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Reading, listening and writing

ON THE ROAD ! for information



Read and listen about Jason Davis.

Jason Davis is a roadie. A roadie helps a band with concerts. He's on tour with September Moves this summer.

– What do you like about your job?

I watch concerts every night! I work with great people. I love it!

– How do people become roadies?

Go to a theatre and help small drama groups.

It's a good start. You don't make money, but you learn a lot. It's a good idea to study at school, too. For example, science helps! I use electronics in my work every day. Use the internet to find a **job** with bands on tour. Check different bands' websites for work.

– What's a typical day for a roadie?

I don't have a **typical** day. We travel a lot in Europe when we're on tour and the journeys are very long. For example, tonight we've got a **concert** in Paris and tomorrow night we're in Brussels! Roadies get up early. We travel to the next theatre in big tour buses. After we arrive, we start work. I'm a lighting technician, so I put the lights on the **stage**. I work all afternoon. In the evening,

I **operate** the lights at the concert.

After the concert, before we go to bed, the roadies put everything in the tour bus again. This isn't easy because we're all tired! We go to bed very late.

– What don't you like about your job?

I **miss** my family. I chat with them on the phone, but sometimes I don't see them for months. That's difficult. Also, we go to lots of different cities, but we don't **visit** anything – we only see theatres! I want to see some famous places. The journeys are **boring**, but I have a great life!

– Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in the passage "On the Road".

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- My aunt equipment in science laboratory.
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– Imagine you are a roadie. Write an e-mail to your family. Use the plan to help you.

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(Write about the band or musician, e.g. an opinion about their music.)

My job is great, but sometimes I'm tired.

(Describe your daily routine, e.g. when you get up and have breakfast, when you start work, when you have lunch, when you have a break, when you have dinner, when you go to bed.)

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