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The Perfect Time Manager?

1.Read and answer.



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF

Mark McCormack, multi-millionaire.

Mark McCormack is American. He's sixty-three. He's the manager of many famous people, including Monica Seles and Alain Prost. He's married with two sons and a daughter. He has forty-two offices in twenty countries, and homes in London, New York, Cleveland, and Florida.

"I get up every morning at 4.30. If my agenda says 'Do exercise', I do some exercise. My secretary arrives at about 5.15 and she brings the newspaper. Then I have a shower and I get dressed. I usually have coffee and cereal for breakfast at the Carlton Tower Hotel (if I am with a client) or I just have a coffee at home."

"First I look at my yellow agenda. On the left are my meetings. On the right are my phonecalls. I'm a very good time-manager. I always plan my life exactly for the next six months. I write down everything I do: how many hours I sleep, how many hours I see my children, and how many hours I spend in each city of the world. I have business meetings in my office from 9.00 a.m. until lunchtime. At 1.00 I usually have lunch at the Carlton, and I always sit at the same table. After lunch I call the USA, and after that I sleep until 6.00."



"At 7.00 I often have a drink with a friend or a client in a bar. I usually have a Jack Daniels whisky. Then I have dinner at a restaurant. I never cook. In the evening, if my wife is with me, we sometimes go to the cinema. We have meetings to plan our life

together. We try to spend about 60% of our time together. I go to bed at about 11.30. Sleeping is not a problem for me. It's in my yellow agenda - so I go to bed and I sleep.'

1) What does Mark McCormack do?

2) He has a shower before breakfast.

TRUEFALSE

3) Mark writes everything he does in his agenda.

TRUEFALSE

4) Does he work in the afternoon?

5) What does he like drinking when he goes to a bar?

2.Read more about Mark Mc.Cormack and complete with words from the box

EARLY	SPEAK	TIME	HOURS	i H	AIR	LIFE	LIVES	
	SHOWER	FRIEND	S	HOUR	WE	ARS		
Mark McCormack	is a short ma	an. He has s	hort bro	wn		;	and dark eyes.	He
always	a white sh	hirt, a black su	it and a	red tie.				
Mark thinks he is t	the perfect time	manager: He	gets up	very _			and he c	loes
some exercise. Then he takes a He has breakfast at 7.00 and he works v							with	
his secretary for two		He has meetings in the morning from 9.15 until						
lunchtime. Everything		is perfectly planned.						
Mark is American, but he in London with his family. At the moment, he isn't							ı't in	
London. He is working	g in France.				-			
In his free	-	, Marl	likes	going	to the	cinema	a or meeting	his
fo	r a drink.						0	
Mark can	thre	e different lan	quades	Enalist	n. French	h and Spa	anish.	

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3.<u>Read about Mark's secretary and complete with words from the box</u>

THEIR	NEVER	то	HER	EVERY	AND	BUT	IN	AT	THERE		
Stella Grant is Mark's secretary. She works very hard.							day she goes to				
Mark's	house		5	5.15 and she p	lans the res	t of the day	/ with hin	n. Then sl	he		
goes _		the office and makes phone calls and other things. She can									
		leave	e the office	before 6.00 _			_ the aft	ernoon.			
Stella i	s not married			she has	got a boyfri	end. They l	ive in a f	lat near S	stella's		
office.			_ flat is no	t very big	-		are only	two room	s, a		
kitchen	and a bathroo	om. Stella	's boyfrien	d doesn't like			job. S	She's alwa	ays		
tired			doesn't wa	ant to go out.							

4. Read this phone conversation between Mark and his wife. Circle the correct option

Mark:	Hi. How are you?
Mark's wife:	Fine, thanks. Where IS / ARE you?
Mark:	I'm at the Carlton. I HAVE / AM HAVING breakfast. You know I always HAVE / AM
	HAVINGbreakfast at 7.00. And you?
Mark's wife:	Yes, I know I'm at home, with the kids.
Mark:	What DO THEY DO / ARE THEY DOING ?
Mark's wife:	Watching TV, I think. It's the Grammy's Awards. You know they love WATCHING /
	WATCH that show. Anyway, why are you calling? IS / ARE there a problem?
Mark:	Not really. Yesterday I WAS / WERE at home all day. I HAVE / HAD a very bad cold.
	Stella was here, too. We WAS / WERE very busy making phone calls and speaking to
	my clients.
Mark's wife:	Mark! You are incredible! Why AREN'T YOU COMING / DON'T YOU COME back
	home?

5.<u>Complete the interview to Mark's wife with the phrases in the bubbles. Be careful!</u> <u>There is an extra one.</u>

Howold are	yourchildren What are you doing How much time do you spend v	vith Mark
2	2	
What do	you do What is your husband doing now Does Mark see them	
Interviewer:		_?
Mark's wife:	I'm a housewife. I don't work.	
Interviewer:		_?
Mark's wife:	We usually spend 60% of our time together. That's a lot, right?	
Interviewer:		_?
Mark's wife:	Our children are 10, 13 and 15.	
Interviewer:		_?
Mark's wife:	Yes, he does. He sees them every day at about 7.30 p.m.	
Interviewer:		_?
Mark's wife:	Now? He's working in France.	

<u>6.</u> Write a letter about your favourite day of the week. Include the following <u>information:</u>

- What day is it?
- Why is it your favourite day?
- Where do you go?
- Do you go alone?

- Who do you go with?
- What do you do in the morning?
- What do you do in the afternoon?
- What do you do in the evening?