

Reading

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Life 'on the road'

Life isn't always so amazing when you're famous! Rock and pop bands usually travel for a lot of the year. They go to different countries and don't see their families for a long time. A lot of famous singers agree that life 'on the road' isn't very exciting. There is a strict routine and it is often difficult.

Danny is a drummer for a UK band and he says that he is always tired. 'Every day is the same. I often don't know what city I'm in!' The band usually travel during the night and arrive at a hotel in the morning. Sometimes they are travelling for up to ten hours. They can't move, or get out or do anything. They sleep during the day, then they get dressed and have dinner. After that, they go to 'work'! The concert normally starts at 9 p.m. They often play until midnight. Then they leave the city to travel to the next city. They eat and sleep on the band's bus.

'We have to play a lot of concerts, because people don't buy CDs now. People download music, but artists don't get a lot of money from that. I enjoy the music, but I'm sad when I don't see my family. I hardly ever go to watch my children's school plays. I can't always watch them at their sports days.' But when Danny is at home, he can help them with their geography homework!

- 1 Rock stars don't have an easy work life.
- 2 Danny is a singer.
- 3 They always sleep in hotels.
- 4 They don't have to play a lot of concerts – they don't need the money.
- 5 Danny would like to go to more of his children's school events.

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Can your clothes help change the world?

CalAid is a UK charity that collects old and new clothes. They want them for refugees. These people, young and old, are running away from dangerous countries. They are trying to start new lives. But when they arrive, they often have nothing. They only have the wet clothes they are wearing. Children are wearing summer clothes in the middle of winter. They have light, summer jackets but they don't have coats for the rain. Small children are walking for days in cheap boots. Mothers are holding babies who are wearing old pyjamas.

So how does CalAid work? People take their old clothes to schools or collection centres. Then every week a lorry drives to Calais in France with the clothes and the other things that people give. At the moment the refugees urgently need winter clothes. They are living in terrible camps, in terrible conditions. The low temperatures at night are making things more difficult. The charity is asking for gloves, hats and scarves right now. They also want men's socks and good walking boots.

So please don't throw your clothes away! You can take them to a school near you. Tell your friends to help too! But please don't bring summer clothes or smart clothes. These clothes are unnecessary at the moment. The clothes have to be warm for the winter and comfortable.

- 1 CalAid sells clothes. _____
- 2 Refugees bring warm clothes with them for the cold weather in Europe. _____
- 3 The charity takes the clothes to camps in France. _____
- 4 The charity wants socks for female refugees. _____
- 5 People should only give casual clothes. _____