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Egg freezing offered as perk to female employees

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1704/170426-egg-freezing-5.html>

British companies are considering offering their female workers egg freezing as a perk. Apple and Facebook already offer egg freezing as a benefit to female employees. Other companies may soon follow their lead. British companies are in talks with IVF clinics about this. The UK's largest chain of fertility clinics, CARE Fertility, has been in discussion with several high-profile employers. There is a considerable cost to employers. Apple and Facebook have been offering subsidized egg freezing to female staff at a cost of up to £16,000 (\$20,000) per worker.

The perk will allow women in their 20s or 30s to focus on their careers. Women could make use of their frozen eggs in their 40s when they settle down or are financially stable. CARE said: "Successful pregnancy at that age is very low...so by freezing eggs earlier on they will...have that guarantee at the back of their mind." The perk is also an option for couples wanting to have children later in life. Critics say it is wrong to put careers over having children. One said: "When [IVF] is done purely to protect their job, I think it's extraordinary that women think this is liberating."

Sources: <http://news.sky.com/story/egg-freezing-offered-as-perk-to-female-employees-10848413>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. offering their female workers | a. profile employers |
| 2. as a benefit | b. soon follow |
| 3. Other companies may | c. to female staff |
| 4. companies are in talks | d. of fertility clinics |
| 5. The UK's largest chain | e. to female employees |
| 6. in discussion with several high- | f. cost to employers |
| 7. a considerable | g. with IVF clinics |
| 8. offering subsidized egg freezing | h. egg freezing |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. women in | a. down |
| 2. focus | b. is liberating |
| 3. when they settle | c. of their mind |
| 4. financially | d. for couples |
| 5. have that guarantee at the back | e. their 20s or 30s |
| 6. The perk is also an option | f. protect their job |
| 7. done purely to | g. on their careers |
| 8. women think this | h. stable |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The perk will allow (7) _____ or 30s to focus on their careers. Women could (8) _____ frozen eggs in their 40s when they settle (9) _____ financially stable. CARE said: "Successful pregnancy at that age is very low...so by freezing eggs earlier on they will...have that guarantee (10) _____ their mind." The perk is also an option for couples wanting to have children later in life. Critics say it is wrong to put (11) _____ children. One said: "When [IVF] is done purely to protect their job, I think it's extraordinary that women think (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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EGG FREEZING SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1704/170426-egg-freezing-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about egg freezing 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) _____

