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## A day in the life

### Teacher's notes

#### Summary

This DVD programme can be used as a support to materials in Unit 6 *Living* of the Student's Book. It is a profile of Rose. She is an artist and lives in London with her twin sister.

#### Language focus

**Grammar:** present simple, daily routines, adverbs of frequency.

**Vocabulary:** *artist, twins, free time, breakfast, portrait, drawing, sketch, painting, picture.*

#### Background information

Primrose Hill park is in Primrose Hill, a suburb of North London. It has tree-lined streets. The view from the hill in the park is very popular with film-makers and makers of commercials.

Oxford, where Rose goes in her free time, is an hour from London by train. It is a famous university city.

#### Procedure

##### Before you watch

- 1 As Rose talks about her work as an artist prepare the students by pre-teaching: *drawing, mural, portrait, sign, sketch.*

Ask the students to look at the photographs and questions in pairs and to try to answer them.

##### While you watch

- 2 Play the whole programme and ask the students if their guesses to the questions in Exercise 1 were correct.

- a) She's an artist.
- b) She plays with her dog. She watches TV. She goes to Oxford.
- c) She has a traditional English breakfast with sausages, egg and bacon.
- d) She lives in a big house in London.
- e) She's got a sister.
- f) She hasn't got any children.

- 3 Play the programme again and ask the students to answer the questions.

- a) 2    b) 2    c) 3    d) 1    e) 1    f) 1
- g) 3    h) 3

If there is time, let the students watch the complete programme at the end so they can enjoy the whole film.

##### After you watch

- 4 Ask the students to look at the pictures and try to match them with the descriptions.

Note that Rose says a lot about her work which is not focused on in this activity.

- a) 5    b) 3    c) 4    d) 2    e) 1    f) 6

- 5 Ask the students to work in pairs and discuss Rose's pictures. Ask a few pairs to report back to the class on their favourite pieces of artwork.

- 6 Ask the students to talk about their typical day. Encourage them to talk about what they do *often / sometimes / usually.*

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*DVD script (04:17)*

(N = Narrator; I = Interviewer; R = Rose)

N: This is Primrose Hill. It's a very pretty park in north London. From the top of Primrose Hill you can see fantastic views of the city. It's easy to see famous landmarks like St Paul's Cathedral, the BT Tower and the London Eye. Surrounding Primrose Hill are many large, elegant houses and quiet, leafy roads.

Rose Medley lives in the area with her twin sister, Meg. They were born in this house, and they still live here today. Rose has an interesting life. She's an artist.

Rose and Meg get up at about nine o'clock. They always have breakfast together – but it can be a bit difficult. Rose loves traditional fried English breakfasts with sausages, egg and bacon. Meg prefers healthy food, such as cereal and fruit.

When Rose is busy, she sometimes works for up to ten hours every day.

I: Rose, what kind of work do you usually do?

R: My work varies widely from portraits of people, murals in houses and bars, and sign writing.

At the moment I'm working on a piece for the pub sign for my local pub in Belsize Park.

This huge sketch is a sketch for a painting by Salvador Dali that hangs in a tapas bar in Jericho in Oxford.

This is my first portrait I ever did, from a photograph taken in Crete of me and my boyfriend in 1999.

This is a drawing of a lion, simply because I love lions and I'm a Leo.

This is a portrait I did of my mum's boyfriend David for his 60th birthday.

This is a little girl called Laila, who's about a year old at this point. She's from Barcelona in Spain.

This is the mural I did in my own house for practice. It was very difficult but I'm very pleased with it.

N: When she needs a break from her work, Rose often plays in the garden with her dog, Bray. Bray's very lively and he enjoys running around.

R: Come here! You're a good boy, yes you are.

N: And every weekday Rose meets a friend's son at school and takes him home. She does this to help her friend, who is often busy at work.

Although she loves London, Rose also enjoys exploring nearby towns and cities. She especially likes Oxford, which is quite near to London. She goes there to look at the buildings and enjoy the historic atmosphere. If she has time, she goes window shopping. The shops in Oxford give her ideas for her artwork.

In the evening, Rose and Meg normally eat together. It's a relaxing way to end the day. They usually eat in front of the TV. They love watching soap operas.