



COLLOQUIAL ENGLISH 3 · GENERAL A1

Colloquial English 4 & 5: Times and jobs

Extra practice · listening, speaking and review

Talk about your day, ask about routines and say what people do for a living.

Match question and answer

- What time do you start work?
At half past eight.
- What do you do?
I'm a nurse. I work at the hospital.
- Do you work on Saturdays?
No, I don't. I'm free at weekends.
- What time is it?
It's a quarter to six.
- Does she like her job?
Yes, she does. She loves it.

What do you say?

I ___ up at seven o'clock.

She ___ in a school.

___ you have lunch at home?

He ___ coffee. He only drinks tea.

I ___ work on Sundays.

A short chat in the office kitchen

Read the conversation aloud with a partner (or read both parts yourself).

Pedro: Good morning! Coffee?

Elena: Yes, please. I always need coffee at nine.

Pedro: What time do you start?

Elena: At eight thirty. And I finish at five. What about you?

Pedro: I start at ten, but I sometimes work in the evening.

Elena: Do you work on Saturdays?

Pedro: No, I don't. My wife works on Saturdays — she's a doctor.

Elena: That's hard. My husband is a teacher, so we're free together.

- What time does Elena start and finish work?
Answer key: She starts at 8.30 and finishes at 5.
- What does Pedro's wife do?
Answer key: She's a doctor and she works on Saturdays.
- When does Pedro sometimes work?
Answer key: In the evening.

Now you speak

Speak for about 60 seconds. Use each of these at least once:

- ask and answer 'What do you do?'
- say two times in your day (I get up at... / I have lunch at...)
- use one frequency adverb (always / usually / never)
- ask 'Do you work at weekends?'

Write full sentences

- Describe your normal day in 4 sentences with times.

Answer key: Model: I get up at six thirty. I start work at eight and I have lunch at one. In the evening I usually cook dinner at seven. I go to bed at eleven.

- Write about one person in your family: their job and one thing they do every day.

Answer key: Model: My sister is a nurse. She works at a hospital in the city and she starts at seven in the morning. She always drinks tea before work.