

Ivan Vasiliev is a Russian ballet dancer. He is the principal dancer with the American Ballet Theatre.

I live in a flat in St Petersburg with my girlfriend. I usually get up at **about** nine and **then** I have a shower. In my job I **often** stay in hotels. When you have a shower in the morning in a hotel you can leave your towel on the floor. I love that.

I always have a good breakfast, and I love eggs. When I am very hungry, I sometimes eat five. I like sausages, too. Classes start at 10.30. I practise all morning without a break. I sometimes have lunch, but not always. In the afternoon, I practise more. Of course in ballet, you need to be perfect. Nureyev is my favourite dancer. I have a pair of his ballet shoes. **After** work I want to eat. I love meat. My favourite is a big steak. No vegetables. Only steak.

In the evening we sometimes go out. **Before** we go out my girlfriend looks at my clothes and she usually says: "No, Ivan. Change!" I'm not interested in clothes, but I love watches. I have seven, including a Montblanc, three Rolexes, and a Maurice Lacroix. Sometimes, I don't go to bed **until** 1.00 or 2.00. It's often difficult to sleep. I have a lot of things in my head.

Glossary

ballet shoes



floor



clothes



sleep



towel



Read the article again. Then answer the questions.

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| 1 Where does Ivan live? | 6 What's his favourite dinner? |
| 2 What time does he get up in the morning? | 7 What does he do in the evening? |
| 3 What does he have for breakfast? | 8 Why does his girlfriend say, 'Change!'? |
| 4 What time do classes start? | 9 Does he go to bed late? |
| 5 Does he always have lunch? | 10 Is it always easy for him to sleep? |

Complete the sentences with a highlighted 'time' word from the article

- 1 I get up at 7.00. _____ I have breakfast.
- 2 I _____ go to the cinema at the weekend.
- 3 Gina doesn't finish work _____ 7.00 in the evening.
- 4 I never drink coffee _____ I go to bed.
- 5 My wife always has a bath or shower _____ she gets up in the morning.
- 6 We usually go to bed at _____ 11.00.