

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Australian men's hobby parenting

The old stereotype of the tough Australian male was reinforced this week when a study discovered that on average Australian fathers only spend six minutes with their children from Monday to Friday.

1. Listen to the story and complete the sentences below:

- On average, Australian fathers spend _____ with their children every day.
- Fathers like to spend time with their children in _____ or at _____, but they don't participate in _____, _____ or _____.
- Australian mothers spend about _____ looking after their children each week.
- Australian fathers see childcare as a _____ activity.
- Men in Australia work _____ than men in America, Denmark, Italy and France.

2. Choose the correct answer for each sentence:

- Most Australian men
 - a. discovered that they are average.
 - b. report that they like reading to their children.
 - c. spend little time with their children.

- Australian mothers
 - a. look better after their children than Italian mothers.
 - b. don't divide childcare evenly with fathers.
 - c. spend less time with their children than their fathers.

- In Australia, childcare is seen
 - a. as a men's hobby and a women's job.
 - b. as a leisure activity for mothers.
 - c. as the fun aspect of parenthood.