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The Life of a Bike Messenger

It is 5 a.m. on a chilly November morning. Mike Zello **is drinking** his second cup of coffee of the morning. Then, he **stretches** his legs and **straps** on a bright orange bag. He **jumps** on his bike and **rides** into the sunrise. Zello's workday **is beginning**.

Zello **is** one of hundreds of bike messengers around the world. They **work** in downtown areas of large cities and **deliver** everything from documents to gifts. Messenger bags **measure** up to 3,000 cubic inches. (Picture ten large pizza boxes.) But messengers **say** that the size of the delivery **isn't** the hardest part of the job. It's the journey. "I am always **looking** out for busses and skateboarders," Zello **says**. "Danger **exists** everywhere."

E-competition also **exists** everywhere. In fact, some people **say** that because of the Internet, there **is** no need for bike messengers. Downtown lawyer Ruth Martin **disagrees**. "I almost always **use** messengers," she says. "I rarely **send** documents by email. Why? Bike messengers **don't get** lost in cyberspace."

1. Read the text above and answer the following questions:

- What are two things Mike Zello does before he goes to work?
- What do bike messengers do?
- What is difficult about a bike messenger's job?
- Why do some people say that the job of the bike messenger is ending?

2. Pick out from the text:

Two verbs in the simple present positive
Two verbs in the simple present negative
Two verbs in the present continuous
Two frequency adverbs

3. **Match the words with their meaning:**

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| _____ 1. Chilly | a. Fasten |
| _____ 2. Stretch | b. Courier |
| _____ 3. Strap | c. World Wide Web |
| _____ 4. Messenger | d. Icy |
| _____ 5. Cyberspace | e. Voyage |
| _____ 6. Journey | f. Elasticity |

4. **Change the verbs in bold from positive to negative or vice versa:**

- a) Mike Zello **is drinking** his second cup of coffee of the morning.
- b) He **stretches** his legs.
- c) Zello **is** one of hundreds of bike messengers around the world.
- d) They **work** in downtown areas of large cities.
- e) Ruth Martin **disagrees**.
- f) The size of the delivery **isn't** the hardest part of the job.
- g) Bike messengers **don't get** lost in cyberspace.
- h) I **am** always **looking** out for busses and skateboarders.

5. **Complete the sentences with words from the box. Use the simple present or the present progressive form. Use each verb only once:**

Begin	ride	disagree	say	look out	wear
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- a) Rachel is a bike messenger in Chicago. Her workday _____ at 7:30am.
- b) She _____ a shirt and shorts today.
- c) She always _____ her bike to work.
- d) Her boyfriend _____ that riding a bike in the city is dangerous.
- e) Rachel _____. She says it's safe.
- f) "I always _____ for cars and busses," she says.

4. **Put the adverbs of frequency in the correct place in the sentence:**

- a) Sally goes to work at 7:30 (always)
- b) She is late to work. (never)
- c) She goes by bus. (Not ever)

Writing:

Write a paragraph about your dream job. Why have you chosen it and what do you like about it.