

Q&A for Conversations on Routines with some Speaking Test Tips

This worksheet has two different podcast episodes: the first, with the questions here, the second with the answers on page 2 here (and questions, too, to practice further)

For routines...

- We use the present simple! Never the present continuous!
- We use frequency adverbs (F.A.) and time phrases/expressions.

For your answers: remember to "recycle" words in the question. Don't answer just with one word! If you missed the words in the question, ask the person to say it again. For example:

Pippi: What time do you **usually get up**?

You: ~~At 8~~. NOOOOOOO! > **I usually get up** at 8 (in the morning)

For your questions: remember it's OK to make the *same question twice* using different words, for example:

Pippi: What time do you get up?

Anika: On weekdays I always get up at 8.00 am but I sleep more at the weekend. And what about you? What time do you get up?

Pippi: I always get up when I wake up!

Second person

- What time **do you** get up?
- What time do you usually get up?
- What time do you get up on weekdays?
- What time do you get up at the weekend?
- What about the weekend?
- What do you do after that?
- What time do you usually **have breakfast**?
- .../lunch/dinner/your second breakfast/your coffee break?**
- What** do you usually **have for breakfast**?
- What time do you **go to work/school**?
- What time do you leave for work/school?
- How do you go to work / school?
- How do you get to work / school?
- When do you **get home**?
- What time do you get home?
- When/What time do you **start work/school/that**?
- When/What time do you **finish work/school/that**?
- At work/school, **do you have** a break?
- What do you do after** work/school/shopping/your extra lessons?
- What do you do in the evenings / at the weekend?
- Do you do any housework in the day?
- When do you go shopping for food and things for the house?
- When do you pick up your children from school?
- Do you have lunch at work / in the office or at home?
- Do you relax in the evening?
- Do you have time to relax in your day? When do you relax?
- What time do you usually go to bed?
- How do you feel at the end of the day?

Third person singular

- What time **does** Pippi **get up**?
- What time does she usually get up?
 - What time **does she** get up on weekdays?
 - What time does she get up at the weekend?
 - What about the weekend?
 - What **does** Pippi **do** after that?
 - What time **does** Anika usually **have** breakfast?
 - .../lunch/dinner/her second breakfast/her coffee break?**
 - What **does** she usually **have for** breakfast?
 - What time **does** she **go** to work/school?
 - What time does she leave for work/school?
 - How **does** Anika **go** to work / school?
 - How does she get to work / school?
 - When does she get home?
 - What time does she get home?
 - When/What time **does** Tony **start** work/school/that?
 - When/What time does Tony finish work/school/that?
 - At work/school, **does** Tony **have** a break?
 - What **does** he **do** after work/school/shopping/your extra lessons?
 - What does he do in the evenings / at the weekend?
 - Does** Tony **do** any housework in the day?
 - When **does** he **go** shopping for food and things for the house?
 - When does he pick up his children from school?
 - Does he have lunch at work / in the office or at home?
 - Does he relax in the evening?
 - Does he have time to relax in his day? When does he relax?
 - What time does he usually go to bed?
 - How do Anika and Tony feel at the end of the day?
 - How does Pippi feel at the end of the day?

Answers

First person

- I usually get up at 8 on weekdays!
- On weekdays I usually get up at 8!
- From Monday to Thursday I get up at 8 but on Friday I get up a bit later, at 9.
- At the weekend I sleep more. I get up later. At about 10. Sometimes I get up at noon! (12)
- On Saturdays, I have a wonderful breakfast! I take my time! I prepare natural orange juice, and hot white coffee, toast with olive oil, and I sit in my balcony/garden to enjoy it!
- I usually have lunch at two. It's typical in Spain. Spanish people often have lunch at two or three. Children sometimes have lunch at one.
- I usually walk to work.
- I often go to school by bus, but sometimes I walk.
- My mother drives me to school.
- My partner sometimes drives me to work!
- I get home late in the afternoon! I work long hours.
- I get home in the evening and then I have to do housework! I'm very tired!
- I start work at 8 and finish at 3 in the afternoon but we have a break at midday / noon / 12.

- I do the weekly shopping on Saturdays, but I often go shopping for some food after work. About three times on weekdays. Things like bread, or fruit.

- I never relax! I'm always rushing everywhere!
- I have so much to do in the day!

- I try to relax a bit every day. Rushing is not healthy! I listen to music, I go for a walk, or I walk our dog, I read a bit, I talk to my family, or I watch TV.

Third person singular

- She gets up...
- She starts ...
- She finishes...
- She studies...
- She Works...
- She goes shopping for food...
- She walks to school.
- She relaxes in the evening
- She has bread and olive oil for breakfast.
- She does her homework in the evening
- She does housework in the morning
- She usually stays home on Sunday evening

- He feels tired but happy.
- She feels excited and full of energy!