

Daily Conversation 17

He's all tied up.



Questions:

Teacher, make sure that students always answer in complete sentences with correct grammar and pronunciation.

1. Describe the photo in 5 to 7 sentences.
2. Do you think she can manage all those activities that she's thinking?
3. Are you a busy person?
4. What days of the are you usually busy?
5. Is being busy good or bad for a person? Why or why not?
6. What activities can you think of which is a waste of time? Discuss why you consider them a waste of time.
7. Was there a time in your life that you pretend to be busy? Why did you do it or why are you doing it?

Role Play

Read the following conversation with correct pronunciation and diction.

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| Renee | Hello, this is Renee Chang calling from Alpha Co. Please get me the extension 41. |
| Secretary | Mr. Martin's office. May I help you ? |
| Renee | Oh, hi, Miss Wood. This is Renee. How are you ? I'm calling again to discuss the exhibitions with Mr. Martin. Is he available ? |
| Secretary | Sorry, Renee, Mr. Martin can't come to the phone. He's all tied up in the staff meeting . But he said he would be free tomorrow morning and you two could discuss it over brunch. What do you say ? |
| Renee | Perfect ! Thanks so much for your help. I owe you one. Let's do lunch sometime. My treat. |
| Secretary | That's great. We'll talk later then. |

Comprehension questions and opinions:

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1. Why is Renee calling Mr. Martin's office?
2. Was she able to talk to Mr. Martin? Why or why not?
3. What's the meaning of the phrase "he's all tied up"?
4. Do you know someone who is busy? Describe that person.
5. What can you say about lazy people?
6. Can laziness be helpful sometime? Why or why not?
7. What are the advantages and disadvantages of being busy?

HOMEWORK : Choose the best answer.

debacle

n. breaking up; downfall

v. confuse; puzzle

v. attribute; ascribe

adj. without feeling

cauterize

n. fitness; talent

v. burn with hot iron or caustic

adj. not to be taken away; nontransferable

n. serious or fatal accident

squabble

n. small group of persons secretly united to promote their own interests

adj. disloyal

n. minor quarrel; bickering

v. waste

vulpine

v. reduce; exhaust

n. projection; conjecture

n. lavish expenditure; overabundant condition

adj. like a fox; crafty

hibernate

v. sleep throughout the winter

adj. deprived of; lacking

v. worsen; diminish in value

adj. ordinary; unimaginative

gambit

v. remove (forcible)

adj. deserving blame

v. abstain from; resist n. chorus

n. opening in chess in which a piece is sacrificed

metallurgical

adj. lustful

adj. praising

adj. at the point of death

adj. pertaining to the art of removing metals from ores

maxim

n. meeting

n. proverb; a truth pithily stated

adj. shining; issuing light

n. forewarning

ephemeral

adj. confused; discomposed

adj. short-lived; fleeting

adj. motionless; stale

v. provide a refuge for; hide

reparable

adj. pertaining to marriage

adj. proper; appropriate

v. recede; lessen

adj. capable

Use the following words in sentences.

1. cauterize-_____

2. gambit-_____

3. hibernate-_____

4. reparable-_____

5. vulpine-_____