

**NIVEL INTERMEDIO B1****TAREA 1****THE PERFECT SCHEDULE** (adapted from elllo.org)

You are going to listen to a conversation between two people. They are going to talk about their working habits. After that, you will answer questions 1-7. Choose the correct answer (a/b/c). Question 0 is an example.

- You will listen to the recording **twice**.
- You will have 30 seconds between the first and the second listening and 60 seconds at the end.
- You now have 90 seconds to read the questions.

(Marks 7x1 = 7)

Don't forget to write your answers on the answer sheet.

1) How many free days does the man have during the week?

- a) 2 days.
- b) 3 days.**
- c) 1 Day.

2) The woman's favourite working schedule is...

- a) 9 to 5.
- b) 9 to 2.
- c) 9.30 to 12.30.

3) In his previous job the man worked.

- a) at midday.
- b) at midnight.
- c) at lunchtime.

4) In that previous job, the man had a ___ contract.

- a) regular
- b) temporary
- c) part-time

5) The man prefers working....

- a) in the morning.
- b) in the evening.
- c) at midnight.

6) The woman had a job ...

- a) all week.
- b) all weekends.
- c) all weekdays.

7) When he doesn't work the man becomes....

- a) irritating.
- b) frustrated.
- c) anxious.

8) The man can accept being off work for...

- a) two weeks.
- b) four weeks.

c) eight weeks.

TAREA 2

Single in New York (adapted from speak up)

You will hear a programme about speed dating events in New York. Listen to it and fill in the gaps with **ONE WORD** from the text. Sentence 0 is an example.

- You will listen to the recording **twice**.
- You will have 30 seconds to consider your answers before listening to the recording for a second time and 60 seconds at the end.
- You now have 60 seconds to read the questions.

(Marks 7x1 = 7)

Don't forget to write your answers on the answer sheet.

1. People go to NY because they want to improve their careers.
2. For single people New York can be very _____.
3. People go to these meetings to find love or _____.
4. Companies organise activities like _____ or guided tours.
5. The number of people in each group is _____.
6. This type of business is more _____ with women.
7. For women it is _____ to meet people.
8. Women try to find people with _____ tastes or opinions.

TAREA 3

COUNTRY HOUSES (from Speak up)

You are going to listen to a programme about country houses. After that, you will answer questions 1-6. Choose the correct answer (a/b/c). Question 0 is an example.

- You will listen to the recording **twice**.
- You will have 30 seconds between the first and the second listening and 60 seconds at the end.
- You now have 90 seconds to read the questions.

(Marks 6x1 = 6)

Don't forget to write your answers on the answer sheet.

1. What type of TV programmes are British people interested in?

- a) Documentaries.
- b) Historical.**
- c) Series.

2. Why are British people interested in these programmes?

- a) They want to compare different people's lifestyle.
- b) They would like to live in such beautiful buildings.
- c) They like to know how people lived.

3. Downton Abbey is...

- a) the actual name of a house.
- b) the fictional name of a house.
- c) the real name of a castle.

4. The place has been a house since...

- a) the 18th century.
- b) the 20th century.
- c) the 19th century.

5. People built country houses to....

- a) do foreign trade.
- b) have lots of land.
- c) exhibit their money.

6. The aristocracy was popular because

- a) they looked after local families.
- b) they gave jobs to local people.
- c) they brought a lot of guests.

7. When the buildings were sold, some of them were used as...

- a) farms.
- b) hostels.

c) jails.

TAREA 4

SIX MESSAGES

You are going to listen to 6 messages. After that, you will answer questions 1-6. Choose the correct option (a/b/c) for each question. Message 0 is an example. You will listen to it only once.

- You will listen to each message **TWICE**.
- You will have 30 seconds between the first and second listening and 60 seconds at the end.
- You now have 90 seconds to read the questions.

(Marks 6x1 = 6)

Don't forget to write your answers on the answer sheet.

Question 1. Anna likes the boy because she can...

- a) talk to him.
- b) trust him.**
- c) date him.

Question 2. The house is....

- a) in a town.
- b) in a village.
- c) in a suburb.

Question 3. Emma phoned....

- a) to apologize.
- b) to have a meal.
- c) to pick up her children.

