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Unemployed young people very stressed

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THE READING

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A new survey in Britain says a third of young, unemployed people regularly "fall apart". They are so stressed that they cannot control their emotions. They have problems living a "normal" life. The survey is from a youth charity. Its researchers questioned 2,200 jobless people. Almost half said they were often stressed about everyday life. They tried not to meet new people. One in eight people said they were too stressed to leave the house. The charity said: "Thousands of young people feel like prisoners in their own homes...these young people become socially isolated."

Many young people struggle with day-to-day life. They find it more difficult to get a job. Britain's Employment Minister said: "Our young people are some of the best and most talented in the world." She said it was important to try and find them the right jobs. Researcher David Fass added: "Young people are our future and it is important that we invest in them...to reach their full potential." Jack, 25, explained how hard it was for him to be unemployed. He said: "I would wake up and wouldn't want to leave the house. I stopped speaking to my friends and I had absolutely no confidence."

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

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. a third | a. jobless people |
| 2. They are so | b. living a "normal" life |
| 3. they cannot control | c. in their own homes |
| 4. They have problems | d. of young, unemployed people |
| 5. researchers questioned 2,200 | e. isolated |
| 6. One in | f. stressed |
| 7. people feel like prisoners | g. eight people |
| 8. these young people become socially | h. their emotions |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. people struggle with | a. future |
| 2. They find it more difficult | b. the right jobs |
| 3. the best and most | c. no confidence |
| 4. try and find them | d. to get a job |
| 5. Young people are our | e. potential |
| 6. it is important that we invest | f. day-to-day life |
| 7. reach their full | g. in them |
| 8. I had absolutely | h. talented in the world |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Many young people struggle with (7) _____. They find it more difficult (8) _____. Britain's Employment Minister said: "Our young people are some of the best and most talented in the world." She said it was important to try and find (9) _____. Researcher David Fass added: "Young people are our future and it is important that we invest in them...to reach (10) _____." Jack, 25, explained how hard it was for him to be unemployed. He said: "I would wake up and wouldn't (11) _____ house. I stopped speaking to my friends and I had (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)

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c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)
