

What happens in a single day on planet Earth? In 2010, a **team** led by film director Kevin Macdonald tried to find out. The team asked people around the world to film their life on a single day—July 24—and to send in their videos.

- A As a result, people **uploaded** 80,000 videos to YouTube—a total of more than 4,500 hours. The videos were sent by people from 192 countries, from Australia to Zambia. Macdonald’s team used the videos to **produce** a 90-minute movie called *Life in a Day*.

- B The movie begins as most days begin. People wake up, get dressed, wash their faces, and brush their teeth. Parents **take care of** their children. People laugh and cry. As the day goes on, we see changes in people’s lives. A man thanks the hospital workers who helped save his life. A woman learns that she is pregnant.<sup>1</sup> A man calls his mother and asks, “What should I say to the woman I love?”

<sup>1</sup>If a woman or a female animal is pregnant, she is going to have a baby or babies.

- Macdonald understood that what may be **normal** to one person may be **extraordinary** to another. For example, the movie shows cultural differences in the different ways that people travel to work. Macdonald explains, "What we might see as banal, living in our own culture, is not banal to somebody growing up in Dakar."<sup>2</sup>
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- Macdonald's team also asked people the following questions: "What do you love most in the world, and what do you fear?" People speak of their love for family and friends, of football and fast cars, a pet cat, or even a refrigerator. Children speak of being scared of imaginary monsters<sup>3</sup> and of real-life lions. Some Ukrainian farmers worry that wolves are going to eat their goats. People around the world talk about their fear of guns, of war, and of the loss of natural beauty.
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- Macdonald says that *Life in a Day* was possible because of the way we are all **connected**. "The film is doing something that [was not] possible pre-Internet ... The idea that you can ask thousands, tens of thousands, maybe hundreds of thousands of people all to contribute to a **project** and all to **communicate** about it and learn about it at the same time."
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- One of the people in the movie is a Korean cyclist named Okhwan Yoon. After traveling alone for nine years through 190 countries, he **arrived** on July 24 in Kathmandu, Nepal. "When I close my eyes," he says, "I can see all the different people in the world, from town to town, from country to country. I can feel it. I can touch it. I can see it." The *Life in a Day* team hopes that, after watching the movie, others may feel the same way.
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**Task 3: Discuss with your partner, choose a word or a phrase to complete the summary below.**

Kevin Macdonald and his team wanted to make a(n) (1)\_\_\_\_\_ about what happens in a single day on Earth. The movie was based on videos uploaded by (2)\_\_\_\_\_. From the movie, Macdonald understood that what may be (3)\_\_\_\_\_ to one person may be (4)\_\_\_\_\_ to another because of their cultural differences. People speak of their love for (5)\_\_\_\_\_, of football and fast cars, a pet cat, or even a (6)\_\_\_\_\_. They also talk about their fear of (7)\_\_\_\_\_, of (8)\_\_\_\_\_ and of the loss of (9)\_\_\_\_\_. Macdonald said that the movie was successfully made thanks to (10)\_\_\_\_\_. Nowadays, we are all (11)\_\_\_\_\_ to (12)\_\_\_\_\_ to a project and learn about it at the same time. Macdonald hoped that when people see his movie, they can (13)\_\_\_\_\_ in the world like Okhwan Yoon, a Korean cyclist who traveled alone through 190 countries.