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Egg freezing offered as perk to female employees

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THE ARTICLE

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

Female workers in the UK are to be offered an unusual perk by their employers. British companies are considering offering egg freezing as a perk. Tech companies like Apple and Facebook already offer egg freezing as a benefit to female employees, and now other companies may follow the tech giants' lead. Many British companies are in talks with IVF clinics about providing the option of egg freezing to women. The UK's largest chain of fertility clinics, CARE Fertility, said it has been in discussion with several high-profile employers. The perk comes at 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 employee.

Companies will provide the egg-freezing perk to allow women in their 20s or 30s to focus on their careers. The idea is that women could make use of their frozen eggs in their 40s when they meet the right partner or are financially stable. Rob Smith, clinical director of CARE London, said: "Successful pregnancy at that age is very low indeed so by freezing eggs earlier on they will just have that guarantee at the back of their mind." Mr Smith said the perk was also an option for couples wanting to conceive later in life. Critics of the idea said it was wrong to prioritise 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."

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WARM-UPS

1. PERKS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about perks. 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?

unusual / perk / employers / benefit / IVF / clinics / discussion / cost / subsidized / focus / careers / idea / director / mind / pregnancy / conceive / protect / liberating

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

3. EGG FREEZING: Students A **strongly** believe egg freezing is a wonderful idea; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. BENEFITS: What do you think of these job benefits? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good things	Bad things
Free uniform		
Free chocolate		
Free personal advice		
Free matchmaking		
Free water		
Free newspapers		

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

6. HAVING CHILDREN: Rank these with your partner. Put the best age to start having children at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- 20
- 23
- 26
- 29
- 32
- 35
- 38
- 41

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

- a. Companies in the USA will start freezing eggs for female employees. **T / F**
- b. Apple and Facebook already freeze eggs for their female workers. **T / F**
- c. Fertility clinics are talking to famous companies about egg freezing. **T / F**
- d. Egg freezing is not so expensive for companies like Apple and Facebook. **T / F**
- e. Egg freezing lets young women focus on their job. **T / F**
- f. A fertility clinic director said pregnancy was successful at older ages. **T / F**
- g. Critics said it was good women chose careers over starting a family. **T / F**
- h. A critic suggested egg freezing was not liberating for women. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. perk | a. remarkable |
| 2. lead | b. choice |
| 3. talks | c. sizable |
| 4. option | d. detractors |
| 5. considerable | e. example |
| 6. stable | f. emancipating |
| 7. conceive | g. negotiations |
| 8. critics | h. become pregnant |
| 9. extraordinary | i. secure |
| 10. liberating | j. benefit |

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

- | | |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. other companies may follow the tech giants' | a. focus on their careers |
| 2. The UK's largest chain | b. egg freezing |
| 3. The perk comes at a considerable | c. to protect their job |
| 4. offering subsidized | d. lead |
| 5. at a cost | e. stable |
| 6. allow women in their 20s or 30s to | f. cost to employers |
| 7. financially | g. this is liberating |
| 8. couples wanting to conceive | h. of fertility clinics |
| 9. done purely | i. later in life |
| 10. it's extraordinary that women think | j. of up to £16,000 |

GAP FILL

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

Female workers in the UK are to be offered an (1) _____ perk by their employers. British companies are (2) _____ offering egg freezing as a (3) _____. Tech companies like Apple and Facebook already offer egg freezing as a benefit to female employees, and now other companies may (4) _____ the tech giants' lead. Many British companies are in talks with IVF clinics about providing the (5) _____ of egg freezing to women. The UK's largest chain of (6) _____ clinics, CARE Fertility, said it has been in discussion with several high-profile employers. The perk (7) _____ at a considerable cost to employers. Apple and Facebook have been offering subsidized egg freezing to female staff at a (8) _____ of up to £16,000 (\$20,000) per employee.

