Under Pressure

Task 1: Listening for the main ideas.

How is the dad feeling?
______________________________________
______________________________________

Task 2: Listening for details. Answer the questions below.
1. How does the stress of work affect the dad’s mood?
   (a) ________________________________________________
   (b) ________________________________________________

2. How is the dad dealing with the stress?
   ________________________________________________

3. Why is the dad under pressure at work?
   ________________________________________________

4. Why does the daughter say that the dad needs to take care of himself?
   ________________________________________________

5. What might the dad do after he finishes the reports?
   ________________________________________________

6. What does the daughter want at the end of the dialogue? Why?
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Dad: (sigh) I need a ____________.
Erin: You do seem a little ____________ out these days.
Dad: I am ____________ exhausted. I am ____________ a lot of ____________ at work.
Erin: I guess that ____________ why you have been so ____________ lately.
Dad: Yeah, ____________about that. I haven’t been ____________ with the stress very ____________.
Erin: I’ve ____________. You don’t look well ____________.
Dad: It’s just that I’m really ____________. I haven’t been ____________.
Erin: What’s ____________ you up at night?
Dad: I’m ____________ about these _____________. I have some very important ____________ coming up.
Erin: Well, if you don’t ____________ care of yourself, you’re going to get ____________.
Dad: Yeah, that’s _____________. Maybe, after I get these reports finished I’ll take a _____________.
Erin: If you do, you ____________ take me with you. I could use a break too. My schoolwork is very _____________.

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Dad: (sigh) I need a break.
Erin: You do seem a little stressed out these days.
Dad: I am mentally exhausted. I am under a lot of pressure at work.
Erin: I guess that explains why you have been so grumpy lately.
Dad: Yeah, sorry about that. I haven’t been coping with the stress very well.
Erin: I’ve noticed. You don’t look well either.
Dad: It’s just that I’m really tired. I haven’t been sleeping.
Erin: What’s keeping you up at night?
Dad: I’m worried about these reports. I have some very important deadlines coming up.
Erin: Well, if you don’t take care of yourself, you’re going to get sick.
Dad: Yeah, that’s true. Maybe, after I get these reports finished I’ll take a vacation.
Erin: If you do, you should take me with you. I could use a break too. My schoolwork is very stressful.