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## Twitter employees can work at home forever

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200515-working-at-home.html>

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Twitter said it was in a good position to have many of its workers working from their home. It is an online company so many employees and bosses can contact each other on video conferencing platforms like Zoom. The company said: "We were uniquely positioned to respond quickly and allow folks to work from home, given our emphasis on decentralization and supporting a distributed workforce capable of working from anywhere." It added: "The past few months have proven we can make [working from home] work. If our employees are in a role and situation that enables them to work from home and they want to continue to do so forever, we will make that happen."

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<https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-52628119>

# WARM-UPS

**1. WORKING AT HOME:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about working at home. 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?

boss / employees / coronavirus / decision / company / pandemic / office / careful / position / online / video conferencing / emphasis / home / role / situation / forever

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

**3. REMOTE WORKING:** Students A **strongly** believe remote working (working from home) is better than working in the workplace; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. AT HOME:** What are the good and bad things about working at home? How could you overcome problems? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good Things	Bad Things	Problems
Meetings			
Phone calls			
Photocopying			
Space			
Family			
Commuting			

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

**6. HOME:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best things about your home at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- The furniture
- Wifi connection
- The smell
- The outside
- The kitchen
- The bathroom
- Your room
- The location

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 1. boss         | a. A person who says important things for a company to the public, newspapers or television. |
| 2. allowed      | b. A disease that is over a whole country or the world.                                      |
| 3. pandemic     | c. Let someone do something.   |
| 4. decision     | d. Happening slowly.   |
| 5. spokesperson | e. The leader / top person of a company.   |
| 6. intentional  | f. A choice you make after thinking about what to do.  |
| 7. gradual      | g. Done on purpose; deliberate; not by accident.   |

## Paragraph 2

- |              |  |
|--------------|--|
| 8. position  | h. Say something in reply.                               |
| 9. contact   | i. Showed that something is true.                        |
| 10. platform | j. Special importance on something.                      |
| 11. respond  | k. Communicate with someone.                             |
| 12. emphasis | l. Makes possible.                                       |
| 13. proven   | m. Place.  |
| 14. enables  | n. A computer system that can run all kinds of software. |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200515-working-at-home.html>

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

- a. The boss of Twitter said he would work at home forever. **T / F**
- b. Twitter said its workers must return to work after the pandemic ends. **T / F**
- c. Twitter was the very first company to let workers work from home. **T / F**
- d. Twitter said it would open office by office. **T / F**
- e. Bosses and employees only use mail and phones to contact each other. **T / F**
- f. Twitter said it was in a unique position to let staff work at home. **T / F**
- g. Twitter has proven working at home works. **T / F**
- h. Twitter said if employees want to work at home forever, they can. **T / F**

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

- |                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1. <b>boss</b>      | a. importance   |
| 2. <b>allowed</b>   | b. return       |
| 3. <b>ends</b>      | c. permitted    |
| 4. <b>come back</b> | d. react        |
| 5. <b>gradual</b>   | e. for good     |
| 6. <b>position</b>  | f. head         |
| 7. <b>respond</b>   | g. step-by-step |
| 8. <b>emphasis</b>  | h. employees    |
| 9. <b>workforce</b> | i. is over      |
| 10. <b>forever</b>  | j. situation    |

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

- |                                     |                              |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. they can work from home forever  | a. by office                 |
| 2. they will be                     | b. of the first              |
| 3. Opening offices will be our      | c. so forever                |
| 4. it would not be one              | d. each other                |
| 5. office                           | e. decision                  |
| 6. Twitter said it was in           | f. if they want to           |
| 7. employees and bosses can contact | g. anywhere                  |
| 8. We were uniquely positioned      | h. a good position           |
| 9. capable of working from          | i. allowed to work from home |
| 10. they want to continue to do     | j. to respond quickly        |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200515-working-at-home.html>

The boss of Twitter has told many of his employees that they can work from home (1) \_\_\_\_\_ if they want to. CEO Jack Dorsey told many workers on Tuesday that they will be (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to work from home even after the coronavirus (3) \_\_\_\_\_ ends. A Twitter spokesperson said: "Opening offices will be our decision. When and if our employees come (4) \_\_\_\_\_, will be their [decision]." Twitter was one of the first companies to allow workers to work from home after the COVID-19 pandemic (5) \_\_\_\_\_. The spokesperson said it would not be, "one of the first to return to (6) \_\_\_\_\_". Twitter said most of its offices would not open before September. It (7) \_\_\_\_\_ when they do open, it would be "careful, intentional, office by office and (8) \_\_\_\_\_".

