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## **Level 1**

### **More and more 70-year-olds working**

**10th November, 2015**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1511/151110-working-1.html>

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1511/151110-working-1.html>

British 70-74-year-olds are working to an older age. Their number has doubled in the past decade. Around 10 per cent of them now work. This is the highest figure ever. Over 250,000 now have jobs. In 2005, it was just 100,000. People are deciding to retire later. One reason for people working in their old age is because retirement pensions are more difficult to live on. Many older people cannot retire. They have to work to be able to survive.

The last decade has seen big changes in the jobs market. Many people are working in their retirement age. Many people need to earn extra money because they cannot afford to retire. Older people now need good jobs and pensions so they can choose whether they want to stay in work. More and more older people are starting their own businesses. This is something they may have dreamed of doing for many years.

Sources: <http://home.bt.com/news/uk-news/one-in-10-70-74-year-olds-now-in-work-11364015197541>  
<http://www.itv.com/news/2015-11-07/record-number-of-70-74-year-olds-now-in-work-dwp-figures-show/>

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1511/151110-working-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. British 70-74-year-olds are  | a. doubled                 |
| 2. Their number has             | b. figure ever             |
| 3. in the past                  | c. able to survive         |
| 4. Around 10 per cent of them   | d. to retire later         |
| 5. This is the highest          | e. now work                |
| 6. People are deciding          | f. working to an older age |
| 7. retirement pensions are more | g. decade                  |
| 8. They have to work to be      | h. difficult to live on    |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The last decade has             | a. of doing         |
| 2. the jobs                        | b. age              |
| 3. working in their retirement     | c. extra money      |
| 4. Many people need to earn        | d. stay in work     |
| 5. they cannot afford              | e. seen big changes |
| 6. choose whether they want to     | f. businesses       |
| 7. starting their own              | g. market           |
| 8. something they may have dreamed | h. to retire        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1511/151110-working-1.html>

British 70-74-year-olds are working (1) \_\_\_\_\_.  
Their number (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the past decade.  
Around 10 per cent of them now work. This is the  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_. Over 250,000 now have jobs. In  
2005, it was just 100,000. People are deciding  
(4) \_\_\_\_\_. One reason for people working in  
their old age is because retirement pensions are more  
(5) \_\_\_\_\_. Many older people cannot retire.  
They have to work to (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The last decade (7) \_\_\_\_\_ changes in the jobs  
market. Many people (8) \_\_\_\_\_ their retirement  
age. Many people need to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ because  
they cannot afford to retire. Older people now need good jobs  
and pensions (10) \_\_\_\_\_ choose whether they  
want to stay in work. More and more older people are starting  
(11) \_\_\_\_\_ businesses. This is something they  
may have (12) \_\_\_\_\_ for many years.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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