

## READING AND LISTENING

Seumas McSporran – the man with thirteen jobs!

1 Seumas McSporran /'seiməs mək'spɔːrən/ comes from Scotland. Look at the photographs of some of the things he does every day.



# The man with thirteen jobs



2 Match a sentence with a photograph.

- 1 He **helps** in the shop.
- 2 He **makes** breakfast for the hotel guests.
- 3 He **serves** petrol.
- 4 He **delivers** the beer to the pub.
- 5 He **collects** the post from the boat.
- 6 He **drives** the children to school.
- 7 He **delivers** the letters.
- 8 He **has** a glass of wine.
- 9 He **works** as an undertaker.

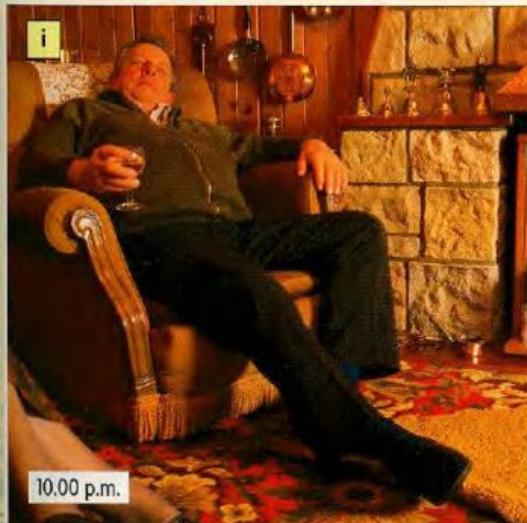
# Seumas McSporran

Seumas McSporran is a very busy man. He is 60 years old and he has thirteen jobs. He is a postman, a policeman, a fireman, a taxi driver, a school-bus driver, a boatman, an ambulance man, an accountant, a petrol attendant, a barman, and an undertaker. Also, he and his wife, Margaret, have a shop and a small hotel.

Seumas lives and works on the island of Gigha in the west of Scotland. Only 120 people live on Gigha but in summer 150 tourists come by boat every day.

Every weekday Seumas gets up at 6.00 and makes breakfast for the hotel guests. At 8.00 he drives the island's children to school. At 9.00 he collects the post from the boat and delivers it to all the houses on the island. He also delivers the beer to the island's only pub. Then he helps Margaret in the shop.

He says: 'Margaret likes being busy, too. We never have holidays and we don't like watching television. In the evenings Margaret makes supper and I do the accounts. At 10.00 we have a glass of wine and then we go to bed. Perhaps our life isn't very exciting, but we like it.'



3 Read about Seumas. Answer the questions.

- 1 Where does Seumas live?
- 2 How old is he?
- 3 How many jobs does he have?
- 4 What's his wife's name?
- 5 What does she do?
- 6 How many people live on Gigha?
- 7 How many tourists visit Gigha in summer?
- 8 What does Seumas do in the morning?
- 9 What do he and Margaret do in the evening?

4 Look at the photos. Ask and answer questions with a partner about times in Seumas's day.

*What does he do at 6 o'clock?*

*He gets up and makes breakfast.*

5 **T 3.7** Listen to four conversations from Seumas's day. After each one answer these questions.

- 1 Is it morning, afternoon, or evening?
- 2 Who are the people? Where are they?
- 3 What is Seumas's job?

6 Complete the conversations.

- 1 A Good \_\_\_\_\_. Can I \_\_\_\_ two ice-creams, please?  
B Chocolate or vanilla?  
A One chocolate, one vanilla please.  
B That's \_\_\_\_\_. Anything \_\_\_\_?  
A No, thank you.
- 2 A Only \_\_\_\_ letters for you this \_\_\_\_ , Mrs Craig.  
B Thank you very much, Mr McSporran. And \_\_\_\_'s Mrs McSporran this \_\_\_\_?  
A Oh, she's very well, thank you. She's \_\_\_\_ in the shop.
- 3 A A glass of \_\_\_\_ before bed, my dear?  
B Oh, yes please.  
A \_\_\_\_ you are.  
B Thank you, my dear. I'm very \_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_.
- 4 A Hello, Mr McSporran!  
B Good \_\_\_\_\_, boys and girls. Hurry up, we're late.  
A Can I sit here, Mr McSporran?  
C No, no, I \_\_\_\_ to sit there.  
B Be quiet \_\_\_\_ of you, and SIT DOWN!

Practise the conversations with your partner.