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Level 4 – 26th September, 2022

Japanese company allow pets into the office

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2209/220926-dog-office-4.html>

Coronavirus changed working conditions worldwide. Millions of us now work remotely at home. The Japanese technology giant Fujitsu is trialling an idea to get workers back into the office. They will let workers bring their pet dog to work. Members of staff can return to their office with their pet. Fujitsu hopes its workers will feel more comfortable in the workplace. It hopes more people will give up working remotely from home.

Japan's workforce is known for working long hours in offices. Many workers now work at home. They think this is better than the two-hour commute from the suburbs. They also like spending more time with their pet. The dog office trial may change this. One Fujitsu worker said he could communicate more with other workers with the help of the dogs. The Fujitsu office has space for up to six dogs. It also has stain-proof carpets and pet supplies.

Sources: <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/salarymans-best-friend-japan-office-lets-dogs-post-covid-work-shift-2022-09-22/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. changed working conditions | a. their pet dog |
| 2. The Japanese technology | b. from home |
| 3. Fujitsu is trialling | c. giant |
| 4. let workers bring | d. give up |
| 5. Members of staff can return | e. worldwide |
| 6. feel more comfortable | f. to their office |
| 7. It hopes more people will | g. an idea |
| 8. working remotely | h. in the workplace |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Japan's workforce is known for | a. to six dogs |
| 2. better than the two- | b. with other workers |
| 3. from the | c. supplies |
| 4. spending more | d. suburbs |
| 5. communicate more | e. proof carpets |
| 6. space for up | f. time with their pet |
| 7. It also has stain- | g. working long hours |
| 8. pet | h. hour commute |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Coronavirus changed working conditions worldwide.

(1) _____ now work remotely at home. The Japanese

technology giant Fujitsu (2) _____ idea to get workers

back into the office. They will let workers (3) _____ dog

to work. (4) _____ can return to their office with their

pet. Fujitsu hopes its workers will feel more comfortable

(5) _____. It hopes more people will give up working

(6) _____.

Japan's (7) _____ for working long hours in offices.

Many workers now work at home. They think this is better than the two-hour

commute (8) _____. They also like spending more time

with their pet. The (9) _____ may change this. One

Fujitsu worker said he could communicate more with other workers with

(10) _____ the dogs. The Fujitsu office has space

(11) _____ six dogs. It also has

(12) _____ and pet supplies.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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OFFICES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about offices 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) _____

