

U4 S3 THE ORIGIN OF THE 8 HOUR WORKDAY

1. Choose the correct answer and say the entire sentence.

a) Before 1869, workers used to work...

- 30 hours a week
- 40 hours a week
- 60 hours a week
- 100 hours a week

b) They used to work for...

- 5 hours a day
- 7 hours a day
- 8 hours a day
- 12 hours a day

c) They used to work in...

- extremely bad conditions
- extremely good conditions
- rather bad conditions
- quite good conditions

d) Workers used to be

- deprived of any labour right
- given the right to go on strike
- well treated
- respected

e) ... because a worker used to have ...

- multi task work
- single repetitive task work
- multi repetitive task work
- single task work

f) Due to the increasing number of machines, the manufactures used to need...

- less operators
- more operators
- as many operators as before
- far less operators as before

g) After 1869, the U.S. government decided to reduce working hours to

- to pay workers less
- to make workers safe
- to make them work from home
- to protect worker's health

h) Today, the average American works ...

- 32 hours a week
- 39 hours a week
- 44 hours a week
- 52 hours a week

i) In what sector do people work the longest hours?

- Finance
- manufacturing
- healthcare
- technology
- trade and retail

2. Comparez ces 2 phrases:

a) Before 1869, workers used to work for long hours.

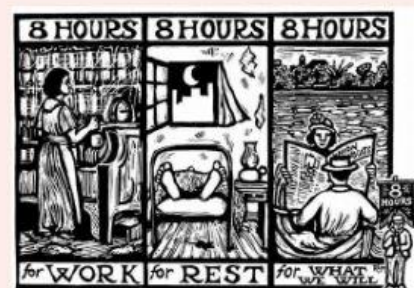
b) Before 1869 workers worked for long hours.

➤ Quelle est l'information supplémentaire donnée par a)

➤ Quel est l'élément qui l'exprime ?

Doc B

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g3X5-KL7BdM>



How the 8 hour workday was presented to workers in the late 19th century

Task to send to your teacher:
You are a tourist guide in Detroit city Museum, recap what you would say to tourists on the working conditions in the 19th and early 20th century in the UK and in the US. (thanks to documents A, B & C in worksheets U4 S1 S2 S3)