# www.Breaking News English.com

**Ready-to-Use English Lessons by Sean Banville** 

"1,000 IDEAS & ACTIVITIES FOR LANGUAGE TEACHERS" www.breakingnewsenglish.com/book.html

 ERS"
 from Sean's other websites

 ook.html
 www.freeeslmaterials.com/sean\_banville\_lessons.html

Thousands more free lessons

# Level 4 Venezuela introduces 2-day working week

#### 29th April, 2016

http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1604/160429-working-week-4.html

## Contents

The Reading	2
Matching	3
Listening Gap Fill	4
Survey	5
Discussion	6
Writing	7

#### Please try the harder Level 5 and the 26-page Level 6 (harder).



## THE READING

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1604/160429-working-week-4.html

Venezuela has taken a big step to deal with the country's energy problems. It told all state employees to work just two days a week. They were already on four days a week after Fridays became a nowork day. Around 2.8 million public workers will now have five days off a week. The president said: "We are going to have Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays as non-working days." Employees will still be paid in full, despite the shorter working week.

The government blames the crisis on droughts and on El Nino. The Guri region, home to the nation's biggest dam, was compared to a desert. Critics say bad management, a lack of investment and corruption are to blame. People are facing daily disruptions to their lives. Women have to use hair dryers less and shopping malls have to use their own electricity generators. Electricity is being rationed and the clocks went back to provide more evening sunlight.

Sources: http://time.com/4308909/venezuela-two-day-work-week-energy-crisis/ http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/04/27/pic--pub-venezuela-introduces-two-day-week-tosave-energy/ http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-36145184

# MATCHING

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1604/160429-working-week-4.html

#### **PARAGRAPH ONE:**

1.	taken a big	a.	off a week
2.	deal with the country's	b.	paid in full
3.	state	с.	energy problems
4.	They were already on	d.	million public workers
5.	Around 2.8	e.	working week
6.	have five days	f.	step
7.	Employees will still be	g.	four days a week
8.	despite the shorter	h.	employees

#### **PARAGRAPH TWO:**

1.	The government blames the crisis	a.	of investment
2.	home to the	b.	rationed
3.	compared	с.	disruptions to their lives
4.	a lack	d.	went back
5.	People are facing daily	e.	nation's biggest dam
6.	electricity	f.	on droughts
7.	Electricity is being	g.	to a desert
8.	the clocks	h.	generators

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1604/160429-working-week-4.html

Venezuela has taken a big (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_ the country's energy problems. (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_ employees to work just two days a week. They (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_ four days a week after Fridays became a no-work day. Around 2.8 million (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_ will now have five days off a week. The president said: "We are going to have Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (5) days." Employees will still be paid in full, (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_ working week. The government (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_ on droughts and on El Nino. The Guri region, home to the nation's biggest dam, (8) a desert. Critics say bad management, (9) investment and corruption are to blame. People (10) disruptions to their lives. Women have to use hair dryers less and shopping malls have (11) \_\_\_\_\_\_ electricity generators. Electricity is being rationed and the clocks went back (12) \_\_\_\_\_ evening sunlight.

# THE WORKING WEEK SURVEY

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1604/160429-working-week-4.html

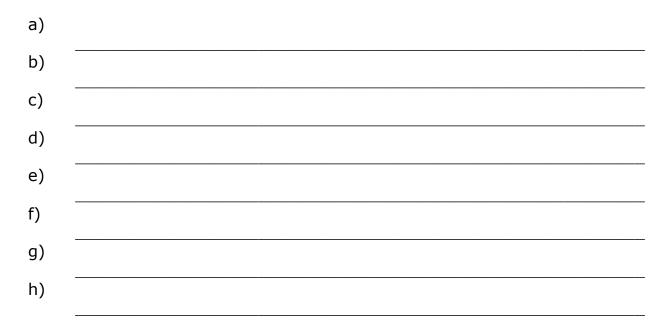
Write five GOOD questions about the working week in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1	STUDENT 2	STUDENT 3
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.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).

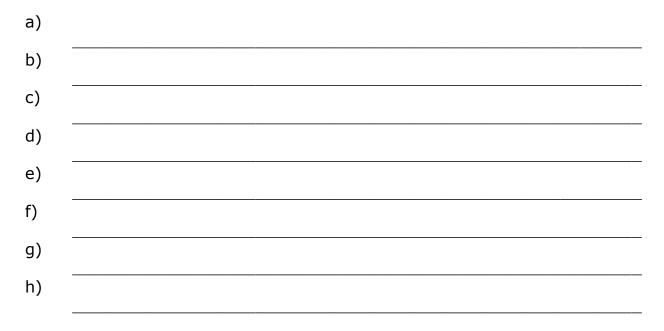


Venezuela introduces 2-day working week – 29th April, 2016 More free lessons at www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com

\_\_\_\_\_

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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



# FREE WRITING

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1604/160429-working-week-4.html

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