“Worth Working For”

Layla and Imran have been married for 8 years. They have had many good times together. **They** have travelled the world together. They have two little girls together. They have started a chocolate business together. Lately, Layla and Imran have been fighting a lot. Business at the chocolate store is slow. Imran thinks it is Paola’s fault. They are having trouble with money. Layla thinks Imran spends too much. One evening, Layla decides to visit her mom for advice.  Layla knocks on her mom’s door. Layla’s mom is happy. It is a surprise visit. **She** quickly sees, however, that something is wrong. Layla looks sad and tired. “Layla, what is the matter?” Mom asks. Layla tells her mom all that is going on. Mom smiles gently. She rubs Layla’s back. Then she tells Layla a story. “Your father and I have a wonderful marriage. But we don’t always get along. There was a time when things were very bad between us. **We** fought all the time. You were just a little girl. One day we watched you playing on the floor. We knew we wanted to make our marriage work. We loved you very much. We loved each other very much. We knew we had to work harder on our marriage.”

“What did you do?” asks Layla.“ We agreed to talk more. We planned a special night each week for the two of us. We went to see someone who helps people with their marriages,” Mom says. “It was worth it. **I** can’t imagine not having your father in my life.” Layla begins to feel better. “You are right,” she says. “What Imran and I have is worth working for.”

**1) Why does Layla want to see her mom?**

A. to have dinner  B. to get advice

C. to have a laugh  D. to see how she is doing

**2) Where does the talk take place?**

A. at Mom's house  B. at a restaurant

C. at Layla 's house  D. at the chocolate store

**3) What good times have Layla and Imran had?**

* Check all that are correct.

A. They have travelled the world. B. They have had two children.

C. They have built a house. D. They have started a business.

**4) How long have Imran and Layla been married?**

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**5) Why does Mom seem to know how Layla feels?**

1. She is a good guesser. B. She has been told by Imran.

C. She and Layla have discussed  this problem before.

D. She has experienced the same  problem before in her own marriage.

**6) What advice does Mom give Layla?**

* Check all that are correct.

A. Give up.  B. Talk to each other. C. Work hard.  D. Tell the children.

**7) How does Layla feel at the end of the talk with her Mom?**

A. sad B. better C. grim D. stupid

**8) What kind of relationship does Layla seem to have with her Mom?**

* Check all that are correct.

A. open B. tense C. angry D. loving

**9) What does the reader NOT learn in this story?**

1. what Imran has to say
2. why Layla visits her mom
3. how many kids Layla and Imran  have
4. what kind of business Layla and Imran have

**10) What lesson does Layla learn?**

A. Two children is too many.  B. Marriage should be easy.

C. Eight years of marriage is too long. D. Even a good marriage can sometimes be hard work.

**Pronouns :-**

1 - “ They “ in line 2 refer to …………………………………………

2 - “ She “ in line 6 refer to …………………………………………..

3 – “ We “ in line 10 refer to …………………………………………..

4 - “ I “ in line 16 refer to ………………………………………….…..

5 - “ She “ in line 17 refer to …………………………………………..