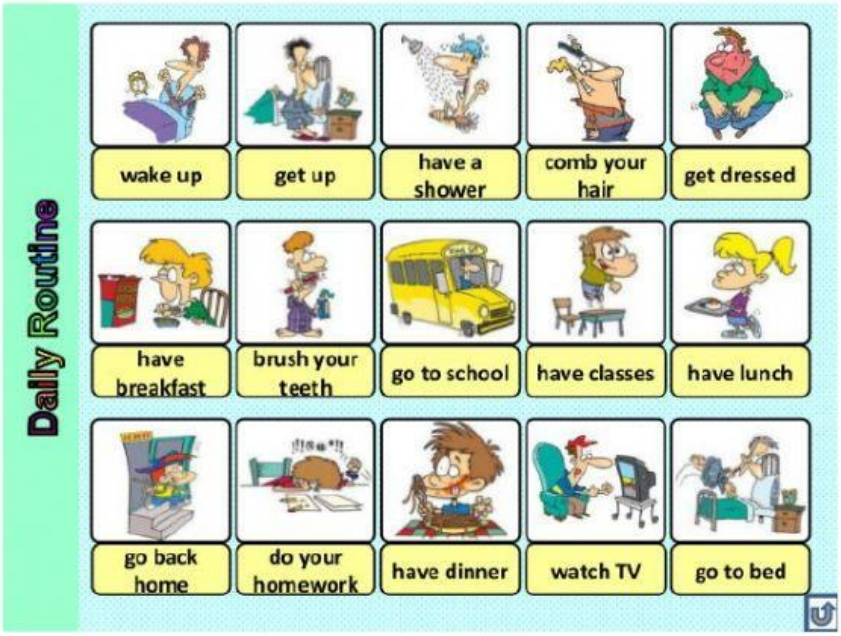




Habits

We use the Present Simple to talk about things we do all of the time.

Examples:

I get the service bus at 7:00 every morning.
Ali brushes his teeth before he goes to bed.
I play football at break time.
My sister goes sailing at the weekend.



SOME EXAMPLES

- I get up at 7.30 in the morning.
- I don't drink whisky in the morning.
- My dad works in a factory.
- Fernando doesn't sleep at the school.
- School finishes at 4.
- Elena speaks English very well.
- Joe plays tennis in the afternoon.
- ..... And you?

Read the following text and solve the tasks:

A typical day in the life of the Queen of England…

The Queen begins her day like many other people - with paperwork at her desk.

After reading the daily British newspapers, The Queen examines her correspondence: 200-300 letters or more per day!

Of course, the Queen can't read them all, so with the help of members of her staff she selects some letters to answer.

The Queen then sees, separately, two of her Private Secretaries who bring her the official papers and documents for her to read, approve and sign information from all over the world. All of these papers are sent in the famous 'red boxes'.

After this, it's time for the audiences: when the Queen receives a number of important people (ambassadors, bishops, judges, etc.) Each meeting lasts 10 to 20 minutes.

Usually the Queen has lunch privately.

In the afternoons, The Queen often goes out on public engagements (about 430 per year). If the engagement is outside London, the Queen travels by air using a helicopter or an RAF plane. In these engagements the Queen visits schools, hospitals, factories, military units, art galleries, shelters for elderly people, hostels for the homeless and other organisations. The Queen may end the afternoon seeing Government ministers in a meeting of the Privy Council.

The Queen's working day does not stop at the end of the afternoon. Once a week (usually on Wednesdays), in the early evening she has a meeting with the Prime Minister, Tony Blair.

At about 7.30 pm the Queen reads a report of the day's parliamentary actions.

On some evenings, The Queen attends a film première, a concert performance for a charitable cause, or a reception linked to organisations of which she is Patron. The Queen also regularly organises official receptions at Buckingham Palace (usually with other members of the Royal Family).

The Queen has many private interests to complete her working day. For example, she owns and breeds racehorses so she often sees her horses run at famous races like the Derby and the Summer Race Meeting.

Do you still think the Queen has an easy life? Often, one of the last lights on in the Palace at night is The Queen finishing her 'red box' of official papers.

A. Now that you have read the text, order the Queen's actions chronologically:

She reads and answers some letters.
Sometimes she goes out to a film première, a concert or a reception.
To complete the day, she may see her horses race.
After lunch she visits schools, hospitals and other places ('engagements')
She has audiences with many important people.
She meets with the Prime Minister (usually on Wednesdays).
She reads, approves and signs important papers and documents.
She sees Government Ministers.
She may end her day reading more official paper in her 'red box'
The queen reads the newspapers
The Queen reads a report of the day's parliamentary actions.

B. Decide if the following sentences are true or false. Justify quoting from the text.

1. The Queen receives many letters per day.

2. The important papers and documents for the Queen to read, approve and sign come inside a 'blue box'.

3. The Queen has lunch with many important people.

4. All of the Queen's engagements are inside London so she always travels by car.

5. The name of the Prime Minister is Tony Blair.

6. The Queen likes to organise receptions at Buckingham Palace.

7. The Queen likes to own and breed dogs.

8. The Queen is often the last person to go to bed at night.

C. Now that you have read the text answer the questions:

1. How many letters does the Queen receive every day?

2. Does she read them all?

3. What is the 'red box'?

4. Who does Queen see before her lunch?

5. What does the Queen do in the 'engagements'?

6. When does the Queen meet with the Prime Minister?

7. Does she go to the cinema or to a concert?

8. Name one of the Queen's private interests.