

# Cases to Examine: Leisure or Work?



Read the two cases below and answer the questions in the space provided.

### Case 1

Michelle Coron enjoys only one sport: swimming. All through her first three years of high school, she has not minded getting up early in the morning to swim laps or spending her afternoons working out. Her crowning success in junior year was her second-place finish in the state meet.

The only problem is that Michelle's grades have been suffering. Her low scores on the PSAT alarm her because she eventually wants to go to medical school. She knows that to do so, she will have to earn high grades at a good college. When Michelle considers the hours she will spend swimming during her senior year, hours that could be spent bringing up her grades, her enthusiasm for swimming begins to fade.

But because everyone expects so much of her as a senior on the swim team, Michelle decides to swim during her last year. Before long, though, the early-morning practices become a drag, and she grows impatient with her coach's incessant directions. During many practices, she thinks about all the homework she is going to have to rush through.

- Has swimming become work for Michelle?

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- Should Michelle quit the team?

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### Case 2

Rod Robertson is a graphic designer for a large company. Every morning he leaps out of bed, full of fresh ideas for designing exciting advertisements and corporate brochures. He stays late many nights just to put the finishing touches on projects, even when they are well within their deadline. His late hours cause some frustration for his wife, Magdalena, because he sometimes forgets that they are supposed to go out together.

In spite of his exceptional performance, Rod's salary has only kept up with inflation for the last couple of years, and his friends think that he is foolish to work for a company that doesn't reward him with substantial pay increases. But Rod just smiles knowingly.

- Does Rod consider graphic design to be work or leisure?

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- For what tendencies in himself should Rod be on the alert?

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