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WORKING FROM HOME

Daniel and Kate both work from home. Listen to their conversation. For questions 1 to 10, choose true or false.

1. Daniel has worked from home for longer than Kate.
   a. True
   b. False

2. Kate started working from home after her son was born.
   a. True
   b. False

3. Kate used to be a teacher.
   a. True
   b. False

4. Kate's work writing a geography book was very well-paid.
   a. True
   b. False

5. Daniel started working from home after losing his job.
   a. True
   b. False

6. Daniel doesn't enjoy working from home because it isn't sociable.
   a. True
   b. False

7. Daniel used to play badminton and cards with his colleagues.
   a. True
   b. False

8. Daniel has recently made friends with a new colleague.
   a. True
   b. False

9. Kate didn't use to socialise with colleagues because she was too tired.
   a. True
   b. False

10. Kate spends time with some friends from her art class.
    a. True
    b. False

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TRANSCRIPTION

DANIEL: So how long have you worked from home?
KATE: About eight years now. What about you?
DANIEL: Only for a couple of months. Why did you decide to work from home? Was it when you had your son?
KATE: No, I was already working from home when my son was born. Actually, I started working from home as a freelance writer because I got an offer to write a geography book.
KATE: Before that, I was working as a teacher but it was really tiring.
KATE: The writing job wasn't well paid, but it seemed interesting, so I decided to quit teaching and do it. After that project, I applied for other jobs, and luckily the work kept coming.
KATE: [...] What about you?
DANIEL: Oh, I started working from home because the company I work for was losing money. They had to downsize. A few of my colleagues lost their jobs. The company moved to a smaller building. I could only keep my job if I agreed to work from home, so I did.
KATE: Do you enjoy it?
DANIEL: Not really. I miss chatting to people, joking around, or deciding at the last minute to go for a drink or dinner after work. Just chatting to colleagues, we found things we had in common.
DANIEL: I started playing badminton with one girl and played cards in the evenings with some others. But they've all lost their jobs and moved away now.
DANIEL: New people have started work at the company, but I don't get to know them like I did in the past.
KATE: Yes, I can see that's a problem.
DANIEL: Is it the same for you?
KATE: Not really. As a teacher I was always too tired or too busy to socialise much with colleagues.
KATE: Now I'm busy, but I'm not as tired. That means I have enough energy to spend time with people. Of course, I spend time with my family, but I'm also going to an art class at the moment and I've met a couple of great ladies there, and we often meet up for drinks and chat. Maybe you should do something like that too.
DANIEL: Maybe I should.

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ANSWER KEY

1. b.
2. b.
3. a.
4. b.
5. b.
6. a.
7. a.
8. b.
9. a.
10. a.

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