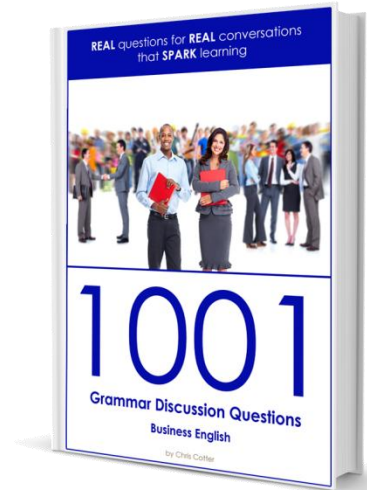
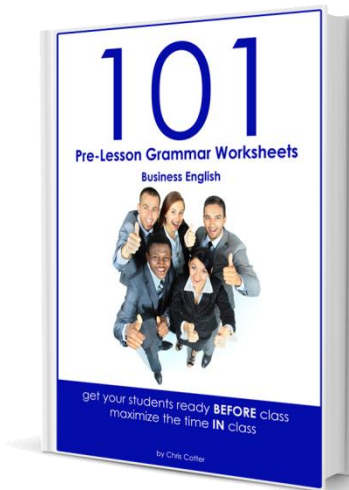
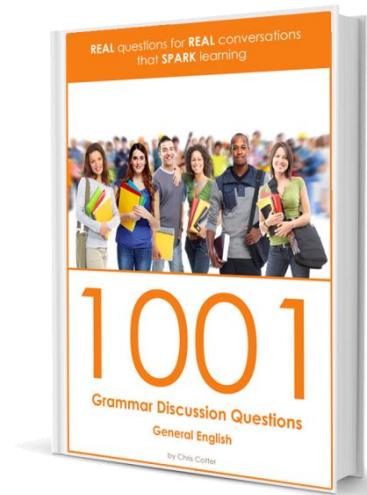
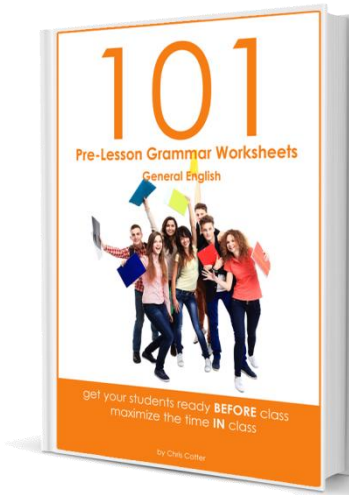


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## the ARTICLE (for teachers)

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**Teacher's Notes:**

\* Underlined words in **red typeface** are the recommended vocabulary for this lesson.

## WARM-UPS

Select one or all of the following warm-up activities.

**1: Define:** What does "leisure" mean? Can you use it in a sentence? Can you give examples?

**2: Brainstorm:** Brainstorm with a partner words and ideas for "leisure" for two minutes. Next, talk about the words and ideas for five minutes.

**3: Title:** Today's article is: "Weisure Time." What will you read about?

**4: Do you agree or disagree? Why?**

- |    |   |
|----|---|
| a. | I work too much.  |
| b. | People work more now than ever before.  |
| c. | I often exchange business emails and phone calls on the weekend.              |
| d. | I often send private emails and use social media sites like Facebook at work. |
| e. | I love my job.  |

## VOCABULARY

Select one of the following vocabulary acquisition activities.

**1: Vocabulary match:** Individually or in pairs/groups, match the words in column A (from the article) with the best choice in column B.

a.	<b>conclude</b>	u.	coworker
b.	<b>colleague</b>	v.	enjoy
c.	<b>encourage</b>	w.	answer
d.	<b>pleasure</b>	x.	help
e.	<b>maintain</b>	y.	think at the end
f.	<b>solution</b>	z.	continue

**2: Fill in the Blanks:** Fill in the blank with the correct word.

	<b>colleagues</b>	<b>encourage</b>	<b>maintain</b>
	<b>pleasurable</b>	<b>solution</b>	<b>concluded</b>
a.	Businesses have ( ) that work must now invade leisure time.		
b.	They must keep in touch with ( ) and business associates.		
c.	Social media services ( ) people to stay connected.		
d.	Talking with friends is ( ).		
e.	Social media also lets people easily ( ) connections with coworkers.		
f.	Weisure time is an effective ( ) at the moment		

**3: Define:** Look in your dictionary for each word. Write the definition, correctly pronounce the word, and give an example sentence to the class.

a.	<b>conclude:</b>
b.	<b>colleague:</b>
c.	<b>encourage:</b>
d.	<b>pleasure:</b>
e.	<b>maintain:</b>
f.	<b>solution:</b>

## WORD RECOGNITION

These activities are optional. They reinforce vocabulary and increase reading speed.

