Describing

my day at work

COMMUNICATION

LEVEL Lower-intermediate

NUMBER EN_BE_2112X **LANGUAGE English**





Goals

- Can use short phrases and sentences to describe the schedule of a working day.
- Can use adverbs that are useful to describe a day's schedule.







Preview and warm-up

In this lesson you are going to learn how to talk about your day at work and the tasks that you normally do.



I **usually start work** at 8am.



January

December

November

October

September

August



February

March

April

May

June

July



Monday

Tuesday

Thursday

weekday



Wednesday

Friday

weekend

What time?



Telling the time



Two o'clock or two pm

Eleven fifteen or quarter past eleven





Eight thirty or half past eight

Three forty five or quarter to four





Categorise

Put the months of the year under the correct season.

March September May July February November June January October December April August Spring Summer Autumn Winter



Days of the week

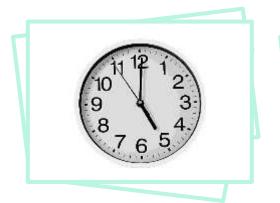
What is your favourite day of the week?
Which day don't you like?

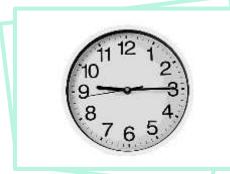




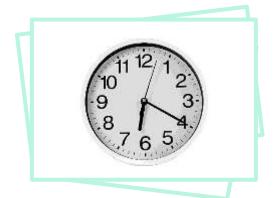
What time is it?

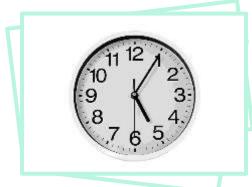
Practise saying what time it is. Try to say it two different ways for each clock.















always

I always have breakfast at home.

every day

I write emails **every day**.

usually

I **usually** have lunch at work.

normally

I normally have meetings on Monday morning.



busy

If you are **busy** you have a lot of things to do.



I am very **busy** today.

before

after

Before means earlier than. **After** means later than.



I go to the gym **before** work.



I have a meeting **after** lunch.

full

empty

If you have a lot to do, your schedule is **full**. If you do not have a lot to do, your schedule can be **empty**.



My schedule is **full**!



Complete the sentences

Put the adverbs into the correct place in each sentence.

- 1. I wake up at 7am. (always)
- 2. Ellen has a meeting at 9am. (every day)
- 3. John has lots of emails to write in the afternoon. (usually)
- 4. I walk to work. (normally)



What do you always do at work?

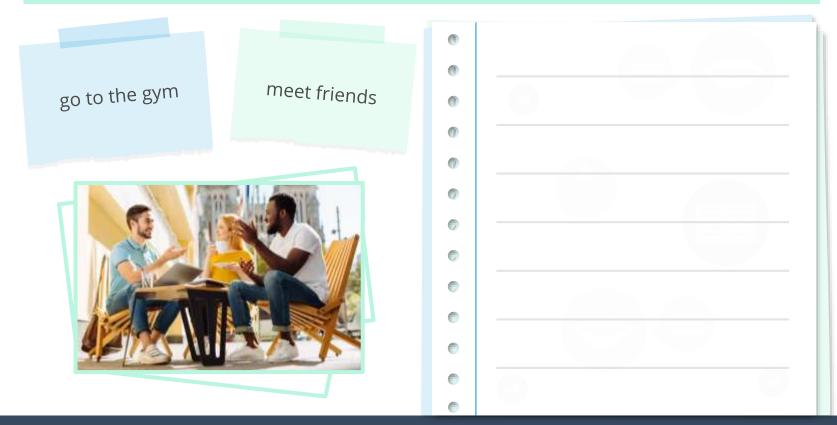
What do you do every day at work?

What do you usually do in the mornings in the office?

What do you normally do in the afternoons in the office?



Write sentences about 2 things you usually do before work and 2 things you usually do after work.



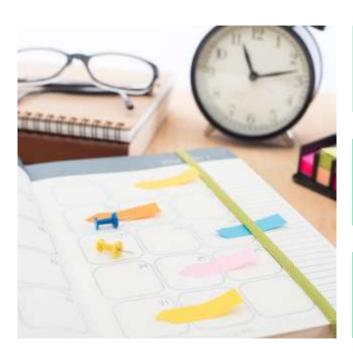
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Speaking

Answer these questions with your classmates.



Which day of the week is usually busy for you?

Talk about a day when you have a full schedule.

Which month of the year do you normally have an empty schedule?

to leave for work

When you **go out of your house** to go to work, you **leave for work**.



I leave for work at 7am.

to start at

to finish at

People who work in offices usually **start work** in the morning and **finish work** in the afternoon.



I start work at 9am.



He finishes at 3pm.

to take a lunch break

Most people **take a lunch break** to **eat** in the middle of the day.



They take a lunch break at 1pm.

to work from 9 - 5

It is common to **work from 9-5** if you have an **office job** in the UK.



I work from 9-5.



Fill in the gaps

Fill in the gaps with phrases from the previous pages.

- 1. I work ______, the same as a lot of people in the UK.
- 2. I ______ at 8.30am, because I _____ at 9am.
- 3. I _____ at 12.30 for half an hour. Sometimes I go to a restaurant.
- 4. At 5pm, I _____ and I take a bus home.











Is it normal to work from 9-5 in your country?
What hours do people in offices work?

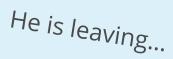




Describe what is happening in the pictures.











