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Level 5 Travelling to and from work is work, says EU

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Please try Level 4 (easier) and the 26-page Level 6 (harder).



THE READING

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1509/150914-payroll-5.html

The European Union (EU) said that workers with no fixed office should be paid for travelling to and from their first and last clients each day. This could have a big effect on staffing costs across Europe. The journeys of people who work from home and travel to and from their customers' premises will now be paid work. This means higher salaries for care workers, sales staff, plumbers, and other company employees who work from home. The EU said this was to protect the health and safety of workers. It wanted to make sure workers did not work more than 48 hours per week.

Thousands of companies across Europe will have to rearrange the working schedules of employees so that that their first and last appointments are near their homes. A British employment lawyer told the BBC that: "Unless [bosses] adjust working hours or ask employees to opt out of the 48-hour working week, employees could quickly exceed the number of hours they are legally allowed to work." This will be illegal and companies could face legal action from workers. The new rule does not affect people who commute to their normal, fixed place of work every day.

Sources: http://www.**bbc**.com/news/uk-34210002 http://www.**irishexaminer**.com/ireland/travelling-to-work-is-work-court-rules-353288.html https://uk.news.**yahoo**.com/travelling-european-court-rules-175012116.html#hzpZ9QP

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

1.	workers with no fixed	a.	sure
2	paid for	b.	workers
3.	This could have a big effect	с.	per week
4.	care	d.	office
5.	company employees who	e.	on staffing costs
6.	protect the health and	f.	travelling
7.	It wanted to make	g.	safety of workers
8.	work more than 48 hours	h.	work from home

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1.	Thousands of companies	a.	to work
2	the working	b.	commute
3.	ask employees to opt	с.	action
4.	quickly exceed the number	d.	out
5.	legally allowed	e.	across Europe
6.	face legal	f.	place of work
7.	people who	g.	schedules of employees
8.	their normal, fixed	h.	of hours

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The European Union (EU) said that workers (1) _______ office should be paid for travelling (2) _______ their first and last clients each day. This could have (3) _______ staffing costs across Europe. The journeys of people who work from home and travel to and from their customers' premises (4) ______ work. This means higher salaries for care workers, sales staff, plumbers, and other company employees (5) ______ home. The EU said this was to protect the health and safety of workers. It wanted (6) ______ did not work more than 48 hours per week.

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WORKING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about working 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)

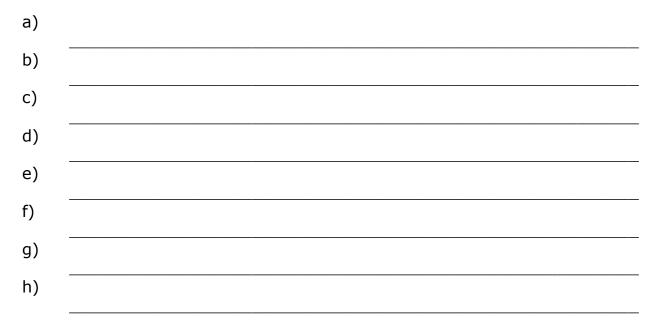
Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

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).



FREE WRITING

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