


What is „Social egg freezing“ ?

- ①  Read the text and underline all important information you need to understand the concept of social egg freezing.


'Social (egg²) freezing'

The method of freezing eggs was originally developed for young female cancer patients needing chemotherapy or radiotherapy. These procedures may make women infertile³. For the women affected, egg freezing offers a chance to preserve⁴ viable⁵ eggs so that women can have children at a later date while at the same time avoiding⁶ genetic damage⁷. One speaks of 'social (egg) freezing' when this method is used for women who avoid having children because they feel they have not found the right partner yet. Or for those who want to have a career first.

In the USA, the companies Facebook and Apple announced in 2014 that they cover and pay for egg freezing for non-medical reasons as a benefit for their female employees. Female employees are given the opportunity to concentrate on their careers first and to have children later in life. This scheme⁸ is part of the companies' plans to increase the number of female employees.



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②  **Evaluate your peers!** Evaluate the different aspects mentioned in the list below from excellent to weak.

- Pay attention to give positive feedback!
- You can use the "sandwich method" - a positive aspect, one thing that they could improve, another positive aspect.

 **My feedback for** _____

Criteria	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Weak
Participating in the debate					
Supporting their part in a logical and meaningful way					
Responding to the opposing arguments effectively					
Making effective use of the debate language					
Using appropriate manners, tone and volume during the debate					
Using good grammar					
Speaking fluently					

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