

Daily Conversation 17

He's all tied up.



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3. Are you a busy person?
4. What days of the week 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.

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:

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

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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

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

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v. sleep throughout the winter

adj. pertaining to marriage

adj. deprived of; lacking

adj. proper; appropriate

v. worsen; diminish in value

v. recede; lessen

adj. ordinary; unimaginative

adj. capable

Use the following words in sentences.

1. cauterize-_____
2. gambit-_____
3. hibernate-_____
4. reparable-_____
5. vulpine-_____