



Matthew McConaughey Shares his Trick for Getting What you Want

Matthew McConaughey is a very famous actor from Texas, USA. He has starred in many well-known films such as Dallas Buyers Club, The Wolf of Wall Street and Interstellar. Matthew McConaughey speaks with a strong Texan accent, which is different and slightly more challenging to understand than a Standard American accent. Matthew McConaughey uses advanced expressions throughout the video in his Texan accent, which makes him a great person for practising advanced listening.

In the interview below, he is talking about his book called Greenlights. He described the book as a collection of "stories, prayers, poems, people and places and a whole bunch of bumper stickers."

Watch the video in the link below, and answer the questions with as much information as possible. The interviewer speaks with a Standard American accent:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WQ5HQ6z9ulk>

Vocabulary to check before answering the questions:

a ghost writer - If a famous person writes a book, sometimes they hire a writer to write it for them on their behalf

a fad - a very short-term enthusiasm for something which soon passes

hedonism - pursuing pleasure even if it is not healthy, such as partying

1. **(00:00-00:42) INTERVIEWER:** What does the interviewer think about the book, and why did he have to change his plans?

(00:44-01:00) The interviewer asks: "what was the origin behind wanting to write the book?"

2. **(01:00-01:24)** What had Matthew McConaughey been threatening to do for 15 years?
4. **(01:24-01:34)** What potential reason did he give for finally deciding to write the book?
5. **(01:34-01:50)** What did he decide to do first in order to set about writing the book, and what happened after?
6. **(01:50-01:56)** What was one aspect about the book which didn't turn out as he expected?
7. **(01:56-02:19)** What did he do in the early part of the writing process in order to allow the book to materialise?
8. **(02:19-02:39) INTERVIEWER:** The interviewer mentions a quote from Gore Vidal, which influences the core topic of the book. Can you get the exact quote?



9. **(02:39-02:55) INTERVIEWER:** What brief story does the interviewer give to explain how Matthew McConaughey started out as an actor?
10. **(02:55-04:26)** What does Matthew McConaughey say about studying yourself, and what process does he advise to carry out in order to find yourself?
11. **Based on what you have heard, what do you think the title of the book “Green Lights” is referring to?**

Part 2:

12. **(53:21-54:40)** What are some values that people will get more out of their own lives if they embrace, and what do these values build?
13. **(54:40-54:49)** What is ‘delayed gratification’?
14. **(54:58-55:12)** What are the exact words that Matthew McConaughey uses in these 15 seconds? (CLUE: He also supports the opposite of delayed gratification)