

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

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| 1. remotely | a. A plan or course of action taken to achieve a particular purpose. |
| 2. initiated | b. From a distance. |
| 3. novel | c. Interestingly new or unusual. |
| 4. measure | d. Gave support, confidence, or hope to someone. |
| 5. entice | e. Ready, eager, or prepared to do something. |
| 6. encouraged | f. Caused a process or action to begin. |
| 7. willing | g. Attract or tempt by offering pleasure or advantage. |

Paragraph 2

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| 8. renowned | h. The residential areas at the edges of a city. |
| 9. enduring | i. A coloured patch or dirty mark on something that is difficult to remove. |
| 10. commute | j. A thing that motivates or encourages someone to do something. |
| 11. suburbs | k. A regular journey to and from one's place of work. |
| 12. attached | l. Made to feel affection or fondness. |
| 13. incentive | m. Known about or talked about by many people. |
| 14. stain | n. Lasting over a period of time. |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2209/220926-dog-office.html>

The coronavirus pandemic has changed working (1) _____ worldwide. Millions of people have switched from working in their offices to working (2) _____ at home. A Japanese company has initiated a novel measure to (3) _____ workers back into the office. The technology (4) _____ Fujitsu is allowing some of its workers to bring their pet dogs to work with them. Executives (5) _____ up an experimental "dog office" at a building in Kawasaki, near Tokyo. Members of staff are being (6) _____ to return to the office by bringing their dogs to work. It is part of a (7) _____ aimed at making workers more comfortable in the workplace. More people may be (8) _____ to give up working remotely from home.

encouraged
giant
remotely
willing
conditions
trial
set
entice

Japan's workforce is (9) _____ for spending long hours in the office. The pandemic greatly changed this. Many workers started working from home. They (10) _____ this new culture of teleworking. They also decided that working remotely was better than (11) _____ two-hour commutes from the (12) _____. They got attached to the idea of spending more (13) _____ time with their pets. Fujitsu's experiment is an (14) _____ for workers to return to the office and be with their pooches. One worker said he could "communicate with other people with the (15) _____ of our dogs". Reuters says the Fujitsu "dog office" has space for up to six dogs "and features stain-proof carpets and a (16) _____ of pet supplies".

suburbs
incentive
preferred
range
enduring
quality
renowned
help

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) The coronavirus pandemic has changed _____
 - a. working conditions world wise
 - b. working conditions worldwide
 - c. work in condition world wide
 - d. working condition worldwide
- 2) people have switched from working in their offices _____
 - a. too working remotely
 - b. to work in remotely
 - c. to working remotely
 - d. twerking remotely
- 3) A Japanese company has initiated a novel measure to _____
 - a. end dice workers back
 - b. ant ice worker back
 - c. and ice workers back
 - d. entice workers back
- 4) Members of staff are being encouraged to return to the office by bringing their _____
 - a. dogs to work
 - b. dogs too work
 - c. dogs thru work
 - d. dogs twerk
- 5) It is part of a trial aimed at making workers more comfortable _____
 - a. in the work place
 - b. in the place work
 - c. in the work plaice
 - d. in the workplace
- 6) Japan's workforce is renowned for spending long hours _____
 - a. in the office
 - b. in their office
 - c. in there office
 - d. in them office
- 7) working remotely was better than enduring two-hour commutes _____
 - a. from the sub barbs
 - b. from these burbs
 - c. from the sub burbs
 - d. from the suburbs
- 8) They got attached to the idea of spending _____
 - a. more qualify time
 - b. more quantity time
 - c. more quality time
 - d. more calamity time
- 9) an incentive for workers to return to the office and be _____
 - a. with their broaches
 - b. with their peaches
 - c. with their pooches
 - d. with their pooch is
- 10) space for up to six dogs "and features _____
 - a. strain-prove carpets
 - b. stain-proof carpets
 - c. strain-proof carpets
 - d. stain-prove carpets

Questions about Work

1. If the company you worked for announced that employees could start bringing their pets to work, how would you feel about it?
2. Have you heard any stories about people in Japan being reluctant to return to the office after working from home throughout the pandemic?
3. Do employers have a responsibility to make employees happy at work? If allowing pets seems unreasonable, what are some reasonable ways to keep workers happy?
4. How old were you when you got your first job?
5. Do you prefer a job where what you do every day is always the same (e.g. factory worker, store cashier), or one where there are constantly new challenges?
6. Do you know anyone who loves their job? What do they do?
7. Describe the best boss you ever had.
8. Are there any laws related to employment you wish the government would pass?