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Level 4

Night work could damage your health

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THE READING

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New research says night shifts can damage one's health. It can lead to cancer, diabetes, mental illnesses, and heart diseases. The UK's Sleep Research Centre found that genes in the body needed to sleep regularly and at night. If this doesn't happen, up to 1,500 genes could get damaged. This could be lifethreatening. A professor said the study was important because we need to understand more about these rhythms.

Our body has around 24,000 genes. Many switch off if the body does not sleep properly. This weakens the immune system, so we get ill more often. A doctor said over 97 per cent of genes become "out-of-sync with mistimed sleep". This is why jet lag and working at nights make us feel bad. It is difficult for people to change their lifestyles. Society needs people to work night shifts. We need to understand the dangers of night shifts and reduce the bad effects.

Sources: http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-2542780/Working-shifts-damage-1-500-genes-New-finding-explain-shift-work-associated-health-problems.html

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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

night shifts can
threatening

2 It can lead b. illnesses

3. mental c. damage one's health

4. sleep d. these rhythms

5. This could be life- e. to cancer

6. we need to understand more about f. regularly

PARAGRAPH TWO:

Our body has around
a. system

2 This weakens the immune b. of night shifts

3. become out-of-sync with mistimed c. bad effects

4. jet d. sleep

5. We need to understand the dangers e. 24,000 genes

6. reduce the f. lag

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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| New research (1) | damage one's health. It can lead |
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| to cancer, diabetes, (2) | , and heart diseases. The |
| UK's Sleep Research Centre found that | (3) body |
| needed to sleep (4) | night. If this doesn't happen, up |
| to 1,500 genes could get | damaged. This could be |
| (5) A professo | r said the study was important |
| because we need to understand more (6) | |
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| (10) working at | nights make us feel bad. It is |
| difficult for people to (11) | Society needs people to |
| work night shifts. We need to understan | d the dangers of night shifts and |
| (12) | |

NIGHT WORK SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about working at night 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) g) h) Night work could damage your health - 23rd January, 2014 More free lessons at www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S) Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s). a) b) c) d) e) f) g) h)

FREE WRITING

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| Write about working at night for 10 minutes. Comment on you | r partner's paper. |
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