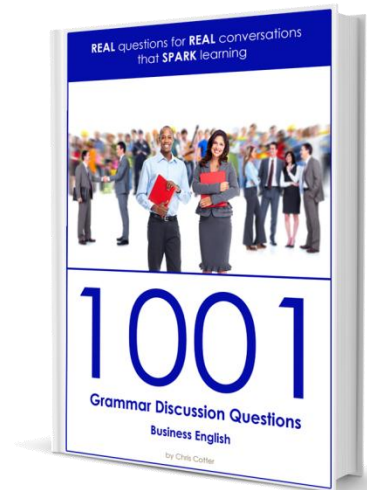
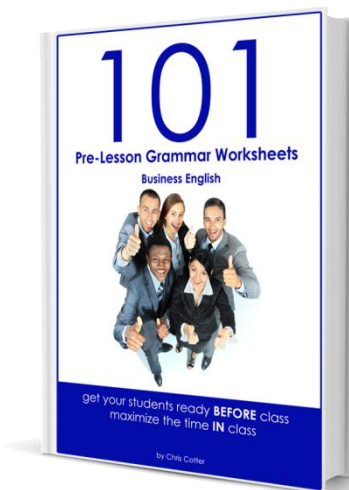
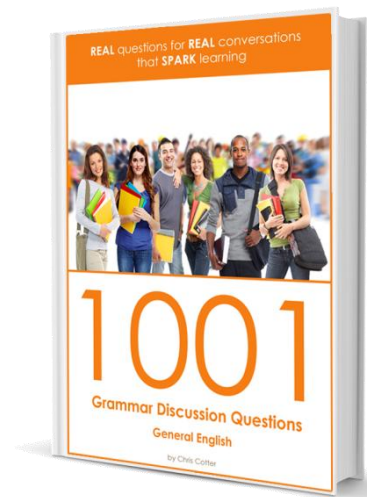
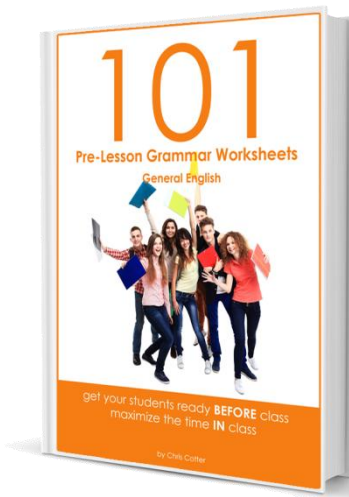
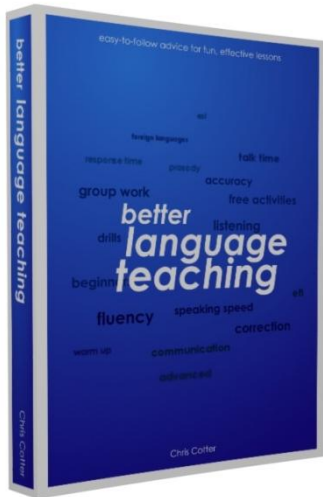


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the ARTICLE (for teachers)

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 recommended vocabulary for this lesson.

the Article (for students)

Fill in the blank with the correct word.

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between	pleasurable	willing	encourage	hang

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STEP ONE

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

STEP TWO

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

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

STEP THREE

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

	colleagues	encourage	maintain
	pleasurable	solution	concluded
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		

STEP FOUR

The Article: 1) Read the article, but don't worry about the missing words. 2) Fill in the blanks with today's vocabulary, followed by all the other words. 3) Read the article again, and circle any unknown words/phrases. In pairs/groups, use your dictionaries to understand the words or phrases your circled. 4) Answer the questions to check your comprehension.

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|----|--|
| 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: Write down three vocabulary words from today's article that you want to use.

a.	
b.	
c.	

Now talk about the following questions in pairs/groups. Every time you use a vocabulary word, place a check next to it. Try to use today's vocabulary as much as possible.

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| a. | What was your general impression after reading this article? |
| b. | What do you think of weisure time? Please explain. |
| 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? |

Score yourself:

7-10 times, or more: Fantastic! Be sure to review the words at home.

4-6 times: Pretty good! You're on your way to acquiring today's vocabulary. Try writing your own sentences at home for more practice.

3 or less times: Try harder next time! To acquire new vocabulary, you need to use the new words as much as possible.