

Course: Advance

Impact Issues Level 1

Day №27



Takeshi can't agree with his parents about what he should do with his life. What do you think about his situation? Read their conversation.

Mom: Takeshi, we need to talk.

Takeshi: About what?

Mom: Your father and I are worried. You're 28, you don't work, you aren't going to school, you play video games and you lie around the house. You've got to do something with your life. You need to get a job.

Takeshi: Some stupid, boring, part-time job. I've tried that.

Mom: Get a real job! We spent a fortune sending you to university and...

Takeshi: You want me to be like Dad? He comes home late every day, exhausted. He has no vacation. He's a slave to his company. They don't care if he works himself to death.

Mom: Now, that's not exactly true.

Takeshi: And anyway, to get into top companies that have interesting jobs you have to graduate from an elite school. The system isn't fair.

Mom: The system works for people who work hard—like your father. When he was your age...

Takeshi: Oh. Yeah, yeah, yeah. When he was my age, he had a wife and he had kids and he had blah, blah, blah. Mom, times have changed! I want to do something REAL with my life. Something creative!

Mom: Something creative? Like what?

Takeshi: Like making videos. Like the ones I made and put online. It doesn't pay, but it's creative.

Mom: As a hobby that's fine, but we can't take care of you forever.

Takeshi: You think I like sitting around here? If you would pay me to go get some better equipment or to go to film school, I could really do something with my videos.

Mom: You aren't realistic. But if you get a real job, you could save your money and then you could buy all the...

Takeshi: Mom, Mom! Stop it! You just don't understand!

Mom: You're right, I don't. I don't understand and it really worries me.



How old is Takeshi?

What are they arguing about? Why?

***Change the following rude expressions into
a more appropriate way of saying it.***

I am not going to end up like Dad who doesn't even care about spending time with us anymore.

If you will stop nagging every morning, maybe I'll consider looking for a job!

You think I like staying at home? No! But I can't stand working for people I don't know!



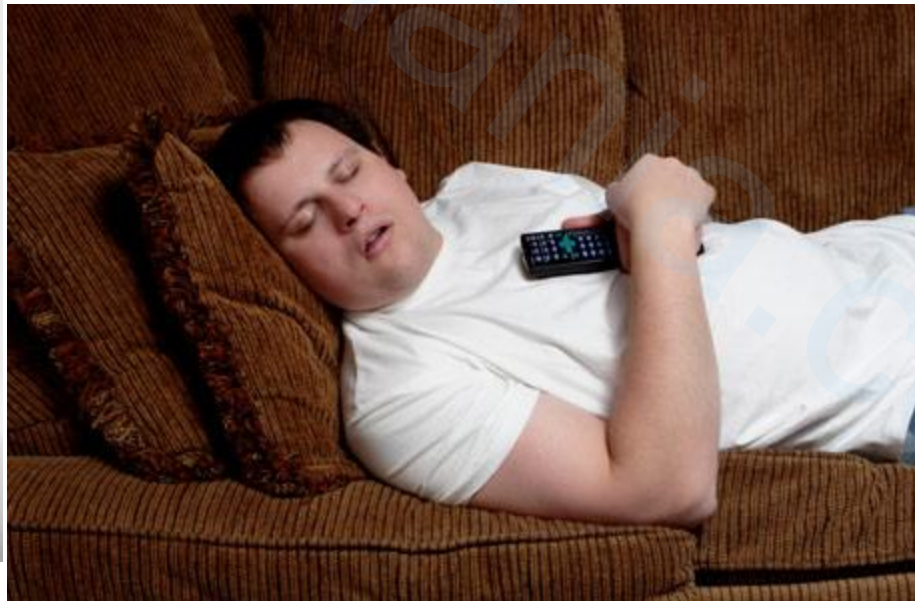
Situation:

You don't have a job. And your mother is forcing you to find one. How are you going to answer her without sounding rude? (You may use the sentences from the previous activity.)



***Is it harder for people to start
a career now than in the past?
Why do you say so?***

What is a “Parasite Single?”



What do they mean?
Can you use them in your own sentences?

➤ *elite*

An organized and
coordinated
method; a
procedure

a large sum of
money

➤ *(the) system*

➤ *a fortune*

to do nothing
productive

The best or most
skilled members of a
group

➤ *sit / lie around*

What do you think?
Read the different opinions.
Do you agree or disagree?

**MARK**

Takeshi is just lazy. In the past, people worked harder.

**ANNA**

I'm with Takeshi. The Work system isn't fair.

**IRIS**

Takeshi should follow his dream. But he'll have to try harder!

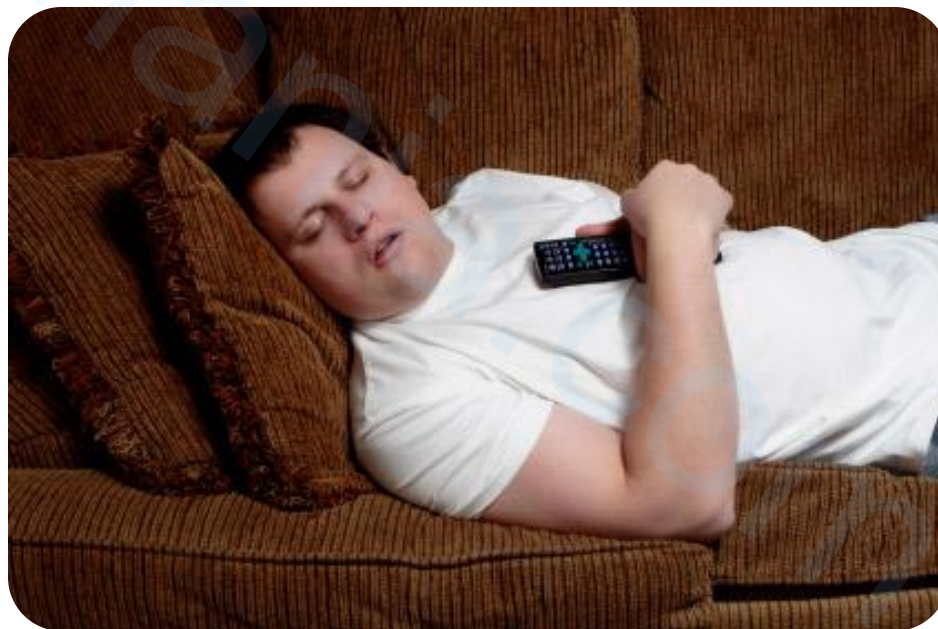
You may start by saying:

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*(completely agree / agree most / agree somewhat /
basically agree / don't agree at all / disagree most)*
with _____.

According to Mark, Takeshi is just lazy. What could be a good way to get him up and move on with life?

Is Takeshi a
Parasite Single?
Why do say so?



***Thank you for
today!***

***I'm looking forward to
seeing you again!***