

READING AND LISTENING

A day in the life of Rosa Barrios



Every month, we talk to people with interesting jobs. This month, we talk to Rosa Barrios from Barcelona.

In summertime we see lots of buskers in our cities. They play music and sing in the street for money, they dance, they paint. Rosa Barrios is 19 and she's Spanish but she lives in London, in a small bedsit in Camden. Rosa is a student and she does a very unusual job on Sundays.

'I work in the city centre. You see, I'm a living statue', she says, 'It's not easy but it's a very interesting job.'

Rosa gets up late at about 10 o'clock and she doesn't have breakfast. She has a shower then she gets dressed.

Does she wear special clothes for her job? 'Yes, I do. I've got a fantastic flamenco costume,' she says, 'With lots of different colours, or I wear my Tutankhamon costume.' Then she gets on her bike and she goes to work. 'I go to Leicester Square or Trafalgar Square, it depends. I find a good place and I don't move for hours, I usually stay there from midday to 3. Children stop and smile, or tease me.'

Do people give her money when she works? 'Yes,' says Rosa, 'It's a good job. I make a lot of money.'

What do her family and friends think? 'Well, my mum and dad don't like my job but my friends think I'm very brave. And when people see me on my bike in my flamenco costume they think, "Wow!"'



1 Match the photos to the words.

- 1 musician
- 2 dancer
- 3 busker
- 4 pavement artist

2 1.36 Listen and read the text. What is Rosa's job? _____

3 Choose the right answer.

- 1 Rosa is from...
a England.
b Spain.
c France.
- 2 Rosa lives in...
a Trafalgar Square.
b Camden Town.
c Leicester Square.
- 3 Rosa's job is...
a interesting.
b easy.
c ordinary.
- 4 Rosa gets up...
a at midday.
b in the evening.
c in the morning.
- 5 People say Rosa is...
a brave.
b strange.
c exciting.

4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs below. Careful with spelling and the apostrophe'.

go work paint tell play get up

- 1 Buskers play music. (✓)
- 2 Rosa goes to work at 7 o'clock. (✗)
- 3 My grandmother tells stories. (✓)
- 4 Pavement artists paint in studios. (✗)
- 5 I work in a school. I'm a teacher. (✓)
- 6 I go to school in New York. (✗)

Vocabulary: Daily activities

6 Match the phrases to the pictures. 

go to bed have a shower get up watch TV
start school go home have lunch do homework



A do homework



B start school



C get up

1 5

2 6

3 7

4 8



D have a shower



E have lunch



F watch TV

5:00 9:45

9:30

3:30 9:00

12:45

8:00 7:50



G work



H go to bed

7  1.37 Listen to Mary's daily routine and put the activities and times in the correct order.