

UNIT **3** *Read and Write*



En esta unidad vas a:

- leer un artículo sobre un día en la vida de un taxista
- aprender a escribir en inglés usando párrafos.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF ...

TAXI DRIVER, **CARL BRIDGES**

MY

day doesn't actually start until midday because that's when I get up! I don't get home from work until 5 a.m. the night before, so I sleep all morning. I get up at about midday and then I have breakfast. I usually have a big breakfast, like sausages or fried eggs, and then I have some toast.



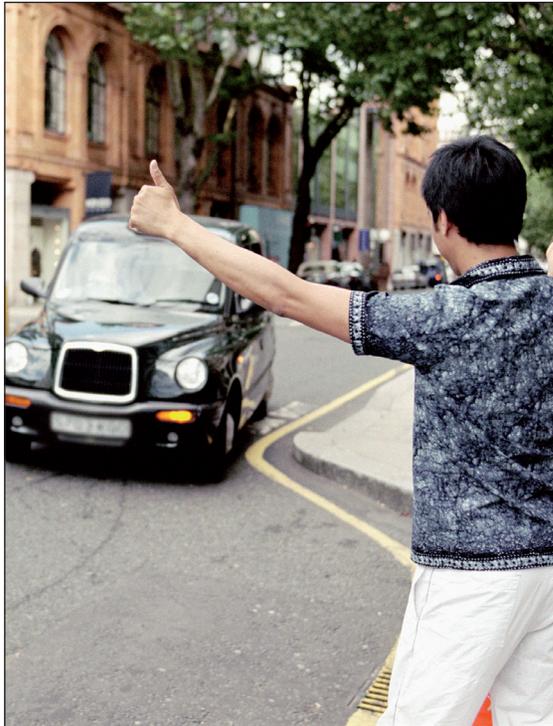
During the afternoon I do the housework and buy some food. I go to the gym for an hour every day, and after that I have a shower. At about 5 p.m. I start making my dinner. I always eat a lot at dinner time and I usually cook Italian or Indian food.

My working day starts at about 7:30 in the evening. I call my taxi company, and they tell me where to pick up my first passenger. I usually drive until around midnight, drop off my passengers and stop for a cup of tea and a sandwich. Then I start driving again and I pick up my next passenger.

I usually work five nights a week which always includes Friday and Saturday nights. I never work on Sunday nights and I don't usually work on Monday nights either.

I like my job because I love driving, but it's quite difficult for me to meet my friends. When they're free I'm working, and when I'm free they're working! ■

1 Numera las frases según el orden en que Carl realiza las actividades de su rutina diaria.



- ___ He goes to bed.
- ___ He makes the dinner.
- 1** Carl gets up.
- ___ He calls the taxi company.
- ___ He has a shower.
- ___ He does the housework.
- ___ He has a cup of tea and a sandwich.
- ___ He goes to the gym.
- ___ He picks up his first passenger.
- ___ He has breakfast.
- ___ He drops off his last passenger.
- ___ He buys some food.

2 Elige la respuesta correcta.

- 1** Carl gets up at **5 a.m.** / **midday**.
- 2** He has a **shower** / **breakfast** when he gets up.
- 3** He goes to the gym in the **morning** / **afternoon**.
- 4** He has a **big** / **small** dinner.
- 5** At midnight he has a cup of **coffee** / **tea**.
- 6** He **usually** / **never** works on Sunday nights.
- 7** He **sometimes** / **never** works on Monday nights.
- 8** It's **easy** / **difficult** for him to meet his friends.

3 Completa las frases utilizando la información del texto.

Carl gets up at about **midday**.

- 1** Carl has _____ for breakfast.
- 2** Carl buys some food during _____.
- 3** Carl cooks _____ for dinner.
- 4** Carl starts work at _____.
- 5** At _____, Carl has a sandwich.
- 6** Carl works _____ nights a week.
- 7** Carl likes his job because he _____.

Words to remember

4 Escribe junto a cada definición la palabra del texto que le corresponda.



Twelve o'clock at night. **midnight**

- 1** Twelve o'clock during the day (paragraph 1). _____
- 2** To do the daily work in your house (paragraph 2). _____
- 3** The time you have dinner (paragraph 2). _____
- 4** To telephone someone (paragraph 3). _____
- 5** To collect someone in a car (paragraph 3). _____
- 6** A person who travels in a car (paragraph 3). _____
- 7** Not working (paragraph 5). _____

Paragraphing

Un artículo resulta mucho más fácil de leer si está organizado en párrafos, de modo que cada párrafo contenga frases sobre un mismo tema. Lee este artículo y fíjate en cómo están organizadas las ideas.

Paragraph 1. Introduction and Carl's morning routine

My day doesn't actually start until midday because that's when I get up! I don't get home from work until 5 a.m., so I sleep all morning. I get up at about midday and then I have breakfast. I usually have a big breakfast, like sausages or fried eggs.

Paragraph 2. Carl's afternoon routine

During the afternoon I do the housework and buy some food. I go to the gym for an hour every day, and after that I have a shower. At about 5 p.m. I start making my dinner. I always eat a lot at dinner time and I usually cook Italian or Indian food.

Paragraph 3. Carl's night routine

My working day starts at about 7.30 in the evening. I call my taxi company, and they tell me where to pick up my first passenger. I usually drive until around midnight, drop off my passengers and stop for a sandwich. Then I pick up my next passenger.

Paragraph 4. Carl's weekly routine

I usually work five nights a week which always includes Friday and Saturday nights. I never work on Sunday nights and I don't usually work on Monday nights either.

Paragraph 5. Carl's opinion of his job

I like my job because I love driving, but it's quite difficult for me to meet my friends. When they're free I'm working, and when I'm free they're working!

1 Ordena los párrafos.

A day in the life of singer, Sarah Fitzgerald

A Later, my hairdresser comes to my house, and I start getting ready for the evening. I usually have some champagne and a few sandwiches before I leave home.

B I get up very late in the day, because I go to bed very late. I have a very small breakfast, usually a mineral water and some fruit.

C After singing I always meet some friends, and we go to different bars to talk and dance. I always get a taxi home, and I usually go to bed very late.

D I always take a taxi to work. I usually sing in a jazz bar in the city centre. I start work at 11:30, and I finish at 1:30 in the morning.

E After I have a shower and get dressed, my singing teacher comes to my house and we practise some new songs together. He usually has lunch with me, and then I sleep for a while.



1 B 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____

2 Coloca las frases al lado del título del párrafo correspondiente, y en el orden correcto. Hay dos frases por cada párrafo.

A day in the life of actor, Ralph Jones

A We usually finish work at about 6 o'clock.

B I always go to bed at midnight, because the next day starts very early again.

C My day starts very early when we're filming.

D We usually film for about four hours in the morning, and then we stop for lunch.

E In the evening I usually go to a party or meet some friends.

F We have lunch together and we talk about the filming in the afternoon.

G I don't usually have time for breakfast, so I just have a quick cup of tea.

H I go running in the park after filming. It helps me relax after the day at work.

1 Introduction and start of the day: **C** _____

2 Ralph's working day and lunch: _____ _____

3 Finishing work: _____ _____

4 Ralph's evening routine: _____ _____