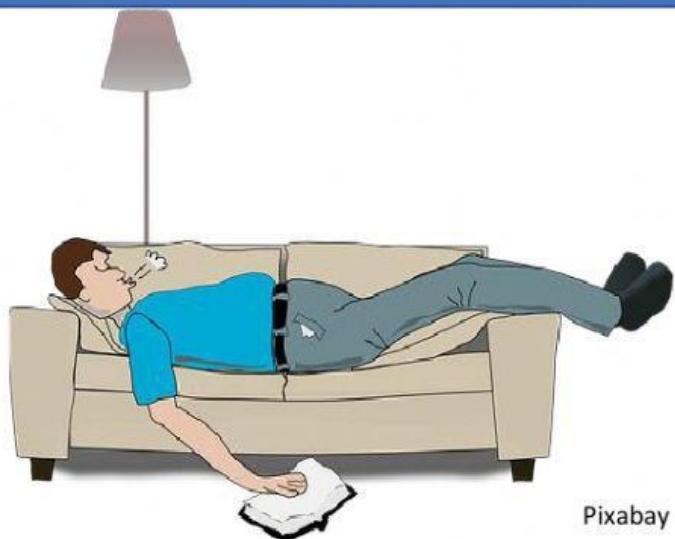


# RESEARCHERS PAY PEOPLE TO STAY IN BED

Read this article about some scientific research and then read the statements following it.

Decide if the statements (1-8) are TRUE, FALSE or the information is NOT MENTIONED.



Getting paid \$23,000 to stay in bed for two months sounds pretty good. That's what a medical research team is offering to 24 volunteers. Researchers are looking for volunteers to help them study the effects of weightlessness on the human body by spending 60 days lying down. Lying in bed isn't exactly the same as being weightless, but it affects the body in a similar way.

When astronauts spend a long time in an environment with no gravity, their bodies are affected in many ways; for example, their hearts don't pump as hard, their muscles become weaker because they no longer have to work against gravity, and their bones may break more easily. There may also be changes in their immune systems and sleep habits.

1. A total of \$23,000 will be spent on the medical research project.  
TRUE                    FALSE                    NOT MENTIONED
2. Companies are welcome to sponsor the research.  
TRUE                    FALSE                    NOT MENTIONED
3. The aim of the research is to study how weightlessness affects astronauts while they sleep.  
TRUE                    FALSE                    NOT MENTIONED
4. Lying in bed has a similar effect on the body to weightlessness.  
TRUE                    FALSE                    NOT MENTIONED
5. Astronauts have reported difficulty falling asleep after spending months in space.  
TRUE                    FALSE                    NOT MENTIONED

The goal of the present study, which will take 88 days altogether, is to measure the effects of weightlessness, and also to find ways to prevent problems. During the first two weeks, the volunteers' levels of health and fitness will be measured. Then, they will spend 60 days lying in bed with their heads slightly lower than their bodies. They will have to do everything while lying down, including eating, brushing their teeth, and going to the bathroom. The rule is that they must have at least one shoulder touching the bed at all times. Half of the volunteers in the study will be taking special food supplements to see if they help reduce the health problems caused by weightlessness. The last two weeks of the study will be spent taking more measurements and trying to build up their strength again.

Volunteers must be men between the ages of 20 and 45 who are in perfect health and physically active. They must be non-smokers and have no allergies.

6. People who take part in the test can sit up only during their meals.

TRUE                    FALSE                    NOT MENTIONED

7. Volunteers' health and fitness will be checked during the research.

TRUE                    FALSE                    NOT MENTIONED

8. Anyone who does not smoke and is physically fit may take part in the research.

TRUE                    FALSE                    NOT MENTIONED

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