perk
option
unusual
cost
considering
comes
follow
fertility

Companies will provide the egg-freezing perk to (9) _____ women in their 20s or 30s to (10) _____ on their careers. The idea is that women could make use of their frozen eggs in their 40s when they meet the right partner or are financially (11) _____. Rob Smith, clinical director of CARE London, said: "Successful (12) _____ at that age is very low indeed so by freezing eggs earlier on they will just have that (13) _____ at the back of their mind." Mr Smith said the perk was also an (14) _____ for couples wanting to conceive later in life. Critics of the idea said it was wrong to prioritise (15) _____ over having children. One said: "When [IVF] is done purely to protect their job, I think it's extraordinary that women think this is (16) _____."

focus
option
pregnancy
liberating
stable
careers
allow
guarantee

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Female workers in the UK are to be offered an unusual _____ employers
 - a. perk by their
 - b. perk by their
 - c. perch by their
 - d. perks by their
- 2) British companies are considering _____
 - a. offer in egg freezing
 - b. offered in egg freezing
 - c. offering egg freezing
 - d. offering in egg freezing
- 3) companies like Apple and Facebook already offer egg freezing _____
 - a. as a benefit
 - b. as the benefit
 - c. has a benefit
 - d. as a beneficial
- 4) British companies are in talks with IVF clinics about _____
 - a. providing the caption
 - b. provision the option
 - c. providing an option
 - d. providing the option
- 5) offering subsidized egg freezing to female staff at a _____ £16,000
 - a. cost off up to
 - b. cost of up to
 - c. cost for up to
 - d. cost on up to
- 6) in their 40s when they meet the right partner or _____
 - a. are finance shall stable
 - b. are fire nan shall I stable
 - c. are financially stable
 - d. are financial stable
- 7) by freezing eggs earlier on they will just have that guarantee at the _____
 - a. back of their mindless
 - b. back of their minded
 - c. back of their minds
 - d. back of their mind
- 8) Mr Smith said the perk was also an option for couples wanting to _____
 - a. conceive later in life
 - b. receive later in life
 - c. perceive later in life
 - d. con sieve later in life
- 9) One said: "When [IVF] is done purely to _____ "
 - a. protects their job
 - b. protect their job
 - c. protected their job
 - d. protective their job
- 10) I think it's extraordinary that women think _____
 - a. this is liberation
 - b. this is liberate in
 - c. this is liver rating
 - d. this is liberating

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Companies will provide the egg-freezing (7) _____ women in their 20s or 30s (8) _____ careers. The idea is that women could make use of their frozen eggs in their 40s when they meet the right partner (9) _____ stable. Rob Smith, clinical director of CARE London, said: "Successful pregnancy at that age is very low indeed so by freezing eggs (10) _____ will just have that guarantee at the back of their mind." Mr Smith said the perk was also an option for couples wanting to conceive (11) _____. Critics of the idea said it was wrong to prioritise careers over having children. One said: "When [IVF] is done purely to protect their job, I think it's extraordinary that women think (12) _____."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. In which country will female workers be offered egg freezing?
2. Which tech companies already offer egg freezing to their employees?
3. Who are companies talking to?
4. What is the name of the fertility clinic mentioned in the article?
5. How much does a tech company subsidize its workers for egg freezing?
6. What can women in their 20s and 30s focus on?
7. What kind of stability for women was mentioned in the article?
8. Who is Rob Smith?
9. What did a critic say it was wrong to prioritise careers over?
10. What did a critic suggest IVF should not be used to protect?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) In which country will female workers be offered egg freezing?
 - a) the USA
 - b) the UK
 - c) the UAE
 - d) the Philippines
- 2) Which tech companies already offer egg freezing to their employees?
 - a) Sony and Google
 - b) Microsoft and Samsung
 - c) Twitter and Reddit
 - d) Apple and Facebook
- 3) Who are companies talking to?
 - a) parents
 - b) high-profile companies
 - c) IVF clinics
 - d) employees
- 4) What is the name of the fertility clinic mentioned in the article?
 - a) CARE Fertility
 - b) CARB Fertility
 - c) CARD Fertility
 - d) CARS Fertility
- 5) How much does a tech company subsidize its workers for egg freezing?
 - a) up to \$2,000 per worker
 - b) up to \$20,000 per worker
 - c) up to \$12,000 per worker
 - d) up to \$22,000 per worker
- 6) What can women in their 20s and 30s focus on?
 - a) their career
 - b) families
 - c) money
 - d) IVF
- 7) What kind of stability for women was mentioned in the article?
 - a) mental
 - b) emotional
 - c) financial
 - d) psychological
- 8) Who is Rob Smith?
 - a) clinical director
 - b) a Facebook executive
 - c) a carer
 - d) a critic of IVF
- 9) What did a critic say it was wrong to prioritise careers over?
 - a) liberating
 - b) IVF
 - c) money
 - d) having children
- 10) What did a critic suggest IVF should not be used to protect?
 - a) life
 - b) IVF
 - c) jobs
 - d) pregnancy

