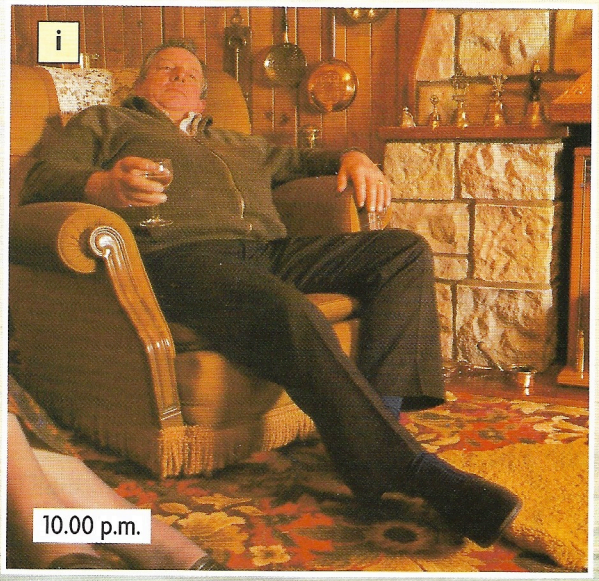
Seumas McSporran is a very busy man. He is 60 years old and he has thirteen jobs. He is a postman, a policeman, a fireman, a taxi driver, a school-bus driver, a boatman, an ambulance man, an accountant, a petrol attendant, a barman, and an undertaker. Also, he and his wife, Margaret, have a shop and a small hotel.

Seumas lives and works on the island of Gigha in the west of Scotland. Only 120 people live on Gigha but in summer 150 tourists come by boat every day.

Every weekday Seumas gets up at 6.00 and makes breakfast for the hotel guests. At 8.00 he drives the island's children to school. At 9.00 he collects the post from the boat and delivers it to all the houses on the island. He also delivers the beer to the island's only pub. Then he helps Margaret in the shop.

He says: 'Margaret likes being busy, too. We never have holidays and we don't like watching television. In the evenings Margaret makes supper and I do the accounts. At 10.00 we have a glass of wine and then we go to bed. Perhaps our life isn't very exciting, but we like it.'



3 Read about Seumas. Answer the questions.

1 Where does Seumas live?
2 How old is he?
3 How many jobs does he have?
4 What's his wife's name?
5 What does she do?
6 How many people live on Gigha?
7 How many tourists visit Gigha in summer?
8 What does Seumas do in the morning?
9 What do he and Margaret do in the evening?

4 Look at the photos. Ask and answer questions with a partner about times in Seumas's day.

What does he do at 6 o'clock?

He gets up and makes breakfast.

5 **T 3.7** Listen to four conversations from Seumas's day. After each one answer these questions.

1 Is it morning, afternoon, or evening?
2 Who are the people? Where are they?
3 What is Seumas's job?

6 Complete the conversations.

1 **A** Good _____. Can I _____ two ice-creams, please?
B Chocolate or vanilla?
A One chocolate, one vanilla please.
B That's _____. Anything _____?
A No, thank you.

2 **A** Only _____ letters for you this _____, Mrs Craig.
B Thank you very much, Mr McSporran. And _____'s Mrs McSporran this _____?
A Oh, she's very well, thank you. She's _____ in the shop.

3 **A** A glass of _____ before bed, my dear?
B Oh, yes please.
A _____ you are.
B Thank you, my dear. I'm very _____ this _____.

4 **A** Hello, Mr McSporran!
B Good _____, boys and girls. Hurry up, we're late.
A Can I sit here, Mr McSporran?
C No, no, I _____ to sit there.
B Be quiet _____ of you, and SIT DOWN!

Practise the conversations with your partner.

EADING AND LISTENING

eumas McSporran – the man with irteen jobs!

Seumas McSporran /ˈʃeɪməs məkˈspɒrən/ comes from Scotland. Look at the photographs of some of the things he does every day.

The man with thirteen jobs

2 Match a sentence with a photograph.

1 He **helps** in the shop.
2 He **makes** breakfast for the hotel guests.
3 He **serves** petrol.
4 He **delivers** the beer to the pub.
5 He **collects** the post from the boat.
6 He **drives** the children to school.
7 He **delivers** the letters.
8 He **has** a glass of wine.
9 He **works** as an undertaker.