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South Korea pays lonely people to leave the house

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230420-reclusiveness.html>

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.

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2023/04/14/asia/south-korea-youth-recluse-stipend-intl-hnk/index.html>
<https://news.yahoo.com/korea-pay-reclusive-lonely-young-190420633.html>
<https://time.com/6270853/south-korea-reclusive-children-cash-handout/>

WARM-UPS

1. LONELINESS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about loneliness. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

stay at home / the world / recluse / idea / \$500 a month / poorer families / growth / leave the house / pandemic / a normal life / bullying / ageing society / old people

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. SUPPORT: Students A **strongly** believe all towns should have a support program to help lonely people; Students B **strongly** believe this is not necessary. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. RECLUSES: How can these things help people who do not want to leave their house? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How They Can Help
Money to go out	
Online jobs	
Home visits	
Zoom meetings	
Shopping events	
Picnics in local parks	

5. SOCIETY: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "society". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. LIFE'S DIFFICULTIES: Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest difficulties at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Bullying
- Exam stress
- The pandemic
- Family problems
- Technology
- Social media
- Money
- Getting old

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| 1. government | a. Done, made, or happening once a month. |
| 2. encourage | b. Help. |
| 3. pay | c. The group of people who control a country and decide how to help the people. |
| 4. monthly | d. The state of someone's mental condition staying at a "normal" level and not changing. |
| 5. support | e. Say something to help a person to make him/her keep doing something, or to be more confident. |
| 6. psychological | f. Give someone money for work, or for things you bought. |
| 7. stability | g. Affecting, or happening in the mind; about the mental and emotional state of a person. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| 8. pandemic | h. The process of growing old. |
| 9. reclusive | i. When a disease spreads over a whole country or the world at a particular time. |
| 10. noticeable | j. Staying away from other people; not wanting to be with other people. |
| 11. society | k. The problem of people who hurt or frighten other people (every day, week or month). |
| 12. bullying | l. All of the people living in a particular country or region with shared customs, laws, and organizations. |
| 13. payment | m. Easily seen; clear. |
| 14. ageing | n. The action of giving money to someone for work they did. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230420-reclusiveness.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. Many people cut themselves off from their homes. **T / F**
2. A recluse is someone who likes meeting new people. **T / F**
3. S. Korea will pay young, lonely people \$500 a month to go out. **T / F**
4. The Ministry of Gender Equality wants to help older people to go out. **T / F**
5. The pandemic increased the number of people who are reclusive. **T / F**
6. The article says about 31% of Koreans are reclusive. **T / F**
7. One reason for reclusiveness is social media. **T / F**
8. More people in South Korea are living to be an older age. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|----------------|
| 1. stay | a. support |
| 2. idea | b. probable |
| 3. encourage | c. isolated |
| 4. lonely | d. easy-to-see |
| 5. growth | e. plan |
| 6. gone up | f. nation |
| 7. noticeable | g. remain |
| 8. likely | h. greying |
| 9. ageing | i. development |
| 10. society | j. increased |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|------------------------------|
| 1. They cut themselves off from | a. to go out |
| 2. They are recluses – people who do not | b. stress |
| 3. monthly | c. stability |
| 4. it wants young people | d. mental problems |
| 5. psychological and emotional | e. payment |
| 6. children shut themselves | f. society |
| 7. exam | g. the world outside |
| 8. the \$500-a-month | h. off from society |
| 9. they could be less likely to have | i. want to meet other people |
| 10. Korea has an ageing | j. payment |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230420-reclusiveness.html>

Many people around the world (1) _____ at home and do not want to go out. They (2) _____ themselves off from the world outside. They are recluses – people who do not want to meet other people. The government in South Korea has (3) _____ of an idea to encourage these people to "re-enter society". It will (4) _____ young people \$500 a month to leave their home. The monthly payment will be for (5) _____ people aged nine to 24 years old who come from poorer families. The Ministry of Gender Equality and Family said it wants to (6) _____ younger people. It said it (7) _____ young people to go out. This will support their "psychological and emotional (8) _____, and healthy growth".

lonely
cut
stability
thought
help
stay
wants
pay

There are many reasons for people not (9) _____ to leave the house. The (10) _____ of recluses has gone up because of the pandemic. Korea says about 3.1 per cent of young Koreans are reclusive. They "have noticeable (11) _____ in living a normal life". The government said children shut themselves off from (12) _____ for many reasons. These include bullying, exam (13) _____, family problems, bad parenting and technology and social media. It said the \$500-a-month (14) _____ will help these young people. This means they could be less (15) _____ to have mental problems. They will also be healthier. Korea has an (16) _____ society. It needs young people to work so they can help old people.

