korean people are getting older. Korea needs young people to work to help old people.

Level 2

Many people stay at home and do not want to go out. They shut themselves off from the world and do not want to meet other people. They are recluses. South Korea has an idea for these people to "re-enter society". It will pay people \$500 a month to leave their home. The payment will be for poor and lonely people aged nine to 24. South Korea's government said it wanted to help younger people. It said it wants young people to go out. The government will support people's mental and emotional stability, and their health.

Korea says about 3.1 per cent of young Korean people are reclusive. They have big difficulties in living a normal life. They shut themselves off from society for many reasons. These include bullying, exam stress, family problems, technology and social media. The government said the \$500-a-month payment will help these people. The money means the young people could have fewer mental and health problems. Korea has an ageing society. It needs young people to work so they can help old people.

Level 3

Many people around the world stay at home and do not want to go out. They cut themselves off from the world outside. They are recluses – people who do not want to meet other people. The government in South Korea has thought of an idea to encourage these people to "re-enter society". It will pay young people \$500 a month to leave their home. The monthly payment will be for lonely people aged nine to 24 years old who come from poorer families. The Ministry of Gender Equality and Family said it wants to help younger people. It said it wants young people to go out. This will support their "psychological and emotional stability, and healthy growth".

There are many reasons for people not wanting to leave the house. The number of recluses has gone up because of the pandemic. Korea says about 3.1 per cent of young Koreans are reclusive. They "have noticeable difficulty in living a normal life". The government said children shut themselves off from society for many reasons. These include bullying, exam stress, family problems, bad parenting and technology and social media. It said the \$500-a-month payment will help these young people. This means they could be less likely to have mental problems. They will also be healthier. Korea has an ageing society. It needs young people to work so they can help old people.