

The new workplace

Try and fill in the gaps with these words:

unprecedented	noch nie dagewesen
skeleton staff	Notbesetzung
concerned	beunruhigt
short-time work	Kurzarbeit
juggle	jonglieren, zwei Dinge unter einen Hut bringen
distraction	Ablenkung
downside	Kehrseite
irritation	Verärgerung, Gereiztheit
strain	Belastung
economic downturn	Abschwung, Konjunkturschwäche
cabin fever	Lagerkoller
be laid off	entlassen werden

For most people the new workplace is their home. Most companies are operating with a (1) _____ and the rest of the employees have to work from home or have accepted (2) _____.

Working from home is not without its (3) _____. Parents now have to (4) _____ working from home with homeschooling their kids. This, of course, leads to (5) _____ and errors, which, in turn, results in (6) _____ and, ironically enough, overwork.

A further (7) _____ on the employees is the fact that they are (8) _____ that they might (9) _____, or wonder if their industry will survive the (10) _____.

All of this is (11) _____; both employers and employees are adjusting to the new reality. Now more than ever we have to practise tolerance and forgiveness. We must realize that many people will start suffering from (12) _____, so try to treat irritation in others with kindness and humour.



SKELETON STAFF

1. skeleton staff
2. short-time work
3. downside
4. to juggle
5. distraction
6. irritation
7. strain
8. concerned
9. be laid off
10. economic downturn
11. unprecedented
12. cabin fever