society
ageing
number
stress
likely
wanting
difficulty
payment

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230420-reclusiveness.html>

- 1) Many people around the world stay at home and do not want _____
 - a. to gone out
 - b. to goo out
 - c. to go out
 - d. Togo out
- 2) They are recluses – people who do not want to _____
 - a. meet another people
 - b. meet other people
 - c. meet others people
 - d. meet othered people
- 3) It will pay young people \$500 a month to _____
 - a. leave them home
 - b. leave there home
 - c. leave their home
 - d. leave they home
- 4) lonely people aged nine to 24 years old who come _____
 - a. from pore a families
 - b. from poor a families
 - c. from pour a families
 - d. from poorer families
- 5) This will support their psychological and emotional stability, _____
 - a. and healthy grown
 - b. and healthy growth
 - c. and healthy growths
 - d. and healthy gross
- 6) The number of recluses has gone up because _____
 - a. of a pandemic
 - b. of their pandemic
 - c. of these pandemic
 - d. of the pandemic
- 7) They have noticeable difficulty in living _____
 - a. a normally life
 - b. a norm all life
 - c. a normality life
 - d. a normal life
- 8) The government said children shut themselves off from society _____
 - a. form any reasons
 - b. form many reasons
 - c. for any reasons
 - d. for many reasons
- 9) This means they could be less likely to _____
 - a. have mentally problems
 - b. have menthol problems
 - c. have mentally problems
 - d. have mental problems
- 10) They will also be healthier. Korea has _____
 - a. an ageing society
 - b. an age in society
 - c. an a gin society
 - d. an again society

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230420-reclusiveness.html>

Many people around the world stay at home and do not want (1) _____. They cut themselves off from the world outside. (2) _____ – people who do not want to meet other people. The government in South Korea has thought (3) _____ to encourage these people to "re-enter society". It will pay young people \$500 a (4) _____ their home. The monthly payment will be for lonely people aged nine to 24 years old who come (5) _____. 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, (6) _____".

There are (7) _____ people not wanting to leave the house. The number of recluses (8) _____ because of the pandemic. Korea says about 3.1 per cent of young Koreans are reclusive. They "have noticeable difficulty (9) _____ normal life". The government said children shut themselves (10) _____ 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 (11) _____ to have mental problems. They will also be healthier. Korea has an ageing society. It needs young people (12) _____ they can help old people.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230420-reclusiveness.html>

1. What does the article say young people cut themselves off from?
2. Who do recluses not want to meet?
3. How often will people get money from the government?
4. What is the age range of people who will get the money?
5. What does the government want young people to do?
6. What percentage of young Koreans are reclusive?
7. What do many young people have difficulty in doing?
8. What might young people get stressed about?
9. What kind of society does the article say Korea has?
10. Who does the government want young people to help?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230420-reclusiveness.html>

- 1) What does the article say young people cut themselves off from?
 - a) the world outside
 - b) the workplace
 - c) their family
 - d) their local community
- 2) Who do recluses not want to meet?
 - a) each other
 - b) their parents
 - c) other people
 - d) their bosses
- 3) How often will people get money from the government?
 - a) every now and then
 - b) every month (monthly)
 - c) weekly
 - d) twice a year
- 4) What is the age range of people who will get the money?
 - a) 19-24
 - b) 14-29
 - c) 19-24
 - d) 9-24
- 5) What does the government want young people to do?
 - a) go out
 - b) get a job
 - c) have fun
 - d) be more mature
- 6) What percentage of young Koreans are reclusive?
 - a) 1.3%
 - b) 31%
 - c) 13%
 - d) 3.1%
- 7) What do many young people have difficulty in doing?
 - a) making conversation
 - b) living a normal life
 - c) waking up early
 - d) finding a job
- 8) What might young people get stressed about?
 - a) jobs
 - b) dating
 - c) health
 - d) exams
- 9) What kind of society does the article say Korea has?
 - a) a modern society
 - b) a productive society
 - c) an ageing society
 - d) a nice society
- 10) Who does the government want young people to help?
 - a) each other
 - b) old people
 - c) children
 - d) their parents

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230420-reclusiveness.html>

Role A – Bullying

You think bullying is the biggest difficulty in life. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least difficult of these (and why): exam stress, family problems or getting old.

