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## **Level 4**

### **Egg freezing offered as perk to female employees**

**26th April, 2017**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1704/170426-egg-freezing-4.html>

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1704/170426-egg-freezing-4.html>

Companies are thinking of offering their female workers egg freezing as a perk. Apple and Facebook already do this. Other companies may soon follow. British companies are in talks with the UK's largest chain of fertility clinics, CARE Fertility. There is a very high cost to employers. Apple and Facebook have been offering cut-price egg freezing to their female staff at a cost of up to £16,000 (\$20,000) per worker.

The perk will let women in their 20s or 30s focus on their careers. Women could use their frozen eggs in their 40s when they settle down or have more money. CARE said: "Successful pregnancy at that age is very low...so by freezing eggs...they will...have that guarantee." Critics say it is wrong to offer the perk. One said: "When [IVF] is done purely to protect their job, I think it's extraordinary that women think this is liberating."

Sources: <http://news.sky.com/story/egg-freezing-offered-as-perk-to-female-employees-10848413>  
<http://www.londonlovesbusiness.com/business-news/business/british-companies-in-talks-to-offer-egg-freezing-as-a-perk-to-female-employees/15313.article>  
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/egg-freezing-perk-for-female-staff-qv5rnsx2q>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1704/170426-egg-freezing-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| 1. offering their female workers egg freezing | a. cost to employers  |
| 2. Other companies may                        | b. up to £16,000      |
| 3. the UK's largest                           | c. as a perk          |
| 4. fertility                                  | d. chain              |
| 5. There is a very high                       | e. worker             |
| 6. offering cut-                              | f. clinics            |
| 7. at a cost of                               | g. soon follow        |
| 8. \$20,000 per                               | h. price egg freezing |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                      |                      |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. women in their                    | a. age is very low   |
| 2. Women could use their frozen eggs | b. extraordinary     |
| 3. when they settle                  | c. 20s or 30s        |
| 4. Successful pregnancy at that      | d. is liberating     |
| 5. Critics say it is wrong           | e. down              |
| 6. done purely to protect            | f. in their 40s      |
| 7. I think it's                      | g. their job         |
| 8. women think this                  | h. to offer the perk |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The perk will let (7) \_\_\_\_\_ 20s or 30s focus on their careers. Women (8) \_\_\_\_\_ frozen eggs in their 40s when they settle (9) \_\_\_\_\_ more money. CARE said: "Successful pregnancy at that (10) \_\_\_\_\_...so by freezing eggs...they will...have that guarantee." Critics (11) \_\_\_\_\_ to offer the perk. One said: "When [IVF] is done purely to protect their job, I think it's extraordinary that women think (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# EGG FREEZING SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1704/170426-egg-freezing-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about egg freezing 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.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).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1704/170426-egg-freezing-4.html>

Write about **egg freezing** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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