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I´m working from home

The British use the lounge or dining room while the French prefer the bedroom. Location is not the only difference between Britons and the rest of Europe when it comes to choosing a place to work for a company from home and not at the office.

There is more paranoia in the ranks of British homeworkers about working from home while colleagues are confined to the office, the evidence suggests. Half of the British homeworkers, according to a survey, said they e-mailed or telephoned a colleague early in the morning to prove they were working, while only 14 per cent of German homeworkers felt it necessary to check in and demonstrate they were working hard.

There are also national differences in the motivation for homeworking. The French see it as a way to a healthier lifestyle with an emphasis on more regular exercise and enjoying the benefits of home cooking at the expense of junk food. For the Spanish the interaction with the family is a principal reason for homeworking, while for the Germans it is the opportunity to increase their income. Overall, fewer British work from home than in the rest of Europe, although more would like the opportunity to do so, and less stress is seen as one of the main reasons for making the switch. The study predicts that by 2005 around 11 per cent (16 millions) of the European Union workforce will be working fom home either permanently or for part of the working day.

In your own words and based on the ideas in the text, answer the following questions.

a) *How do the British feel about working away from home?.*

They feel the need to contact their office as soon as they start working in order to show that they are in fact busy.

Ayuda: *"as soon as they start"* introduce una oración subordinada temporal con el verbo en presente simple; *"in order to show"* introduce la oración final y significa "para demostrar".

b) *What are the motivations of the French to work from home?.*

It offers the French the opportunity of leading a healthier life by taking more exercise and eating homemade food.

Ayuda: utiliza siempre el gerundio después de una preposición (*"opportunity of leading"*, *"by taking"*).