They are having...

weekdays

The **weekdays** are Monday – Friday.

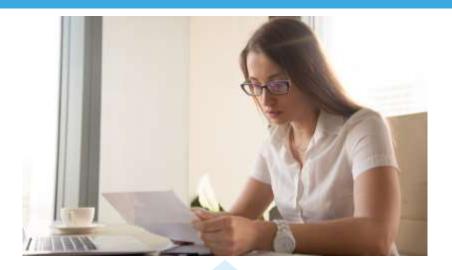


I work on weekdays.

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to be at work

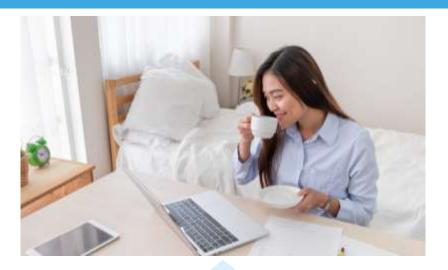
If you are **at work** you are at your office.



I am **at work** today.

to work from home

If you work from home you do your job at home.



I am working from home today.

early

late

Doctors sometimes start work **early** and finish work **late**.



I start work **early**.



I am working late.



Which are the weekdays? Which are weekend days?

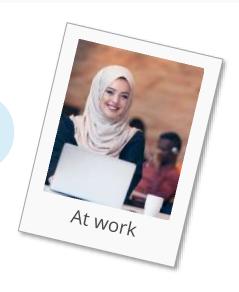




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How many hours are you at work in one day?





Do you sometimes work from home?



Early or late

Do you think the people in these jobs start work early? Do you think they finish work late?







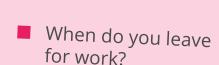




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Tell the class about your normal schedule.



- What time do you start work?
- Do you have a lunch break?





- What time do you finish work?
- Do you sometimes start work early or finish work late?

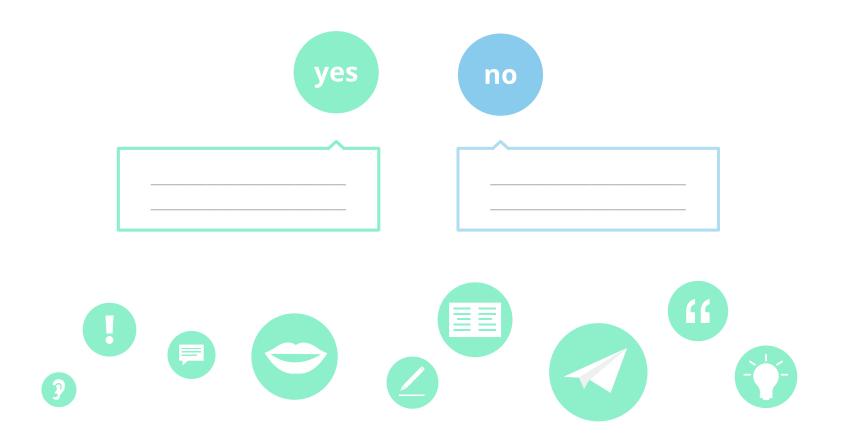


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Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.



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Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson. What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



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Answer key

Exercise p. 30 Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Weekend: Saturday, Sunday

Exercise p. 231. 9-5, 2. leave for work/start work, 3. take a lunch break, 4. finish work

Exercise p. 15 1. I always wake, 2. every day at 9am., 3. John usually has, 4. I normally work

1. five pm/five o'clock, 2. nine fifteen/quarter past nine, 3. ten to six/five fifty, 4. twenty past six/six twenty, 5. five past five, 6. twelve thirty/half past twelve

Exercise p. 10

Exercise p. 8Spring: March, April, May. Summer: June, July, August. Autumn: September, October, November. Winter: December, January, February



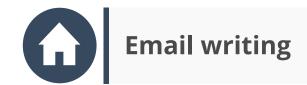




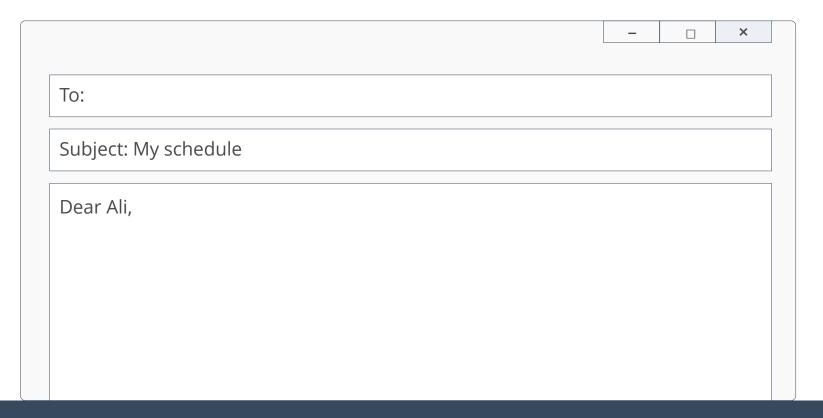
Fill in the gaps

	work at 7am because l
W	vork at 7.30am. lt's very
fo	or me! In the morning my
schedule is alwa	ys I have
	and phone calls with
clients. l	about 1pm and I
normally eat wit	h my colleagues in the
	he afternoon I am not so
. 1	at 4.30pm
and I take the tra	

start
busy
leave for
finish
early
take a lunch
break
full



Write an email to a colleague describing your normal schedule at work.



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Homework answer key

Exercise p. 38 leave for, start, early, full, take a lunch break, busy, finish





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