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Twitter employees can work at home forever

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Twitter has told many of its employees they can work from home forever if they want. CEO Jack Dorsey told workers on Tuesday that they will be allowed to work from home even after the coronavirus pandemic ends. Twitter said: "Opening offices will be our decision. When and if our employees come back, will be their [decision]." Twitter was one of the first companies to let workers work from home in the pandemic. Twitter said most of its offices would not open before September. It added when they do open, it would be "careful, intentional, office by office and gradual".

Twitter is in a good position to have workers working from their home. Many employees and bosses can contact each other on video chat platforms like Zoom. Twitter said: "We were uniquely positioned to respond quickly and allow folks to work from home." It said its workforce is "capable of working from anywhere". It added: "The past few months have proven we can make [working from home] work. If our employees are in a role and situation that enables them to work from home and they want to continue to do so forever, we will make that happen."

Sources: <https://www.nbcnews.com/tech/tech-news/twitter-employees-can-work-home-forever-ceo-says-n1205346>
<https://www.cnbc.com/2020/05/12/twitter-tells-employees-they-can-work-from-home-forever.html>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-52628119>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. work from home forever | a. before September |
| 2. even after the coronavirus | b. if they want |
| 3. When and if our employees | c. the pandemic |
| 4. Twitter was one of | d. be careful |
| 5. work from home in | e. come back |
| 6. its offices would not open | f. office |
| 7. when they do open, it would | g. the first companies |
| 8. office by | h. pandemic ends |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Twitter is in a good | a. forever |
| 2. employees and bosses can | b. position |
| 3. respond | c. that happen |
| 4. The past few | d. work |
| 5. make working from home | e. from home |
| 6. that enables them to work | f. contact each other |
| 7. continue to do so | g. months |
| 8. we will make | h. quickly |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Twitter has told many (1) _____ they can work from home forever if they want. CEO Jack Dorsey told workers on Tuesday that they (2) _____ to work from home even after the coronavirus pandemic ends. Twitter said: "Opening offices will (3) _____. When and if our employees come back, will be their [decision]." Twitter was one (4) _____ companies to let workers work from home in the pandemic. Twitter said most (5) _____ would not open before September. It added when they do open, it would be "careful, intentional, (6) _____ and gradual".

Twitter is in a (7) _____ have workers working from their home. Many employees and bosses can (8) _____ on video chat platforms like Zoom. Twitter said: "We were uniquely positioned (9) _____ and allow folks to work from home." It said its workforce is "capable of working from anywhere". It added: "The (10) _____ have proven we can make [working from home] work. If our employees are in a (11) _____ that enables them to work from home and they want to continue to (12) _____, we will make that happen."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WORKING AT HOME SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200515-working-at-home-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about working at home 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) _____

