

Today's Headlines:

Finland's experiment for the unemployed

A longer life for coffee drinkers?

Beef farmer's happy cows

Transcript:

For many people, unemployment is a sad tune. In an often **vicious cycle**, low skilled jobs don't pay enough to make it worth getting off the dole, which then makes it hard to gain experience to land a decent job. Since January, two thousand unemployed Finnish people were given the chance to change that. For two years, they're paid 560 euros, or 640 US dollars, a month - regardless of whether they find work or choose not to seek jobs at all. Finland's experiment is arousing global interest in a universal basic income.

We really do take our coffee seriously here. In London, it's no longer a drink associated with life's **vices** such as cigarettes or alcohol. Researchers at Imperial College London monitored half a million people over 16 years – the effects of coffee were noticeable. Men who drank coffee, on average, lived an extra three months, women an extra one month.

When his father died in 2011, Jay Wilde took the responsibility of running the family farm. For years, he has been concerned about the **welfare** of his cows and the environmental impact of beef farming. Today, he's doing something about it. Instead of sending animals to slaughter, he has given away his herd of cattle to an animal sanctuary.

Words and phrases and definitions:

vicious cycle

bad situation where one problem leads to another problem

vices

bad habits

welfare

health and happiness

Watch the video online: <http://bbc.in/2t3Of2M>

Exercise:

Use one of the words or phrases from Lingohack to complete each of these sentences.

Note that you may have to change the form of a word or phrase to complete the sentence correctly.

vicious cycle / vices / welfare

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Answers:

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