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FUN AT WORK DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Fun at Work Day is a day to have fun at work. Not everyone agrees when it is. Some websites say it is in the final days of January, while others say it is April the 1st – the same as April Fools Day. The workplace is usually not such a fun place. It is often a stressful place to be and there is little time to relax and have fun. Fun at Work Day changes this a little so that people's jobs are not all work and no play. The idea behind this event is that workers perform better if they can relax and laugh. Production increases and there is better customer service. It is also better for the health of the staff. Having fun at work also creates better relations, especially if the bosses join in and share the fun.

Having fun at work is an important part of many large companies today. Internet companies like Google and Yahoo encourage their workers to relax and do things at work to let off steam. Workers set up mini basketball hoops in their offices and people can wear what they want and decorate their desks. Fun at work has been studied by experts. Psychologist and author Matt Weinstein wrote a book on management called 'Managing to Have Fun'. He says: "Successful companies are discovering that fun at work helps them reduce stress, increase productivity, and boost employee morale." Perhaps every day should be fun at work. It would certainly make people happier, and that's what life's all about.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

1.	Some websites say it is in the final	a.	of the staff
2	The workplace is usually not	b.	days of January
3.	people's jobs are not all work	c.	better relations
4.	workers perform better if they can	d.	such a fun place
5.	It is also better for the health	e.	and no play
6.	Having fun at work also creates	f.	relax and laugh

Paragraph 2

1.	do things at work to let	a.	reduce stress
2	people can wear	b.	all about
3.	Fun at work has been	c.	morale
4.	discovering that fun at work helps them	d.	off steam
5.	…and boost employee	e.	what they want
6.	that's what life's	f.	studied by expert

LISTENING GAP FILL

Fun at Work Day is a _____ work. Not everyone agrees when it is. Some websites _____ days of January, while others say it is April the 1st – the same as April Fools Day. The workplace is usually _____ place. It is often a stressful place to be and there is little time to relax and have fun. Fun at Work Day changes _____ that people's jobs are not all work and no play. The idea behind this event is that workers perform better if they can _____. Production increases and there is better customer service. It is also better for the health of the staff. Having fun at work also creates better relations, especially if the bosses _____ the fun.

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WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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place

laugh

agrees

share

staff

final

usually

play

Having fun at work is an important part of many _____ companies today. Internet companies like Google and Yahoo encourage their _____ to relax and do things at work to let off steam. Workers set up mini basketball hoops in their _____ and people can wear what they want and decorate their desks. Fun at _____ has been studied by _____. Psychologist and author Matt Weinstein wrote a book on management _____ 'Managing to Have Fun'. He says: "Successful companies are discovering that fun at work helps them _____ stress, increase productivity, and boost employee morale." Perhaps every day should be fun at work. It would certainly make people happier, and that's what life's all _____.

reduce

workers

work

large

called

offices

about

experts

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of *italics*.

Fun at Work Day is a day to have *fun / funny* at work. Not everyone agrees when it is. Some websites say it is in the *finally / final* days of January, while others say it is April the 1st – the same *with / as* April Fools Day. The workplace is usually not such a fun place. It is often a *stressful / stress* place to be and there is little time to relax and have fun. Fun at Work Day changes this a *small / little* so that people's jobs are not all work and no play. The idea behind this event is that workers perform better if they can relax and *laughter / laugh*. Production increases and there is better customer service. It is also better for the *health / healthy* of the staff. Having fun at work also creates better relations, especially if the bosses join in and *sharing / share* the fun.

Having fun at work is an *importance / important* part of many large companies today. Internet companies like Google and Yahoo *encourage / encouraging* their workers to relax and do things at work to let *off / on* steam. Workers set up mini basketball hoops in their offices and people can wear what they want and *decoration / decorate* their desks. Fun at work has been *studied / studying* by experts. Psychologist and author Matt Weinstein *written / wrote* a book on management called 'Managing to Have Fun'. He says: "Successful companies are *discovered / discovering* that fun at work helps them reduce stress, increase productivity, and boost employee *morals / morale*." Perhaps every day should be fun at work. It would certainly make people happier, and that's what life's all about.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Fun at Work Day is a day to have (1) _____ at work. Not everyone agrees when it is. Some websites say it is in the (2) _____ days of January, while others say it is April the 1st – the same as April Fools Day. The workplace is usually not (3) _____ a fun place. It is often a stressful place to be and there is little time to relax and have fun. Fun at Work Day (4) _____ this a little so that people's jobs are not all work and no play. The idea behind this event is that workers perform (5) _____ if they can relax and laugh. Production increases and there is better customer service. It is also better for the health of the staff. Having fun at work also creates better relations, especially if the bosses join in and (6) _____ the fun.

