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Adults 1

Reading

1. Read the text.

A day in the life of a postman

Peter Simpson is a postman. He comes from London but now he lives and works in Bristol, a big city in the south-west of England.

Today, on the World News Web, we ask Peter about his life and his job.

How do you start a typical working day, Peter?

Well, I get up at half past three in the morning,' says Peter. 'I have breakfast and a shower. I eat eggs and I always drink a lot of coffee before I start work. It's dark outside and it isn't easy to get up when it's so early and so dark. Then I walk to the delivery office. It's about 20 minutes from my house.

What do you do at the delivery office?

I work with ten other postmen. We work for four hours putting letters into bags. It isn't difficult to do but we work very fast.

Then what do you do?

At about 8.30, I take my big bag of letters and walk outside. On a typical day, I deliver letters to 600 addresses.

Do you like your job?

Yes. Well, usually. I don't like it when it rains. And I don't like working on Saturday morning when everybody is in bed. But I meet a lot of people. Old people are very friendly and I always speak to them. Some old people don't speak to many people in a day so I think it's important to say hello and be friendly. And after lunch I'm free. I don't work in the afternoon, so I can go shopping or go cycling when other people are at work. And that's great!

2. Read the text again and mark true or false to the following sentences:

Example: Peter Simpson is a milkman.

True False

1 Peter lives in the north of England.

True False

2 Peter doesn't have a shower in the morning.

True False

3 Peter thinks it's difficult to get up in the morning.

True False

4 Peter goes to the office in his car.

True False

5 Peter lives 20 minutes from the delivery office.

True False

6 Peter works in the office for five hours every morning.

True False

7 Peter often delivers letters to six hundred houses in a day

True False

8 Peter doesn't meet many old people in his job.

True False