

"Amazon creates 'AmaZen' booths for stressed workers"

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Amazon wants to help its workers with (1) _____ and mental health problems. The company plans to put special booths in its warehouses to help workers (2) _____. They are called "wellness chambers". The booths are part of a new (3) _____ called "WorkingWell". Workers can sit inside a booth and watch videos about relaxation. Amazon has said the chambers are (4) _____ of a system called "AmaZen". Zen is a practice (5) _____ people meditate and focus on being calm. The company said: "During shifts, (6) _____ can visit AmaZen stations and watch short (7) _____ featuring easy-to-follow well-being activities, including guided meditations...and calming scenes with (8) _____."

scheme

videos

whereby

stress

sounds

relax

part

employees

Not all was (9) _____ and Zen-like on social media after Amazon shared a video of the AmaZen chamber on its Twitter (10) _____. Many social media users criticised the video and the idea of the wellness chamber. Most of the (11) _____ was because of working conditions at Amazon's warehouses. Britain's Independent newspaper (12) _____ on an Amazon worker who said the chambers would not work. The worker described his experiences of working at Amazon. He said: "You don't get treated like a (13) _____. They work you like a robot... You don't have (14) _____ to...get water. You don't have time to go to the bathroom." Amazon said: "The health and (15) _____ of employees is [our] number one priority and has been since day (16) _____."

reported

time

calm

one

criticism

safety

account

person

"More young people suffering from 'eco-anxiety'"

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More and more children are suffering from "eco-anxiety". This is a (1) _____ that causes people to worry a lot about the future of Earth and the (2) _____ on it. People worry about climate change, pollution and the (3) _____ of biodiversity. This has led education experts to call for more teaching in schools about climate change, (4) _____ and the environment. Many teachers say very (5) _____ is taught in schools about climate change. Some teachers believe climate change should be taught to all year (6) _____. The Teach the Future (7) _____ group found that only four per cent of schoolchildren felt they knew enough about the climate crisis. The group said this is (8) _____ to more children suffering from eco-anxiety.

loss
little
leading
condition
wildlife
campaign
life
groups

Another campaign group, Earth Rangers, has taken (9) _____ to address the problem of eco-anxiety. It said: "Eco-anxiety is not an official diagnosable (10) _____. However, it does affect children in very real ways. This includes (11) _____ of fear, hopelessness and despair." It added: "It is important to research and understand the (12) _____ in which we can help children find effective strategies to (13) _____ with these feelings." Earth Rangers said schools should create conservation (14) _____ and help children to teach their parents about how to (15) _____ nature. The Earth Rangers president said more needed to be done to help children. She said: "Children are on the front (16) _____ of climate change."

feelings
cope
action
protect
disorder
activities
lines
ways

Fill in the correct connectives and linking words from the list below.

AS WELL AS	DURING	BECAUSE	EITHER OR
NEITHER NOR	WHEN	ALTHOUGH	UNLESS
WHICH	SO THAT	THEN	SO
DESPITE	WHILE	SUCH AS	HOWEVER

- _____ Dad comes home from work he has to lie down on the sofa _____ he is tired.
- Jerry had a bad headache yesterday, _____ he couldn't come to football practice.
- This is Jimmy's new mountain bike, _____ he got from his parents. He locks it up every evening _____ nobody can steal it.
- _____ Samantha was tired, she watched TV until well after midnight.
- First, cut out the pictures, _____ paste them into your book.
- I would like to learn Chinese. _____, I don't know anyone who can teach me.
- _____ we were driving through the countryside, we saw many picturesque villages.
- The Hemingways are our neighbours _____ our friends.
- You can have _____ tea _____ coffee for breakfast. What would you like?
- _____ being a great skier, only few people outside of Europe know him.
- _____ the hike up the mountains we saw a lot of deer.
- _____ you finish the essay by tomorrow you won't be able to get a good mark.
- _____ my father _____ my mother will be able to attend the meeting tomorrow.
- He likes all kinds of sports, _____ skiing, hockey and volleyball.

Use the words in capitals to form a new word that fits into each blank!

1. Please be careful with that painting. It's extremely _____. **(VALUE)**
2. When you write to someone you know you can use _____ language. **(FORMAL)**
3. I have come to the _____ that I must leave my parents' home and go somewhere else. **(CONCLUDE)**
4. In the Victorian Age rich people often had _____ to do work for them. **(SERVE)**
5. I like most subjects, but I don't like _____. **(CHEMIST)**
6. The performance was _____. I haven't seen anything like it before. **(BELIEVE)**
7. _____ between the ground station and the satellite was disrupted. **(COMMUNICATE)**
8. I could tell from the _____ on his face that he was very afraid. **(EXPRESS)**
9. There is no _____ that we will ever reach a planet with life on it. **(CERTAIN)**
10. The _____ was able to escape even though the building was highly secure. **(PRISON)**
11. The Prime Minister called a general _____ because he was quite certain his party could win it. **(ELECT)**
12. The new store offers a wide variety of sportswear at _____ prices. **(AFFORD)**
13. _____ from all over the world have come to Canada to see the new discovery. **(SCIENCE)**
14. The match was _____. I haven't seen one like that for years. **(FASCINATE)**
15. The company came and _____ our phone because we didn't pay our bill. **(CONNECT)**
16. The best man gave an excellent _____ at his friend's wedding. **(SPEAK)**
17. We will only achieve real _____ when women get the same pay as men. **(EQUAL)**
18. The man was still _____ and breathing when the rescuers found him. **(LIVE)**
19. The countries at the meeting couldn't reach an _____ on climate change. **(AGREE)**
20. In most countries it is _____ to grow and sell marijuana. **(LEGAL)**