

Listening A [Track 02]

Jill: I'm a full-time student in my third year of college. I'm taking six classes this year, and I'm also preparing for the Law School Admission Test, so I have a very busy schedule. I usually like working hard, but my roommates, Nora and Leslie, say I'm working too hard this year. They're right. I go out with them on the weekends, but I'm always tired, and they say I'm boring. Actually, they're usually tired, too, so when they say this, we all think it's funny! Nora and Leslie want to be doctors, and they're preparing for medical school exams this year, so we're all working too hard. The good thing is that we're doing it together, so we're never lonely. And we don't get angry or upset if one of us is too busy and can't go out.

Mark: I'm an accountant, and I'm really busy at work these days. I usually work from 9:00 to 5:00, but I'm trying to finish a big report for my boss before the end of the month, so I'm working late tonight. It's 10:00 p.m., and here I am at my desk. It's just me here. All my co-workers are home with their families. My wife doesn't like it. When I get home late, she gets upset because I'm not spending time with our son. This makes me upset, too. But I'm trying not to think about it because I know things will be better at the end of the month.