

UNIT 7: THE WORLD OF WORK

PART A: STUDENT'S WORK

1. Listen. Then practice with a partner:



Uncle: Eat your breakfast, Hoa. It's half-past six. You'll be late for school.

Hoa: I won't be late, uncle. I'm usually early. Our classes start at 7.00.

Uncle: And what time do your classes finish?

Hoa: At a quarter past eleven. Then in the afternoon, I do my homework. That takes about two hours each day.

Uncle: You work quite hard, Hoa. When will you have a vacation?

Hoa: Our summer vacation starts in June. It lasts for almost three months.

Uncle: What will you do during the vacation?

Hoa: I'll go and see Mom and Dad on their farm. I always like helping them. They work very hard, but we have fun working together.

NEW WORDS

Last	[lɑ:st]	(v)	: kéo dài
Almost	['ɔ:lməʊst]	(adv)	: gần
Have fun + V-ing		(v)	: thích thú
Less	[les]	(adj)	: ít hơn

Fewer	[fju:ə]	(adj)	: ít hơn
Celebrate	['selibreit]	(v)	: kỉ niệm, làm lễ kỉ niệm
find	[faɪnd]	(v)	: thấy, tìm ra
New Year's Day	['nju:ɹəz'deɪ]	(n)	: Tết Dương Lịch
Easter	['i:stə]	(n)	: lễ Phục sinh
Thanksgiving	['eæŋksɡɪvɪŋ]	(n)	: lễ Tạ ơn
Easy	['i:zi]	(adj)	: dễ dàng
Realize	['riəlaɪz]	(v)	: ý thức, biết
Have/take a look at		(v)	: nhìn vào
Typical	['tɪpɪkl]	(adj)	: đặc trưng, điển hình
Period	['piəriəd]	(n)	: giờ/tiết học
Keen	[ki:n]	(adj)	: linh hoạt, sắc sảo
Review	[ri'vju]	(v)	: ôn tập
Definitely	['defɪnətli]	(adv)	: chắc chắn

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

- a)** What time do Hoa's class start?
=> Her class starts at 7 o'clock.
- b)** What time do they finish?
=> They finish at a quarter past eleven.
- c)** For how many hours a day does Hoa do her homework?
=> Hoa does her homework two hours a day.
- d)** What will Hoa do during her vacation?
=> Hoa will help her parents on their farm.
- e)** What about you? Do your classes start earlier or later?
=> Our classes start at 7 o'clock, too.
- Do you work fewer hours than Hoa?
=> No, I work more hours than Hoa.
- f)** When does your school year start?
=> Our school year starts in September.

g) When does it finish?
=> It finishes at the end of May.

2. Read. Then answer the questions.

A letter from America

Dear Hoa,

Hi! How are you? I'm fine. Thanks for your letter. I like hearing about how students live in Viet Nam. I find it really interesting

I think you have fewer vacations than American students. Is that true? Our longest vacation is in the summer. Do you have a long summer vacation, too? We don't have a Tet holiday, but we celebrate the New Year on January 1. Our most important vacations are Easter, 4th of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas. We usually spend time with our families on these vacations.

What other vacations do you have? What do you like doing during your vacations? Please write soon and tell me.

Your friend,

Tim

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

a) Which American vacation is the longest?

=> The summer vacation is the longest.

b) What does Tim do during his vacation?

=> He spends the time with his family.

c) Do Vietnamese students have more or fewer vacations than American students?

=> Vietnamese students have fewer vacations than American students.

4. Read. Then answer the question:



Many people think that students have an easy life: we only work a few hours a day and have long vacations. They don't know we have to work hard at school and at home.

Take a look at a typical grade 7 students like Hoa. She has five periods a day, six days a week. That is about 20 hours a week - fewer hours than any worker. But that is not all. Hoa is a keen student and she studies hard. She has about 12 hours of homework every week. She also has to review her work before tests. This makes her working week for about 45 hours. This is more than some workers. Students like Hoa are definitely not lazy!

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

a) Why do some people think that students have an easy life?

=> Because they work fewer hours and have long vacations.

b) How many hours a week does Hoa work?

=> She works about 45 hours a week.

- Is this fewer than most workers?

=> No, it is more than some workers.

c) How many hours a week do you work? Is that more or fewer hours than Hoa?

=> I work 50 hours a week. It is more hours than Hoa's.

d) Does the writer think students are lazy?

=> No, he doesn't.

GRAMMAR

Model sentences:

- We only work *a few hours* a day.

- I want to drink *a little milk*.

Notes :

- a few + N (đếm được)

- a little + N (không đếm được)

Comparison of countable noun :

• Tim's father has fewer days off than his mother.

• Tim's mother has more days off than his father

Compound adjectives :

• A break lasts twenty minutes

-> A twenty – minute break

• A summer vacation lasts three months

-> A three - month summer vacation