Question 4. John can do aquafit. .

- a) once a week.
- b) twice a week.
- d) three times a week.

Question 5. Simon is coming to Spain...

- a) on holiday.
- b) to work.
- c) to visit.

Question 6. The apartment has...

- a) one bed.
- b) one bedroom.
- c) two bedrooms.

Question 7. The maths tutor leaves a message...

- a) to arrange a meeting.
- b) to visit them.
- c) to go to music lessons.

CLAVE DE CORRECCIONES

TAREA 1: THE PERFECT SCHEDULE

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
b	b	a	a	a	b	a	c

TAREA 2: SINGLE IN NEW YORK

SENTENCE	0	1	2	3
Answer	IMPROVE	LONELY	FRIENDS	WALKS
SENTENCE	4	5	6	7
Answer	15	POPULAR	HAPPY	SIMILAR

TAREA 3: COUNTRY HOUSES

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
b	c	a	b	c	b	c

TAREA 4: SIX MESSAGES

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
b	c	a	b	b	b	a

1. TABLA DE CONVERSIÓN 26-10

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
0,4	0,8	1,2	1,5	1,9	2,3	2,7	3,1	3,5	3,8	4,2	4,6	5
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
5,4	5,8	6,2	6,5	6,9	7,3	7,7	8,1	8,5	8,8	9,2	9,6	10

TRANSCRIPTS

TAREA 1

THE PERFECT SCHEDULE.

WOMAN So, how are you doing in your new job?

MAN Not bad. I have a wonderful schedule.

WOMAN Really?

MAN Yes. I work Monday and Tuesday and get a day off. Then I work Thursday and Friday and don't get back to work until Monday again.

WOMAN Wow. Just let me know when there are any vacancies.

MAN So, what is a good schedule for you?

WOMAN Yours sounds good. Let me think. When I was younger my ideal working hours used to be 9 until 2.

MAN That's not too bad either.

WOMAN Not 9 to 5 like we have in most Western countries but 9 o'clock to 2 o'clock.

MAN I see

WOMAN If I could find something like that it would be really good. I could sleep in until maybe **seven** or eight, go to work, finish at two, and then come back home and have the rest of the day to do other things.

MAN Sounds similar to my previous job. But that was even better. I started at 9:30 and finished at 12:30 and I only worked five days a week. It was great. I was home by lunchtime.

WOMAN Was that a full-time job?

MAN It was indeed. Believe it or not.

WOMAN You could sign me up for that one as well. Have you ever had a bad schedule?

MAN Yes, of course. I have worked in pubs where I only worked in the evenings. So, I'd start work at 6:30 p.m. and worked until midnight.

WOMAN Oh, come on. That's not bad either. You had the whole day off.

MAN I hated it. I spent all day thinking "I've got to go to work later". I prefer working in the morning and get it over with as soon as possible.

WOMAN I agree with you. I very much like to get it down and have the rest of the day to myself. You know? I once had a job where I was working during the weekend.

MAN Really? Did you get any free days?

WOMAN Yes, I got Mondays and Tuesdays. I hated it. I couldn't see my friends or go out on Saturdays. I don't think I'll ever do that again. How about not working? How long do you think you could go without having to work?

MAN That's a funny question. In this job I get really long holidays, but I feel weird when I'm not working. My partner gets really frustrated because I tend to be really annoying when I have nothing to do. I just get depressed and argue all the time.

WOMAN Oh dear! Typical!

MAN But I don't need much work to be honest. One hour a day would do just fine for me.

WOMAN How long could you go without having to touch work?

MAN A Couple of months

WOMAN A Couple of months? You're so funny.

MAN Yeah, if I have other things to do, like projects, doing sports, studying. I could probably go quite a long time If I was reading a good book.

WOMAN Sounds perfect to me.

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TAREA 2

SINGLE IN NEW YORK.

New York is the place where young people go in order to improve their careers. As Frank Sinatra says in his song, "If I can make it there, I can make it anywhere." But talking about relationships - romantic or not - it can be a very lonely place. Finding a girlfriend or boyfriend is difficult, but so is making friends. This is why there aren't only speed dating events for people looking for love: there are also speed dating events for people looking for friends. They are known as "wing" nights. There are "wingman" nights for men looking for a 'pal', another man they can have a beer with and who may even help them meet a couple. And there are "Wingwoman" nights for women.

