

Titre: Four-day working week  
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### **Four-day working week would slash UK carbon footprint, report says**

The introduction of a four-day working week with no loss of pay would dramatically reduce the UK's carbon footprint and help the country meet its binding climate targets, according to a report.

5 The study found that moving to a four-day week by 2025 would shrink the UK's emissions by 127m tones, a reduction of more than 20% and equivalent to taking the entire private car fleet off the road.

The shorter working week has gained traction among economists, businesses and some politicians in the past few years.

10 The consumer goods company Unilever announced a year-long trial in New-Zealand starting last December and the governments of Spain and Scotland launched national level pilot schemes.

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20 The study, by environmental organization Platform London and the ' Day Week Campaign, found a four-day working week could also play a key role in tackling the escalating climate emergency, not only reducing emissions from high-energy workplaces and transport but also cutting the carbon footprint of goods consumed in the UK but produced overseas. [...] It would slash transport emissions by cutting back on commuting.

## **TRAVAIL DE RÉDACTION**

### **COMPRÉHENSION GLOBALE**

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### **COMPRÉHENSION DÉTAILLÉE**

Explicitez en anglais le passage suivant tiré du texte (lignes 12 à 16) :

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### **EXPRESSION ÉCRITE**

Répondez à la question suivante en anglais :

In your opinion do you think that reducing hours will create jobs?