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – 20

You think 20 is the best age to start having children. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ages are not so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these ages (and why): 29, 35 or 41.

Role B – 29

You think 29 is the best age to start having children. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ages are not so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these ages (and why): 20, 35 or 41.

Role C – 35

You think 35 is the best age to start having children. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ages are not so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these ages (and why): 29, 20 or 41.

Role D – 41

You think 41 is the best age to start having children. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ages are not so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these ages (and why): 29, 35 or 20.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

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

egg	freezing

- 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">• unusual• benefit• follow• option• high• staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• allow• use• meet• mind• later• job
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EGG FREEZING SURVEY

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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.

EGG FREEZING DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What springs to mind when you hear the word 'egg'?
3. What kind of perks do companies usually give to their workers?
4. Why do companies give perks to their employees?
5. What do you think of offering egg freezing as a perk?
6. What do you think of IVF?
7. What do you think of the cost of egg freezing?
8. What do you know about IVF?
9. What are the best companies to work for?
10. What are the risks of egg freezing?

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EGG FREEZING 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 'freezing'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about egg freezing?
15. To what degree is egg freezing like Frankenstein?
16. What is the best age to have children?
17. Why do some people think a career is more important than children?
18. What would critics of egg freezing say about it?
19. How liberating (or otherwise) is egg freezing for women?
20. What questions would you like to ask a fertility clinic boss?

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

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) bee | (b) being | (c) been | (d) be |
| 2. | (a) is | (b) has | (c) was | (d) as |
| 3. | (a) beneficial | (b) benefit | (c) beneficiary | (d) benefits |
| 4. | (a) provides | (b) provider | (c) providing | (d) provision |
| 5. | (a) several | (b) severe | (c) seventies | (d) servile |
| 6. | (a) at | (b) what | (c) that | (d) vat |
| 7. | (a) allowable | (b) allowing | (c) allowance | (d) allow |
| 8. | (a) stable | (b) cowshed | (c) barn | (d) shack |
| 9. | (a) indebted | (b) indeed | (c) indie | (d) indent |
| 10. | (a) side | (b) interior | (c) back | (d) middle |
| 11. | (a) perceive | (b) receive | (c) conceive | (d) sieve |
| 12. | (a) pure | (b) purely | (c) purity | (d) pureness |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. cirndinoesg offering egg freezing
2. as a inbeeft to female employees
3. The UK's largest chain of trfiielty clinics
4. in discussion with evraesl high-profile employers
5. a arnocbdeilse cost to employers
6. \$20,000 per leyeomep

Paragraph 2

7. focus on their srrecae
8. Successful ynnagrecp at that age
9. they will just have that geaateurn
10. couples wanting to evccnieo later in life
11. I think it's ryideotarxnra
12. women think this is aitgrblnie

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () offering subsidized egg freezing to female staff at a cost of up to £16,000 (\$20,000) per employee.
- () of their mind." Mr Smith said the perk was also an option for couples wanting to conceive later
- () comes at a considerable cost to employers. Apple and Facebook have been
- () talks with IVF clinics about providing the option of egg freezing to women. The UK's largest
- () done purely to protect their job, I think it's extraordinary that women think this is liberating."
- () chain of fertility clinics, CARE Fertility, said it has been in discussion with several high-profile employers. The perk
- () on their careers. The idea is that women could make use of their frozen eggs in their 40s when they meet the right
- () partner or are financially stable. Rob Smith, clinical director of CARE London, said: "Successful
- () in life. Critics of the idea said it was wrong to prioritise careers over having children. One said: "When [IVF] is
- () Companies will provide the egg-freezing perk to allow women in their 20s or 30s to focus
- (**1**) Female workers in the UK are to be offered an unusual perk by their employers. British companies are
- () considering offering egg freezing as a perk. Tech companies like Apple and Facebook already offer egg freezing as
- () a benefit to female employees, and now other companies may follow the tech giants' lead. Many British companies are in
- () pregnancy at that age is very low indeed so by freezing eggs earlier on they will just have that guarantee at the back

