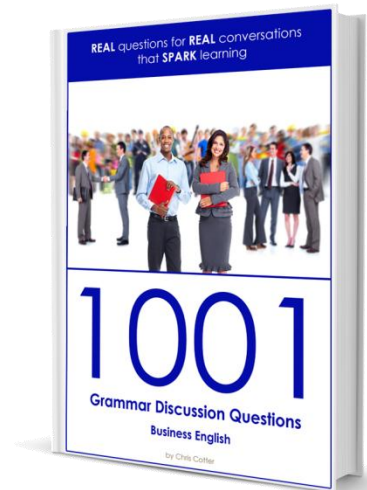
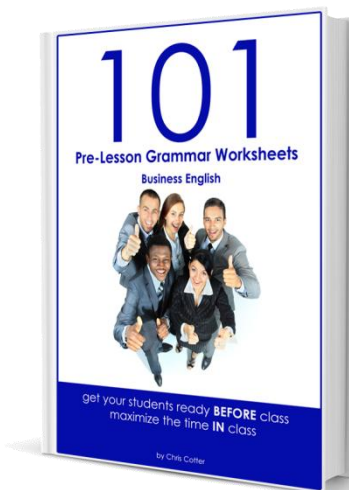


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the ARTICLE (for teachers)

Weisure Time

Businesses and employees have looked at the nine-to-five workday and concluded that work must now invade leisure time and leisure time must invade work. The idea has been called "weisure time" by sociologist Dalton Conley. The new word explains the next step in the balance between the personal and professional lives of adults.

Increased responsibilities at work are one reason for weisure time. Because people work more than before, they must keep in touch with colleagues and business associates while they hang out with their families on the weekends. In addition, creativity and teamwork is an important part of people's jobs these days, so people enjoy keeping in touch to some extent. They don't mind as much if both sides of their lives mix.

Computer and social networks are important in weisure time. Facebook, Twitter, and other social media services encourage people to stay connected during business hours. Talking with friends is pleasurable, and it makes the day move faster. Social media also lets people easily maintain connections with coworkers during off time.

Conley explains that weisure time is an effective solution at the moment, but employees may not always be willing to mix their personal and professional lives.

Teacher's Notes:

* Underlined words in red typeface are the answers.

the Article (for students)

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:

STEP ONE

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

STEP TWO

Questions: Read as much of the article as you can in two minutes. Guess the answers to the questions below, then listen to your teacher read the article. Try to confirm your answers.

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

STEP THREE

Fill in the Blanks: Listen to the article again. Fill in the blanks with the missing sentences.

STEP FOUR

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?

STEP FIVE

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.	How regularly do you mix professional time during evenings and weekends? Why?
c.	Do you think weisure time is a fad or something more permanent?
d.	What is the future of work? Why do you think so?