

Working From Home

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Part 1 — Fill the gaps while you listen

1. Working from home is often praised as _____, but its benefits depend on who controls the room.
2. A software designer with a quiet study may finish complex work before lunch, _____.
3. Her colleague, sharing a kitchen table with two children, may spend mornings _____ for background noise.
4. Both employees have the same policy, yet only one receives the _____ it quietly assumes.
5. That gap can turn _____ into an advantage for people who already have more space.
6. Still, requiring everyone to attend an office each day may burden carers and lengthen commutes _____.
7. Commuting time, often treated as wasted, can instead be used for exercise or family _____.
8. Employers can narrow the divide by offering quiet shared _____, rather than assuming every home is suitable.
9. They should also judge results fairly, since visibility during office hours is not proof of _____.
10. A thoughtful policy therefore combines choice with practical support, and preserves direct contact when _____ genuinely needs it.

Part 2 — Write every sentence you hear

1. _____

2. _____

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Answer key

Part 1 — the missing words

1. flexible
2. undisturbed
3. apologizing
4. conditions
5. flexibility
6. unnecessarily
7. responsibilities
8. workspaces
9. contribution
10. collaboration

Part 2 — the full transcript

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