


Reading 2 – Busy lives

Questa è la seconda lettura. Troverete delle domande a seguire sotto.

Read the text and answer the questions below.



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MOTHER...

Marjan Jahangiri, originally from Iran, is the first woman professor of cardiac surgery in the UK. She does more than 300 operations a year. She lives in London with her husband and their 22-year-old son, Darius.

Can you describe your daily routine?

I get up between 6.00 a.m. and 6.30 a.m., I get to work at 7.00 a.m., and my meetings usually start at 7.30 a.m. After that, I don't have a break. I have lunch at my desk. I often do two operations a day, and I also have lectures and more meetings. I have dinner with my son when he's home from university. Between 9.30 p.m. and 11.30 p.m., I do research and I watch the news on TV. One or two nights a week I'm on call, so I probably need to do operations during the night. I often work at weekends, too. But that's OK – I think I have a fantastic life because I love my work.

How do you balance work with your family life?

I'm very close to my son. I want him to learn about hard work and good values, and I want to be an example for him. My husband is away a lot, but we speak on the phone every day. I think one reason why I am successful in my professional life is because he isn't at home all the time!

What do you do to relax?

I play the piano for an hour every day, late at night. I think it helps me with my operations – it's technical in the same way. I also go to the hairdresser twice a week. I do a lot of my research there! They turn the music off for me and I use the time to read all my academic papers.

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When does Marjan do the following activities?

- 1 does operations *two a day and sometimes during the night*
- 2 does research
- 3 has dinner with her son
- 4 gets to work
- 5 gets up
- 6 goes to the hairdresser
- 7 plays the piano
- 8 speaks to her husband
- 9 watches TV