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A profile

A day in the life of ...



This is Amir from the Bajau tribe in Borneo. His life is unusual. He lives with his family in a house – but it's in the water. Amir doesn't know his age or the date of his birthday. The Bajau tribe don't count days and hours; they use the movement of the sea to count time.

Every morning, Amir wakes up early, but he doesn't have breakfast. He and his father go out in their boat. They swim

in the water to look for food for the day. Amir and the people in his tribe can see really well under water. Amir catches a fish for breakfast and his father catches an octopus for dinner.

After breakfast, Amir usually meets his friends. They don't go to school and they don't study subjects like English. The older Bajau people teach them how to make nets and build boats.

In the afternoons, Amir and his friends dive into the water from bridges and they play in the water, too. It's their favourite place!

In the evenings, Amir's mother and sisters cook the octopus and then the family has dinner together. It's always delicious!



1 Tell your partner three things you do after breakfast.

2 Read the profile. Say one surprising thing about Amir's routine.

3 Find words in the profile to match the photos.



4 Read the profile again and complete the sentences.

- 1 Amir lives in an unusual house with his family.
- 2 Amir and his father look for _____ every morning.
- 3 Amir can _____ really well under water.
- 4 Amir plays in the water in the _____.
- 5 Amir's favourite place is the _____.

5 Are the sentences *T* (true) or *F* (false)?

- 1 Amir's house isn't in the water. F
- 2 Amir's family has got a boat.
- 3 Before breakfast, Amir is in the water.
- 4 Amir isn't happy in water.
- 5 Amir hasn't got any sisters.

Voice it!

6 Discuss the questions.

- 1 How is Amir's life different from yours?
- 2 What do you like about Amir's day?

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