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I'm working from home

The British use the dining room while the French prefer the bedroom. Location is not the only difference between Britons and the rest of Europe if they have to choose a place to work for a company from home and not at the office.

There is more paranoia about British homeworkers, the evidence suggests. Half of the British homeworkers, according to a survey, said they e-mailed or telephoned a colleague early in the morning to prove they were working. On the other hand, only 14 per cent of German homeworkers think it is necessary to check in to prove that they were working hard.

There are also national differences in the motivation for homeworking. The French see it as a way to a healthier lifestyle. Working at home allows them to do more regular exercise. It is also a good way of enjoying home cooking and avoiding junk food. For the Spanish the interaction with the family is a principal reason for homeworking. And for the Germans it is the opportunity to increase their salary. Overall, fewer British work from home than in the rest of Europe. But British workers say that they would like the opportunity to do so. The main reason for doing so would be stress, if you work at home you may feel more relaxed. So stress is considered as one of the main reasons for making the switch. The study predicts that by 2005 around 11 per cent (16 millions) of the European Union workforce will be working from home either permanently or for part of the working day.

QUESTION 1. [2'5 points] **Synonyms. Find the words in the text that mean**

- a) select :
- b) survey :
- c) chance :
- d) change :
- e) guess:



QUESTION 2. According to the information provided in the text, are the following statements TRUE or FALSE? [2'5 points]

- _____ People in Spain don't like working from home because they don't like being with their relatives.
- _____ The number of British who would prefer working from home is increasing.
- _____ German workers trust their colleagues more than other cultures
- _____ For the French working at home is more important than for the German.

QUESTION 3. Reading comprehension Choose a, b, or c, in each question below. I. Only one answer is correct [2 points]

3.1. British workers feel that

- a) people in the office work much harder
- b) homeworkers should demonstrate that they work the same as the others
- c) French have a better style when they work at home

3.2. According to the text:

- a) British people are crazy
- b) The British do not enjoy working at home
- c) British people believe that working at home could be good

3.3. Choose the correct answer

- a) Germans working at home can make more money
- b) Among the different nationalities, the French have the largest number of homeworkers
- c) Spanish feel that working at home is less tiring.



3.4. French like to work at home because they think:

- a) they will have to pay less taxes
- b) they like working in their own bedroom
- c) it can improve their quality of life

QUESTION 4. Answer the questions using your own words. [1 points]

- a) *Why do they say that* “ There is more paranoia about British homeworkers”?
- b) *What is your own opinion about working from home?*

QUESTION 5. Vocabulary. Choose one of the words listed to fill each of the gaps in the sentences below. There are extra words that you cannot use.

[2 points]

river fingers hungry quickest long court
thirsty toothache down

1. A hand has five
2. Bill has a beard and hair
3. I'm Can I have a glass of water?
4. I have a I need to go to the dentist
5. Which is the a phone call, a fax, or a letter?