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## Pain for no Gain

There have been complaints against the Nike company, about the needs of their employees.

It has been said workers are not being treated fairly due to conditions of work and living conditions.

One of the complaints was made by Rosa, a worker at the Nike Factory in the Philippines. Rosa was not happy about the pay. (The pay for each employee is at least the minimum wage for that country.) Also the living conditions were a concern, as Rosa has to share a room with four other people. Hours are not very good either. Rosa and her colleges work a 12 hour day and overtime most weeks. The day starts at 7am and finishes at 2am but can go on for longer.

We interviewed Rosa and this is what she had to say: 'I really dislike the hours as on a good day I only get five hours sleep, sometimes less on a bad day where we work overtime. A twelve hour day is really tiring. Also I don't like the living conditions because I have to share my room with four other people which is very crowded. We have a 10 minute break each day, which we have to cram in a drink, something to eat and go to the toilet. It is not fair and I hate it'.

We spoke to one of the customers about the complaint towards Nike. "I am a great fan of Nike and love the products they make. I never knew how they treated their workers and now I do I will think twice about buying one of their products again.



Nike a tick or a cross.

We forwarded this interview to the Nike management and this is what they said: "We are very sorry that Rosa feels this way. We are trying to change the living conditions but the hours are part of the job which we are unable to change. We cannot afford to change the pay either because of the amount of workers we employ. The pay is the minimum for this country. The pay is good for a sixteen year old."

What do you think?

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