

Activity Type

Reading comprehension and writing exercises

Focus

Reading comprehension

Present simple

Aim

To read a present simple text about a day in the life of three people and to then complete a series of comprehension exercises.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two-page worksheet for each student.

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this present simple reading comprehension worksheet, students read a passage about a day in the life of three people and then complete a series of comprehension exercises.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the two-page worksheet.

The students begin by reading a present simple text about a day in the life of a doctor, a student, and a postman.

Next, students read statements about the text and circle whether they are true or false.

Exercise B - Answer key

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| 1. true | 2. false | 3. false | 4. false | 5. true |
| 6. true | 7. false | 8. false | 9. true | 10. true |

After that, the students complete sentences by writing the names of the people in the text.

Exercise C - Answer key

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| 1. Sven | 5. Pedro | 9. Alice |
| 2. Alice | 6. Alice | 10. Pedro |
| 3. Sven | 7. Sven | 11. Sven |
| 4. Pedro | 8. Pedro | 12. Alice |

The students then answer comprehension questions about the text in their own words.

Exercise D - Answer key

1. She takes her dog for a walk.
2. He plays football.
3. He doesn't have time to eat at home.

Finally, the students do a freer practice exercise where they write about their own typical day using the present simple.

Afterwards, the students read their text to a partner and compare their day.

A. Read the text about a day in the life of Alice, Pedro and Sven.

Alice is a doctor. She lives in London with her husband and her dog. Everyday, she wakes up at 7:00, has a shower, and then makes breakfast. She eats toast with honey and drinks juice with her meal. Then, she gets in her car and drives to work. Alice starts work at 9:00. At 11:00, she stops and drinks a black coffee. She stays in her office at lunchtime and eats a sandwich. After she finishes work at 5:00, Alice goes to the gym. She gets home at 6:30. As soon as she arrives, she takes her dog for a walk. After that, she starts cooking. Dinner is usually pasta and sometimes she has ice-cream for dessert. In the evenings, Alice likes to watch television. At 10:00, she goes to bed. She usually reads for ten minutes, then goes to sleep.



Pedro is a student. He lives in Madrid with his mother and his sister. During the week, he wakes up at 7:30. The first thing he does is brush his teeth. Then, he gets dressed and eats his breakfast. He usually has cereal with a banana. At 8:10, he catches a bus to school because his lessons start at 8:45. He has a break at 10:30 and usually eats a biscuit. At lunchtime, he eats soup in the school cafeteria with his friends. Pedro finishes school at 4:00. After school, he plays football and gets home around 5:30. His mother cooks dinner which they eat at 7:00. After dinner, Pedro does his homework and plays video games. At 9:30, he has a shower, then gets into bed and watches television. He goes to sleep at 10:30.



Sven is a postman, who lives in Stockholm with his brother. Sven starts work at 5:30, so he wakes up at 4:45. He puts on his uniform and walks to work. He doesn't have time to sit down and eat breakfast, so he usually eats a chicken sandwich on the way to work. He spends the morning delivering letters. He stops for lunch at 12:00. For lunch, he always eats a salad or a sandwich in the park. Sven finishes work at 3:30. He is often very tired, so he goes home and watches television. He cooks dinner at 6:00, and his favourite meal is fish or meat with potatoes. After dinner, he practices the piano. At 8:30, he has a shower and brushes his teeth. He goes to bed at 9:30 and falls asleep immediately.



B. Are the following statements about the text true or false? Circle the correct answer.

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| 1. Alice is married. | true | false |
| 2. Alice goes to work by bus. | true | false |
| 3. Alice starts work earlier than Sven. | true | false |
| 4. Alice drinks coffee with milk in the morning. | true | false |
| 5. Pedro lives with one of his parents. | true | false |
| 6. Pedro gets home later than Sven. | true | false |
| 7. Pedro has a shower in the morning. | true | false |
| 8. Sven lives with his sister. | true | false |
| 9. Sven eats lunch outside. | true | false |
| 10. Sven falls asleep as soon as he goes to bed. | true | false |

C. Complete the sentences below by writing Alice, Pedro or Sven.

1. wakes up the earliest.
2. has a pet.
3. doesn't eat breakfast at home.
4. has fruit with their breakfast.
5. eats something in the middle of the morning.
6. eats lunch at work.
7. finishes work / school the earliest.
8. doesn't cook their dinner.
9. eats something cold after their dinner.
10. likes to play games.
11. plays music in the evening.
12. doesn't have a shower in the evening.



D. Answer the comprehension questions about the text in your own words.

1. What does Alice do when she gets home?
2. What does Pedro do after school?
3. Why does Sven eat on the way to work?

E. Write about a typical day in your life. Afterwards, compare your day with a partner.

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