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A DAY IN A LIFE

Camilla Juarez is a high school senior. The following are the activities she has planned for today.

Where	Time	Activity	Related Overcoming Obstacles Lessons
Home	6:15 AM	1. Wake up.	
	6:25 AM	3. Take a shower and get dressed.	
	6:45 AM	4. Eat breakfast.	
	6:55 AM	5. Get books and papers together for school.	
	7:00 AM	6. Leave for school.	
	7:00 PM	7. Complete homework.	
	8:00 PM	8. Decide how to spend or save my paycheck.	
	8:30 PM	9. Try to find a different job.	
School	7:45 AM	1. Meet with Mr. Jones to ask if I can retake the test.	
	9:00 AM	2. Take notes in history class.	
	11:30 AM	3. Talk to Jack at lunch about the argument we had yesterday.	
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