

1 Talk to colleagues face to face

If you're working from home, you can probably count on one hand the number of people you interact with on a daily basis – and even then you probably live with half of them. This can make it tough to get any kind of adult interaction, something that can be exacerbated further if you work at home with a young child or children.



2 Clear separation between work & home

It is easier to take more control of our work life balance when working in an office. When we're working from home, we end up 'work creeping' which usually involves intermittent email checks, adding tweaks to a project, and other tasks.



3 Having a dedicated work space

We've all adapted and set up our own personal set-ups at home, but if you're living with other people, chances are, they're working from home as well, so space is most likely at a premium.



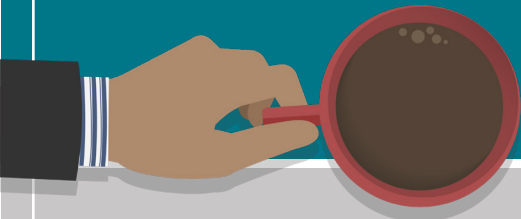
4 Fewer distractions

If there's one thing we've all probably noticed while working from home, it's the fact that there are a lot of distractions – partners, children, pets, deliveries, etc.



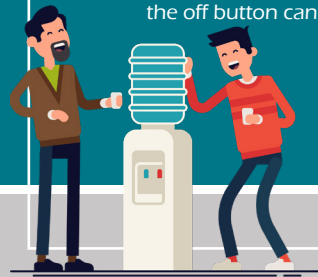
5 Someone else making the tea!

If you've managed to train your partner/teenager to make your tea/coffee on a regular basis then well done. If not, or if you live alone, then you've made your own every time for twenty weeks!



6 Office banter

I think we're all missing the daily face to face interaction with our colleague that we can only get in the office and the 'cutting' banter that invariably follows. It's not the same via Teams, as the off button can be easily pressed!



7 Being able to move around a large space

I think it's a fair assumption that many colleagues don't have a huge amount of space in their homes to roam around, whereas the office provides ample space a nice stroll and a short break, whenever you need it.



8 The commute to the office

It may sound silly but some colleagues may actually be missing the journey to work. Why? Well, it used to be everyone's designated 'alone' time, a chance to gather your thoughts, and listen to your music as you transition from work to home or vice versa.



9 Printing on demand

For those of us who were, before COVID-19, printing junkies, working from home has been brutal. Personally, I haven't printed anything in twenty weeks. I'm wondering if I've gone to the dark side and become digital!



10 Collaboration & brainstorming

I often get asked where all the great ideas come from. Of course, I usually take full credit, but the truth of the matter is that they often come from a barnstorming brainstorm with my marketing colleagues.