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. freezing are as considering a offering perk egg Companies .
2. may lead follow Now the other tech companies giants' .
3. been profile with employers several It high in - discussion has .
4. to at employers a The considerable perk cost comes .
5. at , a Egg of freezing cost up to to female £16,000 staff .
6. their on focus to 30s or 20s their in women Allow careers .
7. could make use of their frozen eggs in their 40s Women .
8. indeed age Successful is pregnancy very at low that .
9. in option wanting later An couples conceive life for to .
10. that this I extraordinary think liberating it's women is think .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Female workers in the UK are to *be / been* offered an unusual perk by their employers. British companies are *considering / considered* offering egg freezing as a perk. Tech companies like Apple and Facebook already offer egg freezing *has / as* a benefit to female employees, and now *another / other* companies may follow the tech giants' *lead / ahead*. Many British companies are *in / on* talks with IVF clinics about providing the *opinion / option* of egg freezing to women. The UK's largest chain of fertility clinics, CARE Fertility, said it has been in discussion with *servile / several* high-profile employers. The perk *comes / goes* at 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) *par / per* employee.

Companies will *provision / provide* the egg-freezing perk to *allowing / allow* women in their 20s or 30s to focus on their careers. The idea is that women could make *use / useful* of their frozen eggs in their 40s when they meet the *right / righted* partner or are financially stable. Rob Smith, clinical director of CARE London, said: "Successful *pregnant / pregnancy* at that age is very low indeed so by freezing eggs earlier on they will just have *those / that* guarantee at the back of their *mind / brain*." Mr Smith said the perk was also an option for couples wanting to *convince / conceive* later in life. Critics of the idea said it was wrong to prioritise careers *over / under* having children. One said: "When [IVF] is done purely to protect their job, I think it's *extraordinary / extraneous* that women think this is liberating."

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

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

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F_m_l_ w_r_k_r_s_ n_ th_ _K_ r_ t_ b_ _ff_r_d_ n_ n_s_ _l_ p_r_k_ by_ th_ r_ _mpl_y_ rs. Br_t_sh_ c_m_p_n_ _s_ _r_ c_n_s_d_r_n_g_ _ff_r_n_g_ _gg_ fr_z_n_g_ _s_ _p_r_k. T_ch_ c_m_p_n_ _s_l_k_ _ppl_ _nd_ F_c_b_ _k_ _lr_ _dy_ _ff_r_ _gg_ fr_z_n_g_ _s_ _b_n_f_t_ t_ f_m_l_ _mpl_y_ _s_, _nd_ n_w_ _th_r_ c_m_p_n_ _s_ m_y_ f_ll_w_ th_ t_ch_ g_ _nts' l_ _d. M_ny_ Br_t_sh_ c_m_p_n_ _s_ _r_ _n_t_lks_ w_th_ _VF_ cl_n_cs_ _b_ _t_ pr_v_d_n_g_ th_ _pt_ _n_ _f_ _gg_ fr_z_n_g_ t_ w_m_n. Th_ _K's_ l_rg_st_ ch_ _n_ _f_ f_r_t_l_ty_ cl_n_cs, C_R_ F_r_t_l_ty, s_ _d_ _t_ h_s_ b_ _n_ _n_ d_sc_ss_ _n_ w_th_ s_v_r_l_ h_gh-pr_f_l_ _mpl_y_ rs. Th_ p_r_k_ c_m_s_ _t_ _c_n_s_d_r_b_l_ _c_st_ t_ _mpl_y_ rs. _ppl_ _nd_ F_c_b_ _k_ h_v_ b_ _n_ _ff_r_n_g_ s_b_s_d_z_d_ _gg_ fr_z_n_g_ t_ f_m_l_ st_ff_ _t_ _c_st_ _f_ _p_ t_ £16,000 (\$20,000) p_r_ _mpl_y_ _.

