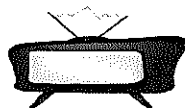


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Read the following text and answer the questions.

How We Spend Our Leisure Time*



If life seems more rushed than ever, you might be surprised to learn that we Americans don't have less free time than we did 40 years ago. We actually have more leisure time, and quite a bit more. What counts as leisure is up for argument, but under every definition the numbers have **gone up**. We get about 45 minutes a day of extra leisure.

Then why does it feel like we have so much less? It is because we **waste** half of all our leisure time watching television. The **average** American adult devotes 2.5 hours a day to this hobby. And for every additional hour we get free, another 30 minutes goes into that idiot box. So if you want more free time, I recommend one thing: turn it off. It may seem easy, but it is really hard, especially during the World Series (the championship series of Major League Baseball).

When I was growing up, my mother had one **piece of advice** for me, and she said it every single morning: "*Get out of the house!*" It's good advice. Come join the 6.8 million who are in a book club, or the 196,000 who attend pro beach volleyball, or the 680,000 who go to tractor pulls every month. There's even 3 million people who **enjoy** a sport called '*muzzleloading*', which involves shooting a gun that looks 200 years old.

And at the end of the day, there's a thing in your kitchen called a stove**. Turn it on and invite people over. Only 38% of Americans entertain friends or family at home at least once a year. What are the other 62% of us doing? Getting a free meal, I suppose.

If we're going to watch so much television, can't we at least invite friends over to watch?

*leisure time = tiempo libre

**stove = estufa

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1. Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE? Copy from the text the lines that support your answer (5 points, 1 point each).

- a. Americans have more free time now than 40 years ago.
- b. Watching TV is one of the main hobbies of Americans.
- c. The writer of this text thinks that turning off the TV is easier to do during the World Series.
- d. The writer's mother always wanted him to stay home.
- e. Most Americans invite people home at least once a year.

2. Give short answers to these questions about the text (5 points, 1 point each).

- a. Why do Americans feel they have less free time now than 40 years ago?
- b. What's the average time an adult American spends watching TV every day?
- c. What's the author's recommendation for Americans if they want more free time?
- d. How often did the writer's mum advise him to get out of the house?
- e. What's the suggestion the writer makes in the final sentence?

3. Choose the best meaning for the following words or groups of words which appear in the text (5 points, 1 point each).

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| 1. gone up | a. raised | b. diminished | c. changed |
| 2. waste | a. wake | b. badly use | c. spend |
| 3. average | a. usual | b. happy | c. learned |
| 4. piece of advice | a. portion of cake | b. opinion about what you should do | c. kiss |
| 5. enjoy | a. hate | b. get pleasure from | c. wish |

4. Translate the following lines into Spanish (5 points).

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