

A Day in the Life of Ali





Hello! My name is Ali and I live in Iran. My mom, dad and my little sister live in a two-bedroom apartment in the capital city, Tehran. The language that we speak is Persian. The Persian words for Mom and Dad are Mamaan and Baba. My mom is a secretary at a law firm downtown and my dad is a teacher. Both my sister and I love school! I am in 2nd grade and my sister is in 1st grade. Do you want me to tell you about my day yesterday? Yes? Okay!

Today, I woke up at 6:00am. My mother had put breakfast on the table. We had bread and butter with sweet tea. I love sweet tea! Do you like tea? What do you eat for breakfast?



After breakfast, my sister and I got dressed for school. We each have a uniform we have to wear. I wear a black pair of pants and a white shirt. My sister wears a dark blue pair of pants, a dark blue shirt and a *maghneh*. A *maghneh* is a white hood that she has to wear to cover her hair. What do you wear to school in America? Do you wear a uniform too?



Then, after I was dressed, my sister and I walked together to her school. It is not very far away. She goes to an all-girls school. We can't go to the same school because she is a girl and I am a boy, so I dropped her off and went to my school up the road. Do you have all-boys school there too?



At 7:00am, I went to my classroom. My teacher's name is Mr. Parsa. I like him a lot. We learned where Iran is and where the United States is on the world map. We also learned math and reading and writing. My favorite subject is math! What is your favorite subject?



Our school day is over at noon but instead of going home, we went to my grandmother's house to eat. My sister and I call her Mamaan Bozorg and we love her very much. She makes delicious food. Yesterday we had rice with chicken, but my favorite food is celery stew! It has celery, beef and all kinds of vegetables. I eat it with a fork and a spoon like a grown-up. Sometimes I even put yogurt on it! Yummy!

After lunch, Zahra and I stayed at Mamaan Bororg's house until our mom and dad got home at 5:00pm. I went outside and played in the alley with some of my friends. Everyday we play soccer. I'm the goalie. My sister doesn't like soccer so she goes and plays with her friends.



At 5:00pm, Zahra and I went home. My mom usually cooks dinner for us but yesterday my decided that we should have kabob. Kabob is my dad's favorite. It is pieces of meat pushed on a metal stick and cooked over a fire. We couldn't make fire in our apartment so we went to the garage in the basement to make it. I was so excited because my dad let me help! I used our plastic fan to fan the flames so they would cook the meat better. Everyone said the kabob was delicious!

Of course, even though Zahra and I were really full after dinner, we still had to study our math and reading for today. We studied for two hours until my mom said it was time to go to bed. I was glad because I was tired! My sister and I went into our bedroom and fell asleep.

Today is Thursday so I'm happy that this is the last day of the week. Here, we go to school Saturday thru Thursday. We have Friday off! I hope my dad takes us to the park tomorrow and we have kabob again!