Role B – Exam Stress

You think exam stress is the biggest difficulty in life. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least difficult of these (and why): bullying, family problems or getting old.

Role C – Family Problems

You think family problems are the biggest difficulty in life. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least difficult of these (and why): exam stress, bullying or getting old.

Role D – Getting Old

You think getting old is the biggest difficulty in life. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least difficult of these (and why): exam stress, family problems or bullying.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230420-reclusiveness.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'lonely' and 'society'.

lonely	society
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• world• cut• meet• aged• equality• growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• number• pandemic• difficulty• stress• less• old
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LONELINESS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230420-reclusiveness.html>

Write five GOOD questions about loneliness 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.

LONELINESS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'lonely'?
3. Do you ever get lonely?
4. What do you do when you are lonely?
5. Do you like going out or staying at home?
6. Why does someone become a recluse?
7. Do you like meeting other people?
8. Will the \$500 payment encourage people to go out?
9. What damage can loneliness do?
10. What advice do you have for someone who is lonely?

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LONELINESS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'society'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Did you get lonely during the pandemic?
15. Do you prefer being alone or being with other people?
16. Do you have difficulties in leading a normal life?
17. How can we deal with bullying?
18. Do technology and social media make people lonelier?
19. What problems might an ageing society have?
20. What questions would you like to ask a recluse?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230420-reclusiveness.html>

Many people around the world stay at home and do not want to go (1) _____. They cut themselves (2) _____ 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 (3) _____ these people to "re-enter society". It will pay young people \$500 a month to leave (4) _____ home. The monthly payment will be for lonely people aged nine to 24 years old who come from (5) _____ 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 (6) _____".

There are many reasons for people not wanting to leave the house. The number (7) _____ recluses has gone up because of the pandemic. Korea says about 3.1 per cent of young Koreans are (8) _____. They "have noticeable difficulty in living a normal life". The government said children shut themselves off from society for many reasons. These include (9) _____, 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 (10) _____ likely to have mental problems. They will also be healthier. Korea has an (11) _____ society. It needs young people to work so they can (12) _____ old people.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) down | (b) in | (c) up | (d) out |
| 2. | (a) on | (b) in | (c) up | (d) off |
| 3. | (a) encourages | (b) encourage | (c) encouraging | (d) encouraged |
| 4. | (a) them | (b) they | (c) their | (d) there |
| 5. | (a) poorly | (b) pourer | (c) poorer | (d) pore |
| 6. | (a) growth | (b) grown | (c) grower | (d) grows |
| 7. | (a) at | (b) of | (c) on | (d) is |
| 8. | (a) reclusive | (b) recluse | (c) reclusively | (d) reclusion |
| 9. | (a) bully | (b) bullying | (c) bullied | (d) bulls |
| 10. | (a) lots | (b) much | (c) less | (d) down |
| 11. | (a) ages | (b) ageist | (c) ageing | (d) ageism |
| 12. | (a) helpfulness | (b) helpfully | (c) helpful | (d) help |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230420-reclusiveness.html>

Paragraph 1

1. They are sleucers
2. The vgmenorent in South Korea
3. an idea to recueaogn these people
4. The hlymton payment
5. aleotonim stability
6. healthy rghtow

Paragraph 2

7. because of the padcemni
8. They have noticeable diftcfulyi
9. These include yilgblnu
10. gyheoolnct and social media
11. they could be less llyeki
12. Korea has an ageing ctisoey

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230420-reclusiveness.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () other people. The government in South Korea has thought of an idea to encourage these people to "re-enter
- () themselves off from society for many reasons. These include bullying, exam stress, family
- () society". It will pay young people \$500 a month to leave their home. The monthly payment will be for lonely people aged
- () Equality and Family said it wants to help younger people. It said it wants young people to go
- () people. This means they could be less likely to have mental problems. They will also be healthier. Korea has an
- () off from the world outside. They are recluses – people who do not want to meet
- () 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
- () out. This will support their "psychological and emotional stability, and healthy growth".
- (**1**) Many people around the world stay at home and do not want to go out. They cut themselves
- () reclusive. They "have noticeable difficulty in living a normal life". The government said children shut
- () problems, bad parenting and technology and social media. It said the \$500-a-month payment will help these young
- () nine to 24 years old who come from poorer families. The Ministry of Gender
- () ageing society. It needs young people to work so they can help old people.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230420-reclusiveness.html>

