UNIT 8 QUIZ A AUDIO SCRIPT

Listening 1 Exercise A

Tim Hey, Anna. Any plans for the long weekend?

Anna Yes! Rob is taking the children hiking, so I'm going to be spending the four days on my own!

Tim Oh wow! What are you going to do with all that time on your hands?

Anna I'm going to fill my time with lots of meaningful activities. No, seriously. I'm really looking forward to some "me" time. It will be great to have some time to do things at my own pace without having to think about Rob and the kids. Oh my, that sounds terrible, doesn't it?

Tim No, not at all. I know what you mean. I like having some time for myself, too. In my case, "me" time is driving the car to work. But, seriously, four days is quite a long time to be on your own. What are you planning to do?

Anna Oh, don't worry. I have some great plans. For example, I've got two novels that I bought a couple of months ago and haven't even started reading. I hope I'll be able to at least finish one of them. I've also been planning to organize my closet … I saw this series with a woman who helps families organize their houses … Her name is Marie something …

Tim Ah, yes, you mean Marie Kondo, the Japanese woman who talks about going through your things, getting rid of what you don't need, keeping only things that bring you joy …

Anna Yeah, that's the one! Well, she totally convinced me about her method. After I watched her show, I opened my closet and realized it was such a mess … Everything was disorganized, jumbled up, tangled up … Now I have this vision of opening it one morning and finding all my dresses hanging up in perfect rows, the T-shirts all folded and organized in neat piles by color, the shoes all lined up by type and in their boxes …

Tim That sounds … neat … but don't forget to get rid of some of the clothes too … And … when you finish doing that and start getting bored, you can come to our place and organize our kids' bedroom. You're sure to have lots of fun because those kids never put anything away!

Anna Ha ha! No, thank you! I guess one closet will be more than enough this weekend.