

## Eiken Grade G2 Speaking 2017-1B

### **Work-Life Balance**

These days, many people spend more and more time working at their companies. However, most of these people find such a lifestyle stressful and unhealthy. Now, various solutions to this problem are being discussed, such as days when overtime work is not allowed. Some companies set such days, and in this way they try to improve the work-life balance of their employees.

Your story should begin with this sentence: **One day, Mr. and Mrs. Ono were talking about their daughter Miki's school festivals.**



- No. 1** According to the passage, how do some companies try to improve the work-life balance of their employees?
- No. 2** Now, please look at the picture and describe the situation. You have 20 seconds to prepare. Your story should begin with the sentence on the card.  
<20 seconds>  
Please begin.

Now, Mr./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_, please turn the card over and put it down.

- No. 4** Some people say that it is a good idea for high school students to have part-time jobs. What do you think about that?
- No. 5** Many TV programs report information about the private lives of famous people. Do you think TV programs should stop reporting such information?  
Yes. → Why?  
No. → Why not?

**No. 1** By setting days when overtime work is not allowed.

**No. 2** One day, Mr. and Mrs. Ono were talking about their daughter Miki's school festival. Mr. Ono said to his wife, "I have a business trip on the day." At the school festival, Miki was dancing on a stage. Mrs. Ono was taking a video of her. That evening at home, Mrs. Ono was doing the laundry. Miki said she was looking forward to watching the video with her father.

**No. 3** I agree. They can learn about having a job. It's a good experience for them later in life.

I disagree. Many students are busy with their studies. They can experience working after graduating from school.

**No. 4** Yes. → The privacy of all people should be protected. Also, I don't think people want to watch these kinds of programs.

No. → People are interested in the lives of famous people. Also, famous people use these programs to get more popular.