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New Zealand relaxes visa rules for "digital nomads"

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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There is good news if you want to work in New Zealand. The country has relaxed its visa rules. It wants "digital nomads" to live in the country for up to nine months. A digital nomad is someone who can work anywhere because their job is online. New Zealand's new visa lets visitors work remotely for a foreign employer for up to nine months. However, people staying for nine months may have to pay tax. New Zealand's economic growth minister hopes the new visa will help the economy. She said: "We want...wealthy and super-talented people coming [through] the arrival gates."

New Zealand's economy has suffered in recent years. The Covid pandemic hurt the tourism industry. Another thing that hurt the economy is many young people leaving New Zealand. Record numbers of people in their twenties are going overseas. New Zealand's immigration minister hoped the visitors with the new visa will spend more money. This will help the economy. She said the visitors would "spend more because they're here for longer. And the thing that we're really hoping for, is that they fall in love with the place".

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jan/28/new-zealand-relaxes-visa-rules-to-lure-digital-nomads-and-influencers>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. good | a. online |
| 2. live in the country for | b. gates |
| 3. someone who can work | c. tax |
| 4. their job is | d. news |
| 5. work remotely for a foreign | e. help the economy |
| 6. have to pay | f. up to nine months |
| 7. the new visa will | g. employer |
| 8. coming through the arrival | h. anywhere |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. New Zealand's economy has | a. for longer |
| 2. in recent | b. the tourism industry |
| 3. The Covid pandemic hurt | c. minister |
| 4. people in their | d. with the place |
| 5. New Zealand's immigration | e. spend more |
| 6. She said the visitors would | f. suffered |
| 7. they're here | g. twenties |
| 8. fall in love | h. years |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There is (1) _____ you want to work in New Zealand. The country has relaxed its visa rules. It wants "digital nomads" to live in the country (2) _____ nine months. A digital nomad is someone who can work anywhere because their (3) _____. New Zealand's new visa lets visitors (4) _____ a foreign employer for up to nine months. However, people staying for nine months may have to pay tax. New Zealand's economic growth minister hopes the new visa will (5) _____. She said: "We want...wealthy and super-talented people coming [through] (6) _____."

New Zealand's economy has suffered (7) _____. The Covid pandemic hurt the tourism industry. Another thing that (8) _____ is many young people leaving New Zealand. Record numbers of people (9) _____ are going overseas. New Zealand's immigration minister hoped the visitors with the new visa (10) _____ money. This will help the economy. She said the visitors would "spend more because they're (11) _____. And the thing that we're really hoping for, is that they (12) _____ with the place".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WORKING ONLINE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about working online 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

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Write about **working online** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
