Test Your Grammar Skills

How to Get from Bed to Work in 27 Easy Steps! – Present Simple Verbs

Write the sentences again, changing each underlined verb from the past simple to the present simple tense:

1. I woke up at 6.50am when I heard the alarm clock.
2. I jumped out of bed and switched it off before it woke up all the neighbours.
3. I switched on the light and the heater, because it was cold in my room.
4. I used the bathroom; then looked for a clean shirt to wear.
5. I went into the kitchen and put the kettle on.
6. I got dressed and brushed my hair.
7. I had a shave and then packed my bag ready for work.
8. The kettle boiled so I made a cup of tea; then I watched TV for a few minutes.
9. I opened all the curtains in my house and picked up my sandwiches from the fridge.
10. I put on my shoes and coat; then checked that I hadn't forgotten anything.
11. I left on the light in the hall because I knew it would be dark when I got home.
12. I unlocked and opened the front door; then I went outside.
13. I locked the front door and walked a few metres to my car.
14. I got into the car and turned the key in the ignition.
15. I put on a tape and turned up the volume.
16. I looked in my mirrors; then reversed up the drive and onto the road.

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19. I changed the tape in my car stereo, and tapped my fingers on the steering wheel.

20. I put on the radio and listened to the news, followed by the weather forecast.

21. The radio played one of my favourite songs, so I sang along loudly.

22. I turned right into the road where I always leave my car. I parked and turned off the engine.

23. I got out and shut the door. I locked my car door and then walked for about twenty minutes.

24. I bought a newspaper and a sandwich at the newsagent; then I headed for work.

25. As I entered the building I said “Hi” to the people I work with.

26. I got to my desk at about 8.50 am and put down my bag.

27. I was ready for another cup of tea and to ~~have a long nap~~ start the day!

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