Having fun at work is an important (7) _____ of many large companies today. Internet companies like Google and Yahoo encourage their workers to relax and do things at work to let off (8) _____. Workers set up mini basketball hoops in their offices and people can wear what they want and (9) _____ their desks. Fun at work has been studied by experts. Psychologist and author Matt Weinstein wrote a book (10) _____ management called 'Managing to Have Fun'. He says: "Successful companies are discovering that fun at work helps them reduce stress, increase productivity, and boost employee (11) _____." Perhaps every day should be fun at work. It would certainly make people happier, and that's what life's all (12) _____.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

1.	(a)	funny	(b)	fun	(c)	funny bone	(d)	funnier
2.	(a)	finally	(b)	finality	(c)	finalist	(d)	final
3.	(a)	such	(b)	so	(c)	as	(d)	was
4.	(a)	changing	(b)	change	(c)	changes	(d)	changer
5.	(a)	good	(b)	better	(c)	really	(d)	like
6.	(a)	sharing	(b)	share of	(c)	share	(d)	my share
7.	(a)	partner	(b)	party	(c)	parts	(d)	part
8.	(a)	steam	(b)	mist	(c)	vapor	(d)	hot water
9.	(a)	decorative	(b)	decorate	(c)	decoration	(d)	decorate
10.	(a)	in	(b)	as	(c)	to	(d)	on
11.	(a)	morality	(b)	morale	(c)	morals	(d)	morally
12.	(a)	about	(b)	around	(c)	anew	(d)	almost

SPELLING

Spell the <u>jumbled</u> words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. Not everyone <u>eagesr</u> when it is

2. The <u>eokapcwlr</u> is usually not such a fun place

3. It is often a <u>seulsrstf</u> place

4. workers <u>mpferro</u> better if they can relax

5. Production <u>raceneiss</u>

6. especially if the <u>sosbes</u> join in

Paragraph 2

7. an <u>ionamtrtp</u> part of many large companies

8. Google and Yahoo encourage their <u>erowksr</u> to relax

9. <u>tecerado</u> their desks

10. studied by <u>rpeexts</u>

11. boost employee <u>leomra</u>

12. It would certainly make people <u>papehri</u>

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

( )   health of the staff. Having fun at work also

( )   creates better relations, especially if the bosses join in and share the fun.

( )   been studied by experts. Psychologist and author Matt Weinstein wrote a book on management called

( )   place. It is often a stressful place to be and there is little time to relax and have fun. Fun at Work Day changes this a

( )   better if they can relax and laugh. Production increases and there is better customer service. It is also better for the

( )   days of January, while others say it is April the 1st – the same as April Fools Day. The workplace is usually not such a fun

( )   stress, increase productivity, and boost employee morale." Perhaps every day should be fun at work. It would

( )   'Managing to Have Fun'. He says: "Successful companies are discovering that fun at work helps them reduce

( )   basketball hoops in their offices and people can wear what they want and decorate their desks. Fun at work has

( )   like Google and Yahoo encourage their workers to relax and do things at work to let off steam. Workers set up mini

( )   certainly make people happier, and that's what life's all about.

(*1*)   Fun at Work Day is a day to have fun at work. Not everyone agrees when it is. Some websites say it is in the final

( )   little so that people's jobs are not all work and no play. The idea behind this event is that workers perform

( )   Having fun at work is an important part of many large companies today. Internet companies

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SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. at a to fun work day have

   _____

2. workplace a is fun usually place not The such

   _____

3. people's work jobs and are no not play all

   _____

4. customer better is there and increases Production service

   _____

5. Having relations better creates also work at fun

   _____

6. relax things to steam do work off and at let

   _____

7. people what wear want they can

   _____

8. has work at Fun experts by studied been

   _____

9. happier people make certainly would It

   _____

10. life's that's all what about

   _____

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

THE FUN AT WORK DAY SURVEY

Write five questions about Fun At Work Day in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITING

Write about Fun At Work Day for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Fun At Work Day. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Fun At Work Day. Write about what happens around the world. Include two imaginary interviews with people who did something on this day.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. POSTER: Make your own poster about Fun At Work Day. Write about will happen on this day around the world.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.