

Task 1. Reading & Comprehension.

My Junior Year Grind

Hi! My name is Chloe, and I'm a high school junior (11th grade) in Seattle, USA. A typical school day for me starts pretty early. My alarm goes off at 6:30 AM, and after a quick breakfast, I usually catch the school bus around 7:15 AM. Our classes officially start at 7:50 AM with a short Homeroom session, where we hear announcements and chat briefly with our designated teacher. Since I'm focused on college applications, my schedule is packed with challenging courses. My first class is AP U.S. History, which involves a lot of reading and group discussions. We have seven periods in total, each lasting about 45 minutes, with only short 5-minute passing periods in between to rush to the next room. Lunch is usually at 12:00 PM. The cafeteria food isn't always great, so I often bring my own sandwich. This is the main social time to hang out with friends before my afternoon classes, like Chemistry Honors. School officially finishes at 2:40 PM. However, my day is far from over. I am on the school debate team, so I usually stay for practice until 4:30 PM. I get home exhausted and spend another two or three hours doing homework and revising for exams. It's busy, but the freedom of choosing interesting electives like Digital Imaging makes it worth it. I am usually in bed by 10:30 PM, ready to repeat the routine the next day!

(Comprehension Questions - Task 1):

1. What is the purpose of "Homeroom" in Chloe's school day?
2. How many class periods does Chloe attend in a day, and how long does each one last?
3. Based on the text, what is the biggest difference between the school day in Ukraine and Chloe's schedule?

Task 2. Discussion: Обговорення: *Do you think the school day should be changed? What would you add or remove?* (Використовуємо **Present Simple/Continuous** для висловлення теперішніх поглядів та планів.)

- **Task 3: Grammar Focus:**

- Повторення вживання **Present Simple** (для регулярних дій) та конструкції **used to** (для дій у минулому, які більше не відбуваються).

Приклад: "Now, I **attend** 7 lessons a day, 5 years ago, I **used to attend** only 5 lessons."