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# The Secret Life of Walter Mitty

The events in James Thurber's story "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty" follow a pattern. Something triggers Mitty's daydream and becomes part of it. The daydream proceeds until something interrupts it. Use the graphic organizer below to find the details that create the story's pattern.

Cause	Daydream	Interruption
The sound of car engine reminds him of a ship's engine.	Navy hydroplane	
	surgery/anesthetizer	
	courtroom scene	
	Air Force pilot	
	firing squad	None

When Mrs. Mitty says, "It's one of your days," she tells the reader that Mitty daydreams often. If you were to write another daydream for him, one that takes place the next day, what might be the trigger? What would the resulting daydream be about? What might interrupt it? Jot down some ideas here: