Reading and listening

1. Read about train driver, Brian Law. Are the sentences true or false? Correct the false sentences.

1. ___He works five days a week.

He doesn't work five days a week. - He works four days a week.

2. __Sometimes he doesn't work at weekends.
3. __ Eurostar trains run 365 days a year.
4. __The first train to Paris leaves before 5.00 a.m.
5. __ He does several journeys every day.
6. __ Brian starts work very early every day.
7. __He always goes home in the evening.
8. __ Brian speaks good French.
9. __ He doesn't earn very much.
10. ___ He goes to France on holiday.

2. Complete the sentences.

1. Brian usually **works** on Friday and Saturday.
2. He _____ on Christmas Day.
3. Brian _____work at 4.30.
4. He _____work at 12.00 noon.
5. The journey to Paris _____2 hours 15 minutes.
6. The train _____at 160 km/h in the tunnel.
7. Brian _____£45,000 a year.
8. He _____ going out with his wife, Angela.
9. Angela _____at weekends.
10. He _____25 days' holiday a year.

3. Listen and complete the information about Brian's wife, Angela, and their son Toby.

	Angela	Toby
Age	36	_____
Job	chef in a _____ restaurant	works in a _____
Wage	£ _____ a year	£ _____ a day
Free time	_____ with Brian and their dogs	• sleeps • _____ • _____

The Eurostar train driver



Brian Law is a train driver for Eurostar. He drives high speed trains in England and in Europe.

Brian works four days a week. Sometimes he's free at the weekend, but usually he works on Friday and Saturday. Friday and Saturday are very busy days for Eurostar because everybody wants to go on holiday or go home for the weekend. Eurostar runs every day (but it doesn't run on Christmas Day). The first train to Paris leaves London at 5.25 in the morning, so Brian starts work at 4.30. In one day he does two or three journeys between London and Paris. He finishes work at 12.00 noon. Sometimes he starts late - at 4.00 p.m. - and works until 11 .30 at night. Sometimes he doesn't go home at the end of the day, he stays in Paris.

The journey

The journey takes 2 hours 15 minutes, and the train travels at 300 km/h. It doesn't go so fast in the tunnel - it only goes at 160 km/h when it travels through the tunnel. It carries 794 passengers.

When the train is in France, Brian speaks to his controllers in French. His French is very good. He has a lot of French friends, and his son, Toby, goes to stay with them in Paris.

Brian earns £45,000 a year. In his free time he likes going out with his wife, Angela, and walking their dogs. Angela is a chef, so she works at weekends too. She has Monday free and goes walking with Brian.

He has 25 days of holiday a year. Where does he go on holiday? 'France, of course!' says Brian.



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