*offices*  
*allowed*  
*gradual*  
*back*  
*forever*  
*added*  
*started*  
*pandemic*

Twitter said it was in a good (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to have many of its workers working from their home. It is an online company so many employees and (10) \_\_\_\_\_ can contact each other on video conferencing (11) \_\_\_\_\_ like Zoom. The company said: "We were uniquely positioned to respond quickly and allow folks to work from home, given our (12) \_\_\_\_\_ on decentralization and supporting a distributed workforce capable of working from (13) \_\_\_\_\_." It added: "The past (14) \_\_\_\_\_ months have proven we can make [working from home] work. If our employees are in a (15) \_\_\_\_\_ and situation that enables them to work from home and they want to continue to do so forever, we will make that (16) \_\_\_\_\_."

*bosses*  
*few*  
*emphasis*  
*happen*  
*position*  
*role*  
*platforms*  
*anywhere*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200515-working-at-home.html>

- 1) many of his employees that they can work from home forever if \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. they want too
  - b. they want to
  - c. they want two
  - d. they won two
- 2) CEO Jack Dorsey told many workers on Tuesday that they will \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. be aloud to
  - b. be a lowed to
  - c. be all owed to
  - d. be allowed to
- 3) A Twitter spokesperson said: "Opening offices will \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. be our derision
  - b. be our decision
  - c. be our deciding
  - d. be our incision
- 4) The spokesperson said it would not be one of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. fast to return
  - b. fist to return
  - c. flirts to return
  - d. first to return
- 5) it would be careful, intentional, office by \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. official and gradual
  - b. office and gradual
  - c. office and graduate
  - d. offices and gradually
- 6) It is an online company so many employees and bosses can \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. contact each other
  - b. contact teach another
  - c. contact each others
  - d. contact teach other
- 7) The company said: "We were uniquely positioned \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. to respond quickly
  - b. to response quickly
  - c. to respond quick
  - d. to respond quicken
- 8) supporting a distributed workforce capable of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. work in from anywhere
  - b. work kin from anywhere
  - c. were king from anywhere
  - d. walking from anywhere
- 9) The past few months have proven we can make working \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. from homework
  - b. from home works
  - c. from homes work
  - d. from home work
- 10) enables them to work from home and they want to continue to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. does forever
  - b. do sew forever
  - c. do so forever
  - d. do sow forever

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200515-working-at-home.html>

The boss of Twitter has told many of (1) \_\_\_\_\_ they can work from home forever if they want to. CEO Jack Dorsey told many workers on Tuesday that they will (2) \_\_\_\_\_ work from home even after the coronavirus pandemic ends. A Twitter spokesperson said: "Opening offices will (3) \_\_\_\_\_. When and if our employees come back, will be their [decision]." Twitter was one of the first companies to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ work from home after the COVID-19 pandemic started. The spokesperson said it would not be, "one of the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to offices". Twitter said most of its offices would not open before September. It added when they do open, it would be "careful, intentional, office by (6) \_\_\_\_\_".

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200515-working-at-home.html>

1. Who is Jack Dorsey?
2. Who will decide when workers go back to work in Twitter's offices?
3. What was Twitter one of the first companies to do after COVID-19?
4. What did Twitter say it would not be one of the first companies to do?
5. When is the earliest Twitter will reopen its offices?
6. What kind of position did Twitter say it was in?
7. Who did the article say could contact each other on platforms like Zoom?
8. What did Twitter say it was uniquely positioned to do?
9. What have the past few weeks proven that Twitter can do?
10. What did Twitter say it would make happen?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200515-working-at-home.html>

- 1) Who is Jack Dorsey?
  - a) an office worker
  - b) Twitter's CEO
  - c) someone banned on Twitter
  - d) an actor
- 2) Who will decide when workers go back to work in Twitter's offices?
  - a) the government
  - b) the managers
  - c) the boss
  - d) the workers
- 3) What was Twitter one of the first companies to do after COVID-19?
  - a) sent tweets
  - b) give workers masks
  - c) let workers work from home
  - d) test workers
- 4) What did Twitter say it would not be one of the first companies to do?
  - a) return to offices
  - b) hire new workers
  - c) make a profit
  - d) give up
- 5) When is the earliest Twitter will reopen its offices?
  - a) October
  - b) September
  - c) January
  - d) 2023
- 6) What kind of position did Twitter say it was in?
  - a) a good position
  - b) a difficult position
  - c) the number one position
  - d) last
- 7) Who did the article say could contact each other on platforms like Zoom?
  - a) tweeters
  - b) everyone
  - c) employees and bosses
  - d) staff and tweeters
- 8) What did Twitter say it was uniquely positioned to do?
  - a) respond quickly
  - b) tweet
  - c) hire new workers
  - d) make money
- 9) What have the past few weeks proven that Twitter can do?
  - a) make people happy
  - b) survive
  - c) keep a great service
  - d) make working from home work
- 10) What did Twitter say it would make happen?
  - a) the future
  - b) a safe workplace
  - c) allow workers to work at home forever
  - d) tweets

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200515-working-at-home.html>

## **Role A – The Furniture**

You think the furniture is the most important thing in a home. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): the kitchen, the location or the smell.

