1.4 READING

I can identify specific information in a description about household chores

1 Look at the pictures and read the first paragraph of the text. Who are the people in the pictures?

2 Read the text. Who in Mai's family likes these things?

art	cooking	films	sports
TV series	washing	the dishes	writing

A day in the life of my family

There are three of us at home: mum, my brother Huy and me, Mai. Huy is seventeen and he's keen on art. I'm fifteen and I love sports. We love our family and friends.

Our mum is a writer. She works at home. On a normal day, mum **gets up** first, **takes the dog out** and buys fresh rolls for breakfast. I get up second and make tea.

After that, mum **wakes** my brother **up**. He gets out of bed and asks, 'Where's my purple shirt?'. He finds his clothes (they can be anywhere), **gets dressed** and **falls asleep** again.

When we go to school, mum stays at home and writes. Huy says she has an easy job: she just lies on the sofa and writes now and then.

After school, I go for a run in the park, but not on Tuesday and Thursday, when I have acrobatics. Huy cooks dinner for all of us. He's the best cook in the family. His food can be Vietnamese, Western or totally experimental. However, recently, he has art classes until 7.00 p.m., then we get pizza from a pizzeria. Nobody wants to **wash the dishes**. We all say 'Why always me?', but someone always does it in the end. We all **look after** our dog. When I go to bed, mum sits down and types on her laptop. At the weekends, I usually go to the gym, Huy goes to museums and mum visits her friends, but we also spend time together. We watch films and TV series.

3 Read the text again. For questions 1–6, choose the correct answer.

1 Mai's brother Huy
- A likes sports.
- B wakes his mum up in the morning.
- C gets up with difficulty.

2 In the afternoon, Mai DOESN'T go
- A to an acrobatics class.
- B to art lessons.
- C for a run.

3 They buy pizza from a pizzeria
- A because mum stays at home.
- B when Huy comes home late.
- C when Mai has acrobatics.

4 The family disagrees about
- A the washing-up.
- B looking after the dog.
- C going to bed late.

5 At weekends, they
- A all go to the gym.
- B visit mum's friends.
- C spend time together.

6 Which is true about mum?
- A She doesn't go to work.
- B She doesn't usually go shopping in the morning.
- C She doesn't use a computer.

4 1.06 Complete the phrases with the verbs in blue in the text. Then listen, check and repeat.

1 get up (first / early / late)
2 _____ up (your brother / sister)
3 _____ dressed
4 _____ asleep
5 _____ the dog out (for a walk)
6 _____ after (a child / a pet)

5 Work in pairs. Discuss your family's typical day. Use the words and phrases in Exercise 4.

In my family, my dad gets up first, and he sometimes takes the dog out...

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