1. home . world Many the at people stay around
2. cut the from outside . themselves off world They
3. don't to meet want People people . who other
4. payment will for be monthly people . lonely The
5. out . people It wants to go young
6. wanting reasons for There to . not are people
7. normal difficulty They in a living life . have
8. shut said off . children government themselves The
9. mental problems . less be to They'll have likely
10. help . can to people Young they so work

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230420-reclusiveness.html>

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

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

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230420-reclusiveness.html>

M_ny p__pl_ _r__nd th_ w_rld st_y _t h_m_ _nd d_n_t w_nt t_ g_ __t. Th_y c_t th_ms_lv_s _ff fr_m th_w_rld __ts_d_. Th_y _r_ r_cl_s_s - p__pl_ wh_ d_n_t w_nt t_ m__t _th_r p__pl_. Th_ g_v_rnm_nt _n S__th K_r__ h_s th__ght _f _n _d__ t_ _nc__r_g_ th_s_ p__pl_ t_ "r__nt_r s_c__ty". _t w_ll p_y y__ng p__pl_ \$500 _ m_nth t_ l__v_ th__r h_m_. Th_ m_nthly p_ym_nt w_ll b_ f_r l_nly p__pl_ _g_d n_n_ t_ 24 y__rs _ld wh_ c_m_ fr_m p__r_r f_m_l__s. Th_ M_n_stry _f G_nd_r _q__l_ty _nd F_m_ly s__d _t w_nts t_ h_lp y__ng_r p__pl_. _t s__d _t w_nts y__ng p__pl_ t_ g_ __t. Th_s w_ll s_pp_rt th__r "psych_l_g_c_l _nd _m_t__n_l st_b_l_ty, _nd h__lthy gr_wth".

Th_r_ _r_ m_ny r__s_ns f_r p__pl_ n_t w_ntng t_ l__v_ th_ h__s_. Th_ n_mb_r _f r_cl_s_s h_s g_n_ _p b_c__s_ _f th_ p_nd_m_c. K_r__ s_ys _b__t 3.1 p_r c_nt _f y__ng K_r__ns _r_ r_cl_s_v_. Th_y "h_v_ n_t_c__bl_ d_ff_c_lty _n l_v_ng _ n_rm_l l_f". Th_ g_v_rnm_nt s__d ch_ldr_n sh_t th_ms_lv_s _ff fr_m s_c__ty f_r m_ny r__s_ns. Th_s_ _ncl_d_ b_lly_ng, _x_m str_ss, f_m_ly pr_bl_ms, b_d p_r_ntng _nd t_chn_l_gy _nd s_c__l m_d__. _t s__d th_ \$500-__m_nth p_ym_nt w_ll h_lp th_s_ y__ng p__pl_. Th_s m__ns th_y c__ld b_ l_ss l_k_ly t_ h_v_ m_nt_l pr_bl_ms. Th_y w_ll _ls_ b_ h__lth__r. K_r__ h_s _n _g__ng s_c__ty. _t n__ds y__ng p__pl_ t_ w_rk s_ th_y c_n h_lp _ld p__pl_.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230420-reclusiveness.html>

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 reenter 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 31 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 500amonth 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

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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 percent of young Koreans are reclusive. They "have noticed 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 a ageing society. It needs young people to work so they can help old people.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. LONELINESS: Make a poster about loneliness. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. FRIENDSHIP CLUBS: Write a magazine article about requiring all children to join a friendship club. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on loneliness. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to cut loneliness. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. e 3. f 4. a 5. b 6. g 7. d
8. i 9. j 10. m 11. l 12. k 13. n 14. h

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 F 5 T 6 F 7 T 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. e	3. a	4. c	5. i
6. j	7. d	8. b	9. h	10. f

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. The world outside
2. Other people
3. Every month (monthly)
4. 9-24
5. Go out
6. 3.1%
7. Living a normal life
8. Exams
9. An ageing society
10. Old people

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Many people around the world stay at home.
2. They cut themselves off from the world outside.
3. People who don't want to meet other people.
4. The monthly payment will be for lonely people.
5. It wants young people to go out.
6. There are reasons for people not wanting to.
7. They have difficulty in living a normal life.
8. The government said children shut themselves off.
9. They'll be less likely to have mental problems.
10. Young people to work so they can help.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. a 2. c 3. b 4. d 5. a 6. d 7. b 8. d 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)