The traditional romantic speed dating business has also changed. There are new rules now. It doesn't consist of talking to someone for three minutes. Nowadays companies organise walks along the Hudson River or guided tours of museums for groups of about 15 single men or women. At the end of the event they are free to decide who they want to see again. According to onspeeddating.com this type of business is more popular with women than men. Maybe the reason for this is that it is much harder for them to meet someone in a big city like New York. Apart from that, women try to be more careful and prefer to choose people with similar tastes or opinions.

So, if you plan to move to New York in the near future, apart from your accommodation you could think about finding friends. You just have to login to onspeeddating.com and find your event.

TAREA 3

COUNTRY HOUSES.

Why are so many British people interested in historical television programs like Downton Abbey? Maybe because they want to see how the rich and the poor lived years ago, or is it to look at the beautiful buildings they lived in? Country houses. Downton Abbey is not a real name. But the house they used for the program is real, Highclere castle, in the south of England. It was built nine hundred years ago. But was changed into a house in the nineteenth century by the architect who also build the British houses of parliament, which is why they look a little similar. Why build a country house? To show the people how much money you have of course. The money may have come from having lots of land or a rich family, or from foreign trade. When the house was finished it was filled with furniture and paintings. And people to cook clean and look after the family and guests. Employing so many local people was one way the local aristocracy remained popular. But as we know from the story of Downton Abbey the money and the power of the families who lived in these houses did not last forever. Changes in politics, farming and taxes meant it became more and more difficult

to manage these properties. Today, many country houses are open to the public, who pay money to look around. Others were sold, and became hospitals, schools, hotels, even prisons. Many more have gone. And of course, some are used as locations for films and TV programs like Downton Abbey.

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TAREA 4

SIX MESSAGES.

MESSAGE 0. Tema: Identificación personal

Hi! It's Ann. I've just arrived from the speed dating event. And? I have met someone. His name is John and he is lovely. He is medium height, has curly brown hair and blue eyes. What I most liked about him was that he is open-minded and reliable.

48 palabras

MESSAGE 1. TEMA: Vivienda

Hi Anna! Are you still looking for a house? I have just seen a fantastic one. It is on the outskirts, in a quiet neighbourhood. It has three bedrooms, a fully-equipped kitchen, a living- dining room and two bathrooms. The best thing is, that it has a terrace with breathtaking views to the river. (54 palabras)

MESSAGE 2. TEMA: Rutina diaria

Hello! It's Emma. I'm sorry for not going to your meal. I'm so busy at the moment. I get up at 6, work from 8 to 3, then I pick up the children from school and I drive them to extra curricular activities. Some days I don't have time for lunch. I'll turn up next time. (57 palabras)

MESSAGE 3. TEMA: Actividades de la vida diaria

This is a message for John Prescott. I'm calling from your leisure centre. We heard your message asking if we have yoga and swimming lessons in the morning. We have yoga lessons from 10.30 to 11.30 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Sorry we don't have swimming in the morning. But we have aquafit if you want, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11.00. (65 palabras)

MESSAGE 4

TEMA: Relaciones familiares y personales

Hi! It's George. Do you remember Simon? Yes, my Scottish friend from university. We haven't seen each other for 22 years. Well, he has just sent an email. He is coming to Spain next week on a business trip. And guess what? He is going to come down and visit me for 3 days. I'm so excited. (57 palabras)

MESSAGE 5. TEMA: Houses

Hello. It's Joanna from the travel agency. I have been looking for accommodation for your trip to Prague. You wanted a two-bedroom apartment, didn't you? Well, I've found one but it only has one bedroom. It has a pull-out bed in the living room though. The rest have 3 bedrooms or more. I could book this one or we can always try to find a hotel. (67 palabras)

MESSAGE 6. TEMA: Rutinas diarias.

Hello. I'm Andy the maths tutor. You asked for an appointment to see me. I know you can't come at the usual time on Mondays at 11.35 because you are on duty. Let me see. We could meet every day at 16.30 except on Tuesdays. That's when I have my music lessons. (54 palabras)

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