**1: Word Search:** Find only the target words (in bold). Time yourself, and see how long it takes to find all the words.

colleagues pleasurable	encourage solution	maintain concluded
S B V R E L N C W E A P I P M		
L E R H Q L Y Q G K D L L I A		
C J G S Y C D A G S K E O P I		
I O F U D Z R E O D A A E I N		
L T N S E U B L K S R S R F T		
E W V C O A U R U E G U P A A		
I Y S C L T L R E D O R G E I		
Z V N T I U A L W U I E P E N		
P E M O M B D U O L G A E O I		
N B N D L B L E N C M B A O L		
F T D E P I A S D N Y L E X V		
I N C O U R A G E O L E F E B		
A D U F Q H V A V C G L R L W		
S E U G A E L L O C J A O G F		
F Q X E Y D S A V O N S R O C		

**2: Target Word Pool:** Find only the target words (in bold) with their exact match. Time yourself, and see how long it takes to find all the words.

colleagues pleasurable	encourage solution	maintain concluded
conclusion	maintains	incorrigible
solutions	pleasured	colleges
maintain	colleague	concluding
concludes	encouraged	solving
pleasurable	maintained	pleasing
solved	discouraged	maintenance
college	concluded	treasurable
maintaining	encouraging	colleagues
encourage	solution	dissolves
	pleasures	

## pre- or post-COMPREHENSION

Select one or more activity to direct students before the article is read, or to check understanding after the article is read.

**1: Brainstorm Questions:** Brainstorm questions that you would like to ask about today's topic. Answer a partner the questions. He shouldn't look at the article when he answers.

**2: True or False?:** Guess (before the article) or answer (after the article) if the sentence is true or false. If false, correct the sentence.

a.	Personal and professional time has become less clear recently.	T/F
b.	People keep in touch with colleagues because there's too much work.	T/F
c.	According to the article, people consider business colleagues as friends.	T/F
d.	People use Facebook and Twitter to talk with business colleagues after work.	T/F
e.	People will always want to mix personal and professional time in the future.	T/F

**3: Questions:** Answer the questions to check comprehension.

a.	What has become mixed in recent years?
b.	What does the article name this new idea?
c.	Why do employees keep in touch with one another outside of business hours?
d.	What does the article say about social networking?
e.	What does the article say about the future?

**4: Fragments:** Remember how the fragments were used, and complete the sentence.

a.	<b>The new word explains the next step in the balance between...</b>
b.	<b>Increased responsibilities at work are one...</b>
c.	<b>Facebook, Twitter, and other social media services encourage people to...</b>
d.	<b>Social media also lets people easily...</b>

## post-COMPREHENSION

Select one or more activity to discuss the contents of the article.

**1: Vocabulary:** Circle any other unknown words/phrases in the article. In pairs/groups, use your dictionaries to understand these words. Write an example sentence for each one.

**2: Class Questions:** Read through the article once more, and write down any questions that you would like to talk about in pairs/groups or as a class. Answer the questions.

**3: Summarize:** Work with a partner to summarize the article in your own words.

**4: Discuss:** Talk about the following questions in pairs/groups. Remember to support your answers and ask more questions with your partner.

a.	Did you like this article? Why/not?
b.	What do you think of weisure time? Please explain.
c.	What is your average work week like? Please explain.
d.	How regularly do you mix professional time during evenings and weekends? Why?
e.	Do you think weisure time is a fad or something more permanent?
f.	What is the future of work? Why do you think so?

**5: Discuss:** What is the ideal job for you? Discuss the following categories with a partner, providing specifics whenever possible. Be sure to support your answers.

<b>Industry:</b>
<b>Job Title:</b>
<b>Responsibilities:</b>
<b>???:</b>

**6: Google Search:** Type "weisure time" into Google news and read additional articles on this topic. Discuss or write an essay about your findings.

## **STUDENT HANDOUT (the article)**

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**Notes:**



## STUDENT HANDOUT (fill in the blank)

Fill in the blank with the correct word.

colleagues	concluded	solution	mind	maintain
between	pleasurable	willing	encourage	hang

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## STUDENT HANDOUT (extended listening)

Listen and fill in the missing sentences. Compare your answers with a partner, and then listen once more.

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**Sentence #1:**

**Sentence #2:**

**Sentence #3:**

## ANSWER KEY

### Vocabulary

#### 1: Vocabulary Match:

a.	y
b.	u
c.	x
d.	v
e.	z
f.	w

#### 2: Fill in the Blanks:

a.	concluded
b.	colleagues
c.	encourage
d.	pleasurable
e.	maintain
f.	solution

### pre- or post-Comprehension

#### 1. True or False:

a.	T
b.	T
c.	F
d.	F
e.	F

#### 2. Fragments:

a.	the personal and professional lives of adults.
b.	reason for weisure time.
c.	stay connected during business hours.
d.	maintain connections with coworkers during off time.

### Student Handout

#### 1: Fill in the Blanks:

a.	concluded	f.	encourage
b.	between	g.	pleasurable
c.	colleagues	h.	maintain
d.	hang	i.	solution
e.	mind	j.	willing

#### 2: Extended Listening:

a.	creativity and teamwork is an important part of people's jobs these days
b.	Social media also lets people easily maintain connections with coworkers during off time
c.	Conley explains that weisure time is an effective solution at the moment