

Listening



1 5.01 Listen to a podcast about managing a company relocation. Which of the following are mentioned?

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| 1 family ☐ | 5 language training ☐ |
| 2 flexible working hours ☐ | 6 loneliness ☐ |
| 3 mentor support ☐ | 7 accommodation ☐ |
| 4 financial compensation ☐ | 8 cultural issues ☐ |



2 Listen again and choose the correct option.

- 1 Which type of relocation is the main focus of the podcast?
 - a An organisation relocating to a different base along with most of the staff.
 - b Small groups of workers moving as part of a short-term contract.
 - c Individual employees moving to another country for their company.
- 2 According to Alyn, the chance to work and live in another country
 - a is every employee's ambition.
 - b may not excite every employee.
 - c presents a lot of problems for employees.
- 3 Alyn says that companies may lose good staff if
 - a employees are sensitive to changes.
 - b the employee's point of view is unclear.
 - c the relocation is not managed well.
- 4 To ensure successful relocation, companies should
 - a send employees with their partners and/or families.
 - b check that everyone knows what to expect.
 - c have a flexible relocation strategy.
- 5 Alyn says the high costs involved are
 - a needed in order to keep the best staff.
 - b justified if the employee is valuable.
 - c due to staff returning home too soon.
- 6 Alyn believes that, when relocating staff, companies should
 - a prioritise single people.
 - b only send people with a good support network.
 - c choose the employee best suited for the role.
- 7 In conclusion, Alyn agrees that a successful relocation depends on
 - a an awareness of potential problems.
 - b collecting feedback only at the end of the secondment.
 - c ensuring employees understand the requirements of the company.



3 Complete the summary with the words in the box. There are three extra words. Look at the audioscript on page 61, if necessary.

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There is a(n) ¹_____ between relocation and retention of key staff so it is ²_____ that a company has an excellent relocation strategy. If companies ³_____ to prepare both employees and their ⁴_____ support networks of partners or families properly, it can have a devastating ⁵_____ on both the retention of that employee and a company's ⁶_____ resources. Excellent preparation and communication between company and employee, together with support from colleagues in the other country, will help companies ⁷_____ potential problems.