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Mothers face workplace discrimination

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THE READING

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1308/130810-workplace_discrimination-4.html

One in four British mothers feel discriminated against at work, according to a recent survey. Researchers asked 1,975 women about their work experiences. Most of the women never complained to bosses as they thought it would be a waste of time and damage their careers. The survey found mothers were promoted less than junior employees. Another complaint was that their ideas were thought of as less useful than those of colleagues with no children.

Many employers disagree with the survey. A business association said: "We don't recognise the picture painted here." It said: "Businesses are better than ever at managing maternity leave and reintegrating mothers on their return." A politician said the government is helping businesses at all levels to use women's talents. A lawyer was shocked that women did not talk about discrimination. She said employers avoided the issues.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-23600465>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. according to a | a. of time |
| 2. complained | b. of as less useful |
| 3. it would be a waste | c. to bosses |
| 4. promoted less than | d. no children |
| 5. their ideas were thought | e. recent survey |
| 6. colleagues with | f. junior employees |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. employers disagree | a. about discrimination |
| 2. We don't recognise the picture | b. all levels |
| 3. maternity | c. the issues |
| 4. helping businesses at | d. painted here |
| 5. women did not talk | e. with the survey |
| 6. employers avoided | f. leave |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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One in four British mothers feel (1) _____ at work, according (2) _____. Researchers asked 1,975 women about their work experiences. Most of the (3) _____ to bosses as they thought it would be a (4) _____ and damage their careers. The survey found mothers (5) _____ than junior employees. Another complaint was that their ideas were thought of as less useful than (6) _____ with no children.

Many employers (7) _____ survey. A business association said: "We don't recognise the (8) _____." It said: "Businesses are better than ever at managing (9) _____ and reintegrating mothers (10) _____." A politician said the government is helping businesses (11) _____ use women's talents. A lawyer was shocked that women did not talk about discrimination. She said employers (12) _____.

DISCRIMINATION SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about discrimination 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)

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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)

g)

h)

