

Pre-Intermediate 1
Unit 8 Dialog
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Full Text:

Hard Work

Dennis has been working hard recently, and now he looks tired.

Mark: Hi, Dennis. You don't look very happy. What's up?

Dennis: Oh, nothing really. I'm just a bit tired and bored.

Mark: You should take a few days off and rest.

Dennis: I know I should. But I can't.

Mark: How hard have you been working recently?

Dennis: About twelve hours a day. There is a lot of work at the office.

Mark: Take it easy. Don't put so much pressure on yourself.

Dennis: I can't, Mark. I'm badly in need of money.

Vocabulary & Paraphrase:

Hard Work

Dennis has been working hard recently, and now he looks tired.

recently = lately

Dennis **has been working** hard. => **The Present Perfect Progressive**

The Formula of the Present Perfect Progressive Tense:

Subject + has(n't)/have(n't) + been + Verb+ing + ...

look = seem, appear

➤ He looks tired. = He seems to be tired.

tired ≠ fresh; energetic

Mark: Hi, Dennis. You don't look very happy. What's up?

Dennis: Oh, nothing really. I'm just a bit tired and bored.

You don't look very happy. = You don't seem to be very happy.

What's up? = What's the matter? = What's wrong? = What's eating you?

just = only

a bit = a little

bored ≠ excited

Mark: You should take a few days off and rest.

Dennis: I know I should. But I can't.

You should take a few days off. = You shouldn't go to work for a few days.

rest = relax

Mark: How hard have you been working recently?

Dennis: About twelve hours a day. There is a lot of work at the office.

about = around; almost

Mark: Take it easy. Don't put so much pressure on yourself.

Dennis: I can't, Mark. I'm badly in need of money.

pressure = stress

in need of = short of; low on

Sample Summary:

Dennis has been working very hard and looks tired. Mark suggests that he should take a break, but Dennis says he can't because he needs the money. Dennis has been working about twelve hours a day at the office.

Source:

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