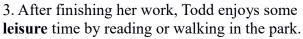
Listening Exercise: Shorter Work Week

Vocabulary:

- 1. The company wants to **reduce** the amount of plastic it uses to help the environment.
- a. study something carefully
- b. make something smaller or less
- c. sell something for money
- 2. Many people **oppose** the new law because they believe it is unfair.
- a. agree with something
- b. fight against something
- c. forget about something



- a. free time when you can relax
- b. time spent working hard c. time spent with family only
- 4. The government is trying to create more jobs to lower **unemployment** in the country.
- a. a situation where people have too much work
- b. a situation where people do not have jobs
- c. a situation where workers get higher pay
- 5. The restaurant had to close because of **bankruptcy**; they could not pay their debts anymore.
- a. a time when a business has no money and must close
- b. a time when a company grows very fast
- c. a time when people change jobs
- 6. Parents often sacrifice their own comfort to give their children a better life.
- a. buy something expensive
- b. protect something carefully
- c. give up something valuable for another goal
- 7. Doctors say being **overweight** can increase the risk of health problems.
- a. feeling strong and energetic
- b. being tired from too much work
- c. weighing more than is healthy
- 8. There are **fewer** students in the class this year than last year.
- a. a smaller number of people or things
- b. a larger amount of something
- c. the same number as before



Listening:

The audio can be	e found at:	ESLFrog.com	/shorter-work-week/

 Who supports the idea of a shorter work Nathan Grant Rachel Hunt 	week? c) Dr. Barbara Cassidy d) Everybody on the show			
2. According to Dr. Cassidy, what is one bea) Higher company profitsc) Greater happiness and better health	b) More job-related stress d) More time spent at work			
3. What is Nathan Grant's opinion about Ana) They work hard because they want to succ) They are forced to work long hours.	merican workers? cceed. b) They are unhappy with their jobs. d) They are less healthy than Europeans.			
4. What does Nathan Grant say would happa) People would earn more money.c) Families would spend more time together	b) Americans would lose opportunities.			
5. Why does Dr. Cassidy mention Europe?a) To show that Europeans are less productiveb) To compare European happiness with American stressc) To say Europeans work longer hoursd) To criticize European companies				
6. Who is Mervin?a) A business ownerc) A factory worker who calls into the show	b) A university professor d) A journalist interviewing the guests			
7. What does Mervin want for his children? a) The same kind of job he had c) To own a car company	b) A shorter work week d) To work 60-hour weeks			
8. Why does Mervin say people in his city ofa) Because fast food is cheapc) Because they want to gain weight	eat too much fast food? b) Because they enjoy junk food d) Because they don't have time to cook			
9. How does Mr. Grant respond to that arguea) He agrees completelyb) He blames the governmentc) He says Americans are healthier than Eud) He says working fewer hours wouldn't fe	ropeans			
10. According to Dr. Cassidy, what kind ofa) Healthier and more satisfyingc) Less productive but boring	life would a 35-hour week create? b) Poorer and more difficult d) Richer but more stressful			