

LISTENING PRACTICE

Complete the sentences by inserting the missing gerunds and infinitives used in the conversation.

Susan: Hi Maria.

Maria: Hi Susan, it's so good _____ you. I'm trying _____ when the last time I saw you was.

Susan: Oh, I don't know, but every time I suggest _____ you have some excuse. Are you trying _____ me?

Maria: You know I always look forward to _____ you. I'd been meaning _____ you a visit, but I just couldn't find the time. I love _____ time with you. You're my best friend. But I've been very busy with my job. I want _____ promoted and earn more, but promotions take a lot of work. Imagine _____ to get up at 5 a.m. every day and _____ to sleep at midnight. I aspire _____ a CEO in the next five years, and I'll work towards _____ my dream a reality.

Susan: If you continue _____ so hard, you risk _____ sick.

Maria: I need _____ money _____ a bigger apartment and a new car. I have lots of plans and dreams that I need _____.

Susan: You always need _____ money for something, and you neglect _____ life to the fullest. You never get _____ enough time with the people you love.

Maria: That's true. I don't get _____ my family as often as I'd like. I miss _____ with my parents. I remember _____ in and _____ up to a home-cooked breakfast. I miss _____ my parents out in the garden every day _____ after their vegetable plants. I also miss _____ around with my brother. I plan _____ them next month. I've been so busy lately that I struggle _____ in touch with them.

Susan: Sounds tough. Try _____ your life down and even _____ a hobby.

Maria: I prefer _____ on my career now and on my goals. Unfortunately, I can't afford _____ on vacation anytime soon. That would mean _____ goodbye to any chance of promotion.

Susan: You should stop _____ life too. Just imagine _____ on the beach away from all the clouds and rain.

Maria: Stop _____ about me. In life you need _____ sacrifices _____ your goals.

Susan: I regret _____ that sacrificing your personal life is a pretty big price _____. You forget _____ time for yourself and the things that make you happy.

It's important _____ goals, but don't stop _____ life while chasing them.

You can wake up one day and feel that you have never truly _____.