

1. What was the problem with the old machine?
2. What did the people try to do to fix the machine?
3. Why was it difficult to work on the machine in the hot office?
4. How did the excessive perspiration affect the work environment?
5. What was the impact of the dust on the people's health?
6. What did the people hope to do with the old machine?
7. Why was replacing the old machine difficult?
8. What did the people do to raise money for a new machine?
9. What happened to the money that was collected?

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