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Elderly 'should carry on working'

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Older people should carry on working as long as they are physically capable, ex-minister David Blunkett has said.

In a speech to the Counsel and Care charity in London he said it should not be assumed the government had "prime responsibility" to support the elderly.

Mr Blunkett also said people should use equity release schemes to raise money from **there** homes to pay for care.

The former work and pensions secretary said it was important to raise the debate over the UK's ageing population.

Mr Blunkett said: "My presumption is this. That all of us, every **won** of us who is capable of doing so, should aspire to continue with **sum** meaningful activity to the point of **hour** incapacity overtaking us.



David Blunkett said people should keep active 'to the point of our incapacity'

"Preferably work, of **coarse**, increasingly part-time, flexible and **inn** many cases, very different to the work undertaken in our earlier lives.

"Perhaps, increasingly, volunteering - within our own family and immediate circle as well as outside. Offering what we can and receiving from others what we cannot."

Home ownership

Mr Blunkett said £700bn was **tide** up in home ownership by those who had retired.

"In our endeavour to protect people's inheritance, have we not **maid** enough of, and are we not clear enough about, the release of equity from the enormous home ownership that exists in Britain and the divide of those with and without assets which this trend has accelerated?" he said.

"In my view, and I am open to persuasion, we should **bee** looking to reinforce the responsibility and capability of the family and the immediate community **two** continue helping themselves."

Mr Blunkett later expanded on his speech to the BBC.

"I'm suggesting that part-time work - often a different kind of job - is one way firstly of sustaining people but secondly of people remaining active," he said.

"Why should someone who's not saved, who's not put money by, expect those who have to sustain them to do so not just in working life but in retirement as well."

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A.

Read the article and answer these questions

1. What two ways does David Blunkett suggest that elderly people should support themselves?
2. When should the elderly stop any activity according to David Blunkett?
3. What is the value of the property owned by those who had retired?
4. Would you get paid if you did voluntary work?
5. Does David Blunkett feel that those who have saved should subsidise those who have not?

B.

What are your views on this matter? Should we have to work and look after ourselves? Should relatives look after the elderly? Should the government provide for the elderly, if they have worked and paid taxes all their lives? Write an answer giving your views

C.

The following are all anagrams of single words found in the text. Can you match the anagram to the word. The anagrams are listed below in the order they are found in the text.

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|----------------|------------------|
| 1. pays chilly | 6. maimed tie |
| 2. ventmonger | 7. perish now |
| 3. tyre cares | 8. are else |
| 4. lop utopian | 9. aced treacle |
| 5. fail gunmen | 10. I by capital |

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D.

The words in red/bold in the text are misspelled even though they sound right.

Can you provide the correct spelling?

1. there
2. won
3. sum
4. hour
5. coarse
6. inn
7. tied
8. maid
9. bee
10. two

Words that sound the same but are spelled differently are called homophones. They normally have different meanings.

For example:

The **sales** are on in the High Street

He **sails** from Southampton to the Isle of Wight.

E.

Can you find homophones for the following words?

witch

red

hair

flour

past

here

knot

waste

wear

by

bear

sight

court

allowed

sore

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Answers

A.

1. By carry on working as long as they are physically capable and using equity release.
2. To the point when incapacity overtakes us.
3. £700bn
4. No
5. No because he says "Why should someone who's not saved, who's not put money by, expect those who have to sustain them to do so not just in working life but in retirement as well.

C.

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|---------------|----------------|
| 1. physically | 6. immediate |
| 2. government | 7. ownership |
| 3. secretary | 8. release |
| 4. population | 9. accelerated |
| 5. meaningful | 10. capability |

D.

1. their
2. one
3. some
4. our
5. course
6. in
7. tide
8. made
9. be
10. to

E.

which	read	hare
flower	passed	hear
not	waist	where
buy	bare	site
caught	aloud	saw