C_m_p_n_ _s_ w_ll_ pr_v_d_ th_ _gg-fr_z_n_g_ p_r_k_ t_ _ll_w_ w_m_n_ _n_ th_ r_ 20s_ _r_ 30s_ t_ f_c_s_ _n_ th_ r_ c_r_ _rs. Th_ _d_ _s_ th_t_ w_m_n_ c_ _ld_ m_k_ _s_ _f_ th_ r_ fr_z_n_ _ggs_ _n_ th_ r_ 40s_ wh_n_ th_y_ m_ _t_ th_ r_ght_ p_rtn_r_ _r_ _r_ f_n_nc_ _lly_ st_bl_. R_b_ Sm_th, cl_n_c_l_d_r_ct_r_ _f_ C_R_ L_nd_n, s_ _d: "S_cc_ss_f_l_ pr_gn_ncy_ _t_ th_t_ _g_ _s_ v_ry_ l_w_ _nd_ _d_ s_ _by_ fr_z_n_g_ _ggs_ _r_l_r_ _n_ th_y_ w_ll_ j_st_ h_v_ th_t_ g_ _r_nt_ _t_ th_ b_ck_ _f_ th_ r_ m_nd." Mr Sm_th_ s_ _d_ th_ p_r_k_ w_s_ _ls_ _n_ _pt_ _n_ f_r_ c_ _pl_s_ w_nt_n_g_ t_ c_nc_ _v_ l_t_r_ _n_ l_f_. Cr_t_cs_ _f_ th_ _d_ _s_ _d_ _t_ w_s_ wr_n_g_ t_ pr_r_t_s_ c_r_ _rs_ _v_r_ h_v_n_g_ chldr_n. _n_ s_ _d: "Wh_n_ [_VF]_ _s_d_n_ p_r_ly_ t_ pr_t_ct_ th_ r_ j_b, _ th_nk_ _t's_ _xtr_ _rd_n_ry_ th_t_ w_m_n_ th_nk_ th_s_ _s_l_b_r_t_n_g_."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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female workers in the uk are to be offered an unusual perk by their employers british companies are considering offering egg freezing as a perk tech companies like apple and facebook already offer egg freezing as a benefit to female employees and now other companies may follow the tech giants lead many british companies are in talks with ivf clinics about providing the option of egg freezing to women the uks largest chain of fertility clinics care fertility said it has been in discussion with several high-profile employers the perk comes at a considerable cost to employers apple and facebook have been offering subsidized egg freezing to female staff at a cost of up to £16000 (\$20000) per employee

companies will provide the egg-freezing perk to allow women in their 20s or 30s to focus on their careers the idea is that women could make use of their frozen eggs in their 40s when they meet the right partner or are financially stable rob smith clinical director of care london said "successful pregnancy at that age is very low indeed so by freezing eggs earlier on they will just have that guarantee at the back of their mind" mr smith said the perk was also an option for couples wanting to conceive later in life critics of the idea said it was wrong to prioritise careers over having children one said "when [ivf] is done purely to protect their job i think its extraordinary that women think this is liberating"

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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Write about **egg freezing** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

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What are the pros and cons of IVF? Do you agree with it? Why (not)?

Lined area for writing the response to the question.

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 story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. EGG FREEZING: Make a poster about egg freezing. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. PERKS: Write a magazine article about ending all company perks. 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 egg freezing. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b T c T d F e T f F g F h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|------------------|--------------------|
| 1. perk | a. benefit |
| 2. lead | b. example |
| 3. talks | c. negotiations |
| 4. option | d. choice |
| 5. considerable | e. sizable |
| 6. stable | f. secure |
| 7. conceive | g. become pregnant |
| 8. critics | h. detractors |
| 9. extraordinary | i. remarkable |
| 10. liberating | j. emancipating |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. The UK
2. Apple and Facebook
3. IVF clinics
4. CARE Fertility
5. up to \$20,000 per worker
6. their career
7. financial
8. a clinical director
9. having children
10. jobs

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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