



Reading 42

Восстановите логическую последовательность абзацев в тексте. Внимание: один абзац лишний.

1 This week for me has been the usual half-term whirl of dentist, hairdresser, hygienist, car service and a cracking migraine. My best friend is moving away on Monday and I have yet to touch my marking because, after four years of all-consuming work, I was determined to spend a decent amount of time with her. I am seeing my husband and my parents for lunch tomorrow and cannot help but feel that slight panic about when I will do my work, simply because I have spent five days doing normal things that people do on annual leave.

2 Ask any partner or child of a teacher how many of us actually spend our holiday sitting on the sofa watching TV or lazing in bed doing nothing and the answer may be surprising. Take half-terms, for example, you have five days off. Two days in bed finally giving into and recovering from the various illnesses that it's been easier to battle through than take time off for during the term. Two days of not really feeling well enough to do anything but needing to mark a class set (or three) of controlled assessments. One day to squeeze in six weeks' worth of neglected friends and family.

3 Many people misunderstand school holidays. Far from a half-term of duvet days in front of the TV, I'm panicking about all the work I didn't have time to do.

4 This is probably a battle that teachers will never win, but perhaps we aren't looking to win. Perhaps it would just be nice if, as we collapse in a germ-ridden heap next to our pile of marking, we were left in peace instead.

5 A couple of weeks before the autumn half-term in my newly-qualified teacher year, I put a status on Facebook: "14 more sleeps #thankgoodness". The speed with which my teacher friends liked and commented on it made me laugh, but one comment brought me up short. A friend remarked that five weeks into the job was a bit soon to be feeling like this, and asked whether I was sure I was in the right career. This lack of understanding seems to be typical of people's feelings about teachers' holidays.

6 Don't get me wrong, I realise that lots of jobs involve 12 hour days, tough clients and lots of pressure, so I'm not claiming we do the world's hardest job. But when I say "hooray, only two weeks until half-term," it's not so much celebration as it is relief. It means I only have another two weeks to survive, living life at 200mph, before I can pause and regroup. Only another two weeks of trying not to do or say the wrong thing during lessons and meetings, before I get a chance to sleep for more than five hours and regain some sanity.

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