

It-'s 10 a.m. and once you enter the nurse-s room at Marigot Jewelry (Thailand), you will be able to see a designated corner for mother-s milk. At the time of our visit, ten mothers were preparing milk for their children to drink the following day. The mothers were exchanging experiences and talking about their babies, whether they'-d started teething, crawling etc.

One session of collecting milk from the mothers- breasts takes about 45 minutes to one hour. The division head acknowledges this fact and understands that it is important for the mothers to have this to prepare milk for their babies.

One of the women at Marigot is a 30-year-old mother who gave birth to a premature baby girl seven months into her pregnancy. Her newborn weighed only 1,600 grams and stayed in an incubator for 13 days.

Initially she was going to send her baby girl back to her hometown in Sakon Nakhon after the mandatory three-month childcare leave. However, the mother later changed her mind after she became convinced that feeding her baby girl breast milk would nurture the <u>frail</u> baby back to health.

This mother admitted she feels very lucky that the company understand and supports her in giving her child breast milk. Not only does it save money but it has also strengthened the bond she feels with her child.

Because the mother didn'-t have to send her child back to her hometown, she is very happy in the workplace, which produces high-quality crystal pieces.

I don-'t have worries while working. When I think of my baby.

I am happy and content that she is fast asleep. When my breasts start secreting, I just call a colleague and we go to the corner and start pumping milk for the baby. We meet our friends from other parts of the company and share our experiences. She said.

- 1. What is the main purpose of the mothers— milk corner?
 - a. To give mothers a place to breastfeed their babies at work.
 - b. To allow mothers to talk and share experiences about their work.
 - c. To give birth to a premature baby girl into her pregnancy.
 - d. To provide a place where mothers can collect breast milk for their babies at home.

- 2. What was the problem with the 30-year-old mother-'s baby?
 - a. She could not get enough milk from her mother.
 - b. She was born two months before she was due.
 - c. Her mother didn'-t collect milk from the her- breasts.
 - d. Her mother didn'-t have enough money to care for her.

- 3. What can be inferred from the passage?
 - a. Babies who are fed breast milk are likely to be ill.
 - b. More and more women are interested in the jewelry industry.
 - c. company doesn't encourage mother in giving her child breast milk.
 - d. Women work more efficiently when they don'-t need to worry about their babies.

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4. What does "they" (paragraph 1) refer to?

a. experiences

b. babies

c. mothers

d. company

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5. Which word is the closest in meaning to "frail" (paragraph 3)?

a. weak

b. hungry

c. frightened

d. complete

<u>Vocab</u>

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endorse, support, IIa: encourage

subsidize ช่วยเหลือเรื่องเงิน

boost, back up, IIa: advocate

foster, sponsor, ช่วย promote