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Unemployed young people very stressed

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1501/150116-unemployed-1.html>

A British survey says a third of young, unemployed people often "fall apart". They are stressed and cannot control their feelings. They cannot live a "normal" life. The survey is from a charity that questioned 2,200 jobless people. Almost half the people stressed about everyday life and could not meet new people. Some were too stressed to leave the house. Thousands of young people feel like prisoners in their own homes and become socially isolated.

Many young people have problems with day-to-day life and getting a job. Britain's government said: "Our young people are some of the best and most talented in the world." A researcher added: "Young people are our future and it is important that we invest in them." One man explained how hard it was for him to have no job. He would wake up and couldn't leave the house. He stopped speaking to his friends. He had no confidence."

Sources: <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/uk/jobless-young-people-fall-apart-30906462.html>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. a third of young, unemployed | a. everyday life |
| 2. They are stressed and cannot | b. "normal" life |
| 3. They cannot live a | c. the people |
| 4. a charity that questioned | d. to leave the house |
| 5. Almost half | e. people |
| 6. stressed about | f. in their own homes |
| 7. too stressed | g. control their feelings |
| 8. people feel like prisoners | h. 2,200 jobless people |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. people have problems with day- | a. talented |
| 2. some of the best and most | b. hard it was for him |
| 3. Young people are our | c. confidence |
| 4. it is important that we invest | d. to-day life |
| 5. One man explained how | e. couldn't leave the house |
| 6. He would wake up and | f. to his friends |
| 7. He stopped speaking | g. in them |
| 8. He had no | h. future |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A British survey (1) _____ young, unemployed people often "fall apart". They are stressed and cannot control their feelings. They cannot (2) _____ life. The survey is from a charity that questioned (3) _____ people. Almost half the people stressed about (4) _____ and could not meet new people. Some were (5) _____ leave the house. Thousands of young people feel like prisoners in their own homes and become (6) _____.

Many young people have problems (7) _____ life and getting a job. Britain's government said: "Our young people are (8) _____ best and most talented in the world." A researcher added: "Young people (9) _____ and it is important (10) _____ them." One man explained how hard it was for him to have no job. He (11) _____ and couldn't leave the house. He stopped speaking to his friends. He (12) _____."

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)

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)
