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Labor Day Weekend: How Do Americans Celebrate?

Listening Script

L: Welcome to English and Culture. I'm Lindsay and I'm here today with Vin on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. So we're going **to chat** a little bit about what Labor Day weekend is, what it means to Americans and what we usually do so... hey Vin, how's it going?

V: Really good, enjoying my Labor Day, how 'bout (about) you, Lindsay?

L: Pretty good. I'm okay. Um, so...Labor Day is Monday. Are you working on Labor Day?

V: Nobody works on Labor Day. That's the one day everybody has off because it's celebrating the American worker.

L: Yeah, so what does that really mean? I mean what, um, what does it mean to American people, like, to have Labor Day?

V: I think it means that, uh, they are able to **kick back**, and uh, the things I like to do...I guess in one sense, it's a little bit sad because it's pretty much the official end of summer. That means they're going to have to **hang up** their bathing suits.

L: Right, right no more bathing suits.

V: And yeah, and, basically they're just gonna (going to) be **hangin out** (hanging) out with friends or family, **hanging around** buddies, hosting parties, doing some grillin' out (grilling out), barbecuin' (barbecuing)...

L: Yep, spending time at the beach, parties, sometimes there are weddings. This weekend there's a wedding.

V: Yeah, we're doing a wedding right now, this weekend. Holy cow! Hard to believe! Your brother, my son.

L: Absolutely

V: Isn't that something? Your brother, my son. Absolutely.

L: (chuckle) ok good job. All right thanks a lot for telling us about Labor Day.

V: Hey Top-o-the-day to you.