

Una conversación difícil

1 Es viernes y son las siete de la noche.

Generalmente me gusta estar con mis amigos los fines de semana. ¿Adónde vamos mis amigos y yo? Al centro comercial. Al cine. Al parque, donde jugamos al fútbol americano o, en el invierno, al gimnasio, donde jugamos al básquetbol o al vóleibol.

2 Pero mañana, no. Mañana me gustaría ir de pesca con papá. Es un día muy especial: es su cumpleaños.

—¿Papá?

—¿Sí, Roberto?

—Papá, me gustaría...

—Sí, Roberto. Te gustaría ir al parque.

Lo siento, pero estoy cansado.

—No, papá. Quiero ir al campo con...

—A ver... Quieres ir al campo con Ramón y su familia mañana. Estoy ocupado, Roberto. Puedes hablar con tu mamá...

—¡No, no, papá! Quiero ir de pesca...

—¿De pesca? ¿Cómo vas a ir de pesca? No puedes ir solo. ¿Con quién vas a ir de pesca?

—Contigo, papá. Quiero pasar el día de tu cumpleaños contigo.

—¿Conmigo? ¿Mi cumpleaños? ¡No me digas!

—¿No vas a estar ni cansado ni ocupado, papá?

—No, no, Roberto. ¿Quién puede estar cansado en su cumpleaños? Pero sí voy a estar ocupado. Voy a ir de pesca contigo.



Answer questions 1–6. Base your answers on the reading “Una conversación difícil.”

1 What does *cumpleaños* mean in paragraph 2?

- A vacation
- B birthday
- C free time
- D a kind of park

2 What is different about this weekend?

- F Roberto is going to the mall with his friends.
- G Roberto is going either to the park or to the gym with his friends.
- H It is Roberto’s birthday.
- J It is Roberto’s father’s birthday.

3 Why doesn’t Roberto’s father want to go to the park?

- A He’s tired.
- B He’s sick.
- C He’s busy.
- D It’s Friday evening.

4 Why does Roberto want to go to the country?

- F He wants to be with Ramón and his family.
- G He wants to go fishing with his father.
- H He can talk to his mother there.
- J It’s his birthday.

5 Which of the following is the best reason why Roberto’s father is so happy at the end of the story?

- A He loves to go fishing.
- B He isn’t tired or busy anymore.
- C Roberto wants to spend the day with him.
- D Tomorrow is his birthday.

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READ
THINK
EXPLAIN

This year Roberto may not have bought his father a birthday present. As far as his father is concerned, however, Roberto is giving him the best gift possible. There is a common English expression that says, “It’s the thought that counts.” Briefly explain this expression in relation to the story and give an example from your own experience.