



Hiromi : If you were an executive, would you work for your company even on your days off?

Jun : No, I don't want to be bothered by work on the weekend and if I take a vacation. I'd want to be able to relax for at least 5 straight days.

Hiromi : Well, according to a survey conducted on 622 American business executives, it seems company executives have mixed feelings about taking vacations. Even though the majority said that annual vacations are essential to maintaining a positive state of mind both in one's personal life and at work, half of those surveyed said that they do not take all the vacation time given to them.

Jun : Really?

Hiromi : Even on vacation, they are still likely to call the office, receive calls or email from the office, and bring a personal computer along. They say this enables them to balance vacations with their work duties.

Jun : That is certainly not an ideal vacation, you want to be able to get away from work! What use is it to be an executive if I have to work on vacation?!

Business Terminology	Meaning
annual	regularly once every year
get away	escape potentially unpleasant consequences
executive	a person responsible for the administration of a business
positive state of mind	to be happy and successful in life
maintain	observe correctly or closely
balance	harmonious arrangement or relation of parts or elements