



A Typical Day

This is a video-activity for elementary English students practicing the present simple. The video is about a typical day in the life of Victoria Fontana (**Profesora de Inglés**).

1: Watch the first part of the video and answer the question: "What does Victoria study?"

2: In each group, match the verbs on the left with their translations on the right:

come back	montar	make	estudiar
continue	dar de comer	make sure	enseñar
do	continuar	play	trabajar
eat	ir	practice	practicar
feed	gustar	prepare	despertar
get	ayudar	start	preparar
go	volver	starve	empezar
have	hacer	study	hacer
have to	comer	teach	morirse de hambre
help	tener, tomar	tell	ver
hop	aprender	wake up	asegurar
hop on	conseguir, coger	watch	contar, decir
learn	tener que	work	jugar
like	saltar		

3: Watch the first part of the video again and fill in the gaps with the verbs:

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Well, I ____ up at around 7 o'clock depending on the day. The first thing I ____ is eat. The most important thing to do is to ____ breakfast. So, I ____ myself some coffee and some toast and I also ____ my cats, which is also important for them. Usually, I ____ class around 8:30 in the morning. So, I ____ to my first class, which is in Madrid, in the center of Madrid. And, I ____ about, depending on the day, maybe 4 or 5 classes, depending, basically I ____ on my motorcycle and ____ around Madrid ____ class to class.

If I ____ a break around one o'clock, I ____ lunch and, sometimes I ____ my own lunch, sometimes I ____ eat at a restaurant. My favorite place is the Chinese restaurant in Plaza de España, if you can ____ a table.

And, then I _____ having class, or sometimes I don't _____ time for lunch and I _____ all the way till about 4 o'clock and at 4 o'clock I'm _____ and I _____ something to eat quickly at home or if I _____ go again to a restaurant.

After that, I have my own classes. I _____ painting in the afternoons, so from 4:30 to 8:30, I'm in class. We _____ oil painting, figure painting, still life and all kinds of things you can imagine that you do in a painting class. And after the painting class, I _____ to the gym. I _____ to practice . . . , I like to _____ sports and right now I'm in boxing class. And that _____ from 9 o'clock to 10 o'clock at night. And after boxing, I'm just about exhausted, and once again it's time to eat, and I _____ home and _____ dinner.

After dinner and after I _____ sure my cats have eaten as well, I usually _____ TV maybe for a little while or get stuff _____ for the next day and _____ to bed.

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Thanks.



4: In each group, match the words on the left with their translations on the right:

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maybe break my own then all the way till quickly again after that	otra vez después de eso todo seguido hasta rapidamente mi propio/a quizás luego descanso	once again my cats have eaten as well a little while get stuff prepared I hope until basically	espero mis gatos han comido un rato también basicamente hasta una vez más preparar las cosas

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6: Choose the correct answer for each question:

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- a. the past tense
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- c. the present tense

B. What tense does the video practice?

- a. the present tense for habitual actions
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C. What time does Victoria wake up?

- a. at around 8 o'clock
- b. at around 7 o'clock
- c. at around 8:30 in the morning

D. What is the most important thing to do?

- a. make some toast
- b. eat breakfast
- c. make some coffee
- d. feed the cats

E. What time does Victoria start class?

- a. at 8:30 in the morning
- b. at about 4 or 5
- c. at one o'clock

F. How many classes does Victoria have?

- a. maybe 4 or 5 classes depending on the day
- b. 2 or 3 classes

G. How does Victoria go to her classes?

- a. she goes by bus
- b. she goes by car
- c. she goes by motorcycle

H. Where is Victoria's favorite restaurant?

- a. in the Chinese Plaza
- b. in the Plaza de España

I. What is the problem with the Chinese restaurant?

- a. it doesn't have many tables
- b. you have to eat quickly
- c. it doesn't open till 4:30

J. Is Victoria a student or a teacher?

- a. She's a teacher in the morning and a student in the evening.
- b. She teaches English in the morning and painting in the evening.
- c. She's a student in the morning and a teacher in the evening.

K. What does Victoria like to do after her painting class?

- a. She likes to watch boxing.
- b. She likes to play sports.
- c. She likes to teach boxing.
- d. She goes to boxing class.

J. How many times a day does Victoria feed her cats?

- a. Twice
- b. Once
- c. She doesn't say



Correct Answers:

1: Answer to the question "What does Victoria study?": She studies painting.

2: The verbs below are correctly matched:



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