

A- Work can be defined as any productive activity which is paid or unpaid, and leisure can be defined as any activity which is not devoted to work. However, despite their clear differences ~~the~~ work and leisure can interrelate with one another and their clear boundaries may become blurred. For example, many work activities may be seen as leisure activities, Photography, painting and gardening. Similarly, many leisure activities may also be seen as work such as sport. When an individual may play a sport as a leisure activity but over time may receive payment from it as they are playing on a professional ~~level~~ level. All individuals in society take part in work and leisure.

B- The advancements of technology has contributed greatly to the changing pattern of leisure. Since the Industrial Revolution of the 18th Century, leisure was not seen as an activity that the masses could take part in as only the wealthy or royalty had access to "Free time". As the Industrial Revolution allowed machines to replace many manual labour jobs, the notion of "free time" was granted to the masses.

Over time, through industrialisation, urbanisation and modernisation brought on by new technologies from the industrial revolution, the eight hour working day became invented as ~~industry~~ industries and companies strived for more efficient means of production. This allowed an accepted notion of leisure to the workers, and created the structure of work and simultaneously the structure of leisure, being any time ~~or~~ that is not devoted to work.

Holidays are an accepted form of leisure and time off work. New technology in transportation such as ~~airplanes~~ ~~air~~ planes, cars and trains have allowed individuals to travel overseas, within their standard 'holiday time' off work. The introduction of computers into the work place and subsequent use of the internet has allowed many

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new form of work to take place, which may be seen ~~as~~ from an individual's perspective as leisure. As work and leisure may overlap and interrelate. Working from home is a relatively new concept which many industries are introducing into the workplace. Technology has allowed this to take place. In investigating this topic, I interviewed a 35 year old woman in regards to her interaction with her work and leisure. She states that "Working from home is like my new leisure activity" as she no longer has to go into her work place, as she "work from her computer" allowing her more leisure time as she no longer has to travel from her home to the workplace.

New technology has also increased and made way for more leisure activities, such as watching tv and playing computer games. These passive leisure activities have only come into existence within the past forty years and has allowed individuals new ways to ~~socialise~~ ~~socialize~~ socialize with one another in the form of online gaming and LAN parties.

Weekends are still seen as days off from work, but ^{leisure} activities individuals choose to do on these days have changed over time. As today's society is secular, going to church on ~~sat~~ Sunday or other similar places of worship has decreased and is not as popular as it was fifty years ago. Attending sporting events have remained a popular leisure activity, with 66% of individuals aged over 15 take part in sports or another form of physical activity (ABS, 2007). This show that technology has not necessarily changed the patterns of leisure in society.

For example, in a technology heavy environment like Japan, society is still very work-ethic oriented. With leisure slowly becoming seen

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