

The Story of Emma's Pretty Ordinary Day

This morning Emma wakes up at 6:30 a.m. when her alarm clock goes off* - as always on a school day. She is a bit muddled because she is reading a really thrilling book and it got kind of late before she fell asleep last night. Emma gets out of bed to eat breakfast*. She is very hungry but luckily her dad has made scrambled eggs and toast, so before long she feels full and awake.

Emma picks up her phone in the charger*. The battery had almost run out of last night. It is February, and her room is chilly, so she turns up the radiator* to make her room nice and warm for when she returns from school. Then Emma goes to the bathroom and takes a bath*. It is nice to just stand under the hot water when it is cold outside, so she stays under the shower for 15 minutes* and comes out feeling warm and pleased. She starts her favourite playlist on her phone* while she does her hair, gets dressed and brushes her teeth.

Suddenly, Emma realizes that she is late. She runs to her mother and asks her, if she can take her to school, because she missed the bus and it is too cold to take the bike in the winter. Her mum is upset, because it is a detour for her, but she takes Emma to school anyway*.

When Emma arrives at school, she remembers that she has forgotten her lunch bag because she was out of time. She decides that she can do without food till 1 O'clock and go to MacDonald's* after school. That way, she can also hang out with her friends and she likes that.

In school they are working on something online and they write an essay on their computers*. At lunchtime, Emma just buys a bottle of water* and chills with her phone*. The other pupils are playing cards but Emma doesn't feel like joining in today, as she is still tired from the late reading.

After MacDonald's, Emma decides to take a stroll to the shops and buy a few t-shirts*. Her favourite store has a sale this week, and the clothes are almost free. She ends up buying 4* really nice pieces of clothes, and when she passes the candy store, she is in such a good mood, that she buys a bag of delicious sweets* for her and her parents tonight.

When Emma arrives home, her parents sit together in the kitchen and look completely happy. Mum has got a large raise at work and know they have decided to go to New York* this summer. They never had money for things like that, so it a dream come true. Emma is so glad because she loves to travel and also, they get to spend a fortnight together as a family.

To celebrate, they buy big red steaks*, because dad loves red meat so much and they very rarely have it, because both her parents thinks it is better to eat green, organic and healthy. After dinner, Emma turns on the dishwasher*, while mum washes the clothes*. Dad is in the living room drilling holes* for some painting that they have wanted on the walls for a while. Afterwards, they all sit together in the couch, turn on the cozy lights* and watch a crime movie on TV*. The film is a bit too scary for Emma, but dad takes her hand, when he senses her being afraid.

After the movie, the all play cards together for half an hour. Dad wins, as usual, and mum gets upset in a fun way. Then its Emma's bedtime.

While Emma is in bed, she can hear mum and dad watching the news*. She can hear that some people in London are protesting for the climate. They are lying down in the roads to block traffic, and they are singing songs and yelling that people have to do something to save the planet. Emma is very concerned, but she doesn't know quite what it is about and what she can do to help. She decides to ask her parents and maybe her teachers in the morning. Then Emma falls asleep.

(* marks things that emits CO₂ - to help the teacher in the discussion afterwards.)