

GRAMMAR A

1

Discuss the questions with a partner.

- How do you think life in space is different from life on Earth for astronauts?
- What challenges do you think astronauts might face in space?

available – something that is present

interaction – the act of communicating with somebody

supply – to provide something that is needed



2

Read the passages from a magazine article and decide if the sentences are True or False.

06:00

Post-sleep

Astronauts are woken up at 6 a.m. They get dressed before they eat breakfast, much like a regular day on Earth. There is a shower on the station, but most washing is done with a simple wet cloth.

06:40

Breakfast

Astronauts eat their first meal of the day. Fresh fruit and food are stored on the station, while tea and coffee are available in packets.

08:00

Daily conference/work

In the morning, astronauts are given their daily tasks by ground control. Also, they often have a daily conference where they discuss their jobs for a day.

10:00– 17:00

Physical exercise

Astronauts exercise regularly to keep their bodies healthy in space. Space stations are supplied with exercise machines to keep astronauts strong.

13:00

Lunch

In space, the sense of taste isn't good because of microgravity, so foods with strong flavours (such as spicy curries) are often preferred on the station.

14:00

Back to work

When astronauts have to leave the station, they wear special spacesuits to perform tasks outside the station.

19:30

Pre-sleep

In the evening, astronauts eat dinner. It is an important time for social interaction, as often many hours are spent working alone on the station.

21:30

Sleep

At 9:30 p.m., astronauts go to their sleeping areas to get some rest. Noises from fans and motors might seem strange at first, but astronauts get used to them over time. For astronauts staying on the station for the first time, it is like living next to a busy road on Earth.

Let's see what is happening in the mission control on Earth now.

It is 4 p.m. now. The space station **is being monitored** by the mission control on Earth. A plan **is being developed** for conducting the next spacewalk. Messages **are being sent** to the astronauts in space.

1. Astronauts take a shower every morning.
2. They don't want to lose their sense of taste, so they eat spicy food.
3. They usually work on their own during the day.
4. At night, the station usually becomes quiet.
5. A team is currently monitoring the space station.