

MATTHEWS: Well, I understand the difficulty, but I'd say that _____ at least once each day is crucial for their relationship. Isn't there one meal when you could do that?

4. a family / get together

WALKER: Well, I suppose dinner might be a possibility. The kids have school activities in the evening starting at seven. My husband Joe and I don't get home until six. That doesn't leave much time. And the kids don't like _____ to "control their lives," as they put it.

5. we / try

MATTHEWS: Well, Mrs. Walker, I think you'll have to make a decision, but I don't think _____ one meal together each day is unreasonable. Why don't you and your husband just say that this is the way things are going to be? I'd recommend _____ a different person to be responsible for dinner each night—you and your husband included, of course. It's worth a try, I think. Later on, you can think about joining an athletic club and taking a family vacation.

6. you / insist on

7. the family / have

8. you / assign

WALKER: You know, I think you're right. I think I'll give it a try.

Conversation 2

MARTHA: Hi, Lois. What's on your mind? You said you wanted to talk.

LOIS: Hi, Martha. I wanted to tell you about the session I had with the family counselor. I asked her about how we could get some family togetherness. She's in favor of _____ at least one meal together every day. I remember _____ you and Hank and your kids always have breakfast and dinner together. How do you manage it?

9. families / eat

10. you / say

MARTHA: How do we manage it? I don't know. We just do it. That's just been a rule in our house for as long as I can remember. Don't you have any family meals now?

LOIS: No, we don't. _____ different schedules makes it really tough.

11. Everybody / have

MARTHA: Well, I understand your problem, but I'd say that _____ together at least once a day is pretty necessary if they're really going to be a family. Isn't there one time when you could all be there?

12. a family / eat