## **Role B – The Kitchen**

You think the kitchen is the most important thing in a home. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): the furniture, the location or the smell.

## **Role C – The Location**

You think the location is the most important thing in a home. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): the kitchen, the furniture or the smell.

## **Role D – The Smell**

You think the smell is the most important thing in a home. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): the kitchen, the location or the furniture.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200515-working-at-home.html>

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

<b>work</b>	<b>home</b>
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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"><li>• boss</li><li>• even</li><li>• if</li><li>• started</li><li>• first</li><li>• careful</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• position</li><li>• contact</li><li>• quickly</li><li>• anywhere</li><li>• role</li><li>• happen</li></ul>
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# WORKING AT HOME SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200515-working-at-home.html>

Write five GOOD questions about working at home 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.

# WORKING AT HOME 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 'employee'?
3. What do you think of Twitter?
4. What do you think of working from home?
5. Would you like to work from home forever?
6. What do you think of working in an office?
7. Do people do more work when working from home?
8. How will COVID-19 change the way people work?
9. Where is your perfect work location?
10. Is it better to be an employee or employer?

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# WORKING AT HOME 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 'home'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think working for Twitter would be like?
15. What are the best things about working from home?
16. What are the worst things about working from home?
17. Is video conferencing better than face-to-face meetings?
18. How good a worker are you?
19. Would you be a good boss?
20. What questions would you like to ask Twitter's CEO?

## **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/2005/200515-working-at-home.html>

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

- |     |           |             |             |             |
|-----|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1.  | (a) as    | (b) by      | (c) at      | (d) of      |
| 2.  | (a) by    | (b) as      | (c) at      | (d) to      |
| 3.  | (a) being | (b) be      | (c) been    | (d) is      |
| 4.  | (a) alloy | (b) allay   | (c) allow   | (d) all     |
| 5.  | (a) prime | (b) leader  | (c) first   | (d) winner  |
| 6.  | (a) by    | (b) at      | (c) in      | (d) through |
| 7.  | (a) under | (b) in      | (c) over    | (d) on      |
| 8.  | (a) each  | (b) another | (c) both    | (d) all     |
| 9.  | (a) forks | (b) folks   | (c) fakes   | (d) flicks  |
| 10. | (a) works | (b) worked  | (c) working | (d) work    |
| 11. | (a) faces | (b) masks   | (c) enables | (d) offices |
| 12. | (a) do    | (b) being   | (c) is      | (d) happen  |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200515-working-at-home.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. they will be lelodaw to work from home
2. after the coronavirus pediamcn ends
3. Opening offices will be our ciedsoni
4. one of the first to eunrrt to offices
5. it would be "careful, tnoniinlate ...
6. office by office and rgdaalu

## Paragraph 2

7. it was in a good oitpsino
8. bosses can ctctoan each other
9. odrpnes quickly
10. given our ipeshasm
11. apbcalle of working from anywhere
12. in a role and tsiuaitno

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200515-working-at-home.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) started. The spokesperson said it would not be, "one of the first to return to offices". Twitter said most of its offices would not
- ( ) them to work from home and they want to continue to do so forever, we will make that happen."
- ( ) can make [working from home] work. If our employees are in a role and situation that enables
- ( **1** ) The boss of Twitter has told many of his employees that they can work from home
- ( ) companies to allow workers to work from home after the COVID-19 pandemic
- ( ) to work from home even after the coronavirus pandemic ends. A Twitter spokesperson said: "Opening offices will
- ( ) capable of working from anywhere." It added: "The past few months have proven we
- ( ) folks to work from home, given our emphasis on decentralization and supporting a distributed workforce
- ( ) be our decision. When and if our employees come back, will be their [decision]." Twitter was one of the first
- ( ) Twitter said it was in a good position to have many of its workers working from their home. It is an
- ( ) open before September. It added when they do open, it would be "careful, intentional, office by office and gradual".
- ( ) online company so many employees and bosses can contact each other on video conferencing platforms like
- ( ) forever if they want to. CEO Jack Dorsey told many workers on Tuesday that they will be allowed
- ( ) Zoom. The company said: "We were uniquely positioned to respond quickly and allow

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200515-working-at-home.html>

