

**Reading:** Read the following text about the daily life of a Mayan family in Mexico. Answer the questions below.

## A MAYAN FAMILY

**H**ello, my name is Jimena, I am 11 years old and I want to introduce you my family. We are Mayans from Mexico, we live in a town called Saltillo. Our town is in the north of Mexico, near the USA. We speak Spanish and also a bit of English.



I live in an apartment in a calm area of Saltillo. I live with my mum, my auntie and my cousin. Our fathers don't live with us anymore, but we see them many weekends.

My mother's name is Juana, she is 40 years old. She works in the sugar factory of Saltillo. I don't like her job because she has to get up very early in the morning, at 5 o'clock and we cannot have breakfast together. However, she finishes work at half past four in the afternoon, so we spend time together after I finish school.

My auntie is called Manuela, she is my mum's sister. Manuela is younger, she is 34 years old. My aunt works in a farm, she likes her job because she loves animals. She takes care of the hens and chickens. She starts working at 10 o'clock, which is good because she can be with me and my cousin before we go to school. Unfortunately, she arrives home quite late in the evening, usually at quarter to eight.

My cousin is 8 years old and her name is Mariana. I like living with my cousin, we have fun playing together after doing the homework in the evenings. We go to the same school, Santa Isabel Primary School; but we are in different grades. I am in 5th grade and she is in 3rd grade.

Every morning we get up at quarter past seven and have breakfast at half past seven with my auntie Manuela. She walks us to school at quarter past eight because we start school at half past eight. In the afternoon, my mum picks us up from school; we finish lessons at 5 o'clock. In the evening, we wait for my auntie to come from work and then we have dinner altogether around 8.

After dinner, my cousin and I watch some TV and then we go to bed at 10 o'clock. I love sleeping!

**6. Complete the table with information from the text. Write "no info" if it isn't in the text.**

	<i>Jimena</i>	<i>Juana</i>	<i>Manuela</i>	<i>Mariana</i>
<i>Family member</i>				
<i>Age</i>				
<i>Get up time</i>				
<i>Work place</i>				
<i>Hometown</i>				
<i>Start work time</i>				

<i>School grade</i>				
<i>Dinner time</i>				
<i>Languages</i>				
<i>Sleep time</i>				

7. Read the definition and guess the word. (The words are from the text).

- \* The house where animals live: \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Sweet product that we use for cooking: \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Students learn and play here: \_\_\_\_\_
- \* The language spoken in Mexico: \_\_\_\_\_
- \* The sister of your mother is your: \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Meal we eat in the morning: \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Saturday + Sunday are the: \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Moment of the day that comes after the afternoon: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Write the answer.

- What country is near Mexico? .....
- Who does Jimena live with? .....
- Does Jimena like her mum's job? .....
- What animals does Manuel take care of? .....
- Why does Jimena like living with her cousin? .....

**Post task:** Use the internet to research about the costumes and daily life of people around the world. How are their activities and schedules different from ours? Write a paragraph in which you describe the daily life of a person from another cultural system.

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