



ACTIVITY SHEET EPISODE 22: TALKING ABOUT HOLIDAYS AND LEISURE TIME

Practise and consolidate your learning about talking about holidays and leisure time by completing our activities.

Remember to refer to the Study Notes and video for this episode if you need help. The answers for **both** activities are on page 3.

ACTIVITY 1

Write the correct form of the verb in the brackets to complete the following sentences.

1. To gain admission to most universities you need ____ (get) IELTS 6.5 with Writing 6.0.
2. Spend time every evening ____ (read) widely to extend your vocabulary.
3. Don't forget ____ (attempt) all questions in the Listening Test.
4. Expect ____ (have) a few True/False questions in the IELTS Reading Test.
5. You ought ____ (spend) a few minutes planning your answer.
6. The IELTS candidate managed ____ (complete) both writing tasks in 60 minutes.
7. He finished ____ (write) Task 1 in 20 minutes and so had enough time for Task 2.
8. Please remember ____ (leave) time to check your writing for mistakes.
9. To improve your spoken fluency you need to practise ____ (speak) with other speakers of English, even non-native speakers.
10. Are you ready ____ (leave) for the airport? Have you got your passport?



ACTIVITY 2

Choose the correct word or words from the box below to complete the following text.

hobby	recuperate	leisure time	public holidays	work
interests	spare time	holiday	recreation leave	sick leave

Usually I am fairly healthy, but recently I have not been feeling so well. I have been a bit run down and have had to take some 1. _____. The pressure at work has been building over the last couple of weeks with lots of end-of-financial-year deadlines, so I am looking forward to a well-deserved break to 2. _____.

I can usually unwind a bit in the evening, and I make the most of my 3. _____ on the weekend. Having a couple of 4. _____ is important. I really enjoy following sport (cricket and golf) and listening to jazz but my 5. _____ and my passion is restoring old MG sports cars. This really helps me get my mind off 6. _____ and unwind. So, once I finish a few chores, I devote any remaining 7. _____ to having a game of golf, or working on my MG.

However, there is nothing quite like a good 8. _____. I plan to go to Vietnam for a few weeks. I have put in for 9. _____. I can not wait! Fortunately there are two 10. _____ before then – ANZAC Day and the Queen's Birthday.

**ANSWERS ACTIVITY 1**

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ANSWERS ACTIVITY 2

Usually I am fairly healthy, but recently I have not been feeling so well. I have been a bit run down and have had to take some 1. sick leave. The pressure at work has been building over the last couple of weeks with lots of end-of-financial-year deadlines, so I am looking forward to a well-deserved break to 2. recuperate. I can usually unwind a bit in the evening, and I make the most of my 3. leisure time on the weekend. Having a couple of 4. interests is important. I really enjoy following sport (cricket and golf) and listening to jazz but my 5. hobby and my passion is restoring old MG sports cars. This really helps me get my mind off 6. work and unwind. So, once I finish a few chores, I devote any remaining 7. spare time to having a game of golf, or working on my MG.

However, there is nothing quite like a good 8. holiday. This year I plan to go to Vietnam for a few weeks. I have put in for 9. recreation leave for the last three weeks of July. I can not wait! Fortunately there are two 10. public holidays before then – ANZAC Day and the Queen's Birthday.