1. if Work forever from they want home to .
2. be work They will from home . allowed to
3. employees When our back . and come if
4. was Twitter one the companies . first of
5. of Most its open wouldn't before offices September .
6. said good a was position . it Twitter in
7. positioned were uniquely We to quickly . respond
8. capable from anywhere . workforce of A working
9. proven months past have can . we The few
10. They forever . to continue to so do want

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200515-working-at-home.html>

The boss of Twitter has *told / said* many of his employees that they can work from home forever if they want *do / to*. CEO Jack Dorsey told many workers on Tuesday that they will be *allow / allowed* to work from home *even / ever* after the coronavirus pandemic *finish / ends*. A Twitter spokesperson said: "Opening offices will be our decision. When and if our employees come back, will be their *decide / decision*." Twitter was one of the first companies to allow workers to work from home after the COVID-19 *pandemic / panda* started. The spokesperson said it would not be, "one of the first *to / for* return to offices". Twitter said most of its offices would *not / non* open before September. It added when they do open, it would be "careful, intentional, office *by / buy* office and gradual".

Twitter said it was *in / on* a good position to have many of its workers working from *that / their* home. It is an online company *so / such* many employees and bosses can *intact / contact* each other on video conferencing platforms *love / like* Zoom. The company said: "We were *unique / uniquely* positioned to respond quickly and allow *folks / forks* to work from home, given our emphasis on decentralization and supporting a distributed workforce capable *to / of* working from anywhere." It added: "The past few months have *proof / proven* we can make [working from home] work. If our employees are in a role and situation that enables them to work from home and they want to continue to do so forever, we will make that *happened / happen*."

**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)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200515-working-at-home.html>

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\_d d\_ d : " T h\_ p\_ s t f\_ w m\_ n t h s h\_ v\_ p\_ r\_ v\_ n w\_  
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h\_ p p\_ n . "

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200515-working-at-home.html>

the boss of twitter has told many of his employees that they can work from home forever if they want to ceo jack dorsey told many workers on tuesday that they will be allowed to work from home even after the coronavirus pandemic ends a twitter spokesperson said opening offices will be our decision when and if our employees come back will be their decision twitter was one of the first companies to allow workers to work from home after the covid19 pandemic started the spokesperson said it would not be one of the first to return to offices twitter said most of its offices would not open before september it added when they do open it would be careful intentional office by office and gradual

twitter said it was in a good position to have many of its workers working from their home it is an online company so many employees and bosses can contact each other on video conferencing platforms like zoom the company said we were uniquely positioned to respond quickly and allow folks to work from home given our emphasis on decentralization and supporting a distributed workforce capable of working from anywhere it added the past few months have proven we can make working from home work if our employees are in a role and situation that enables them to work from home and they want to continue to do so forever we will make that happen

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200515-working-at-home.html>

The boss of Twitter has told many of his employees that they can work from home forever if they want to. CEO Jack Dorsey told many workers on Tuesday that they will be allowed to work from home even after the coronavirus pandemic ends. A Twitter spokesperson said: "Opening offices will be our decision. When and if our employees come back, will be their [decision]." Twitter was one of the first companies to allow workers to work from home after the COVID-19 pandemic started. The spokesperson said it would not be, "one of the first to return to offices". Twitter said most of its offices would not open before September. It added when they do open, it would be "careful, intentional, office by office and gradual". Twitter said it was in a good position to have many of its workers working from their home. It is an online company so many employees and bosses can contact each other on video conferencing platforms like Zoom. The company said: "We were uniquely positioned to respond quickly and allow folk to work from home, given our emphasis on decentralization and supporting a distributed workforce capable of working from anywhere." It added: "The past few months have proven we can make [working from home] work. If our employees are in a role and situation that enable them to work from home and they want to continue to do so forever, we will make that happen."

# FREE WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200515-working-at-home.html>

Write about **working at home** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.

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# ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200515-working-at-home.html>

All companies should let employees work at home if they can. Discuss.

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# 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. TWITTER:** Make a poster about Twitter. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. WORKING AT HOME:** Write a magazine article about working at home. 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 working at home. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on working at home. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Twitter's CEO
2. The workers
3. Let workers work from home
4. Return to offices
5. September
  
6. A good position
7. Employees and bosses
8. Respond quickly
9. Make working from home work
10. Allowing workers to work at home forever

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Work from home forever if they want to.
2. They will be allowed to work from home.
3. When and if our employees come back.
4. Twitter was one of the first companies.
5. Most of its offices wouldn't open before September.
6. Twitter said it was in a good position.
7. We were uniquely positioned to respond quickly.
8. A workforce capable of working from anywhere.
9. The past few months have proven we can.
10. They want to continue to do so forever.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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 ;-)