

NUMBER 7 • BONUS STORY

Antes del primer café

One day with Clara, from five in the morning until the evening: who calls before the town is up, why everybody in her café gets cake, and what happens when a woman says she is not hungry.

ANSWER KEY

LISTENING & UNDERSTANDING

L1) WHO SAYS IT?: 1b, 2a, 3c

L2) CLARA'S DAY: 1a, 2b, 3b

L3) WHOSE ADVICE?: 1c, 2b

Translation

Five in the morning. Number 7 is dark, except for one window above the café.

It is five in the morning. The house is quiet.

Elvira and Michi sleep. Javier is awake.

Clara is already in the café. She starts early.

■ Good morning, café. Time to bake.

There is milk, butter and thirty eggs.

The cake is in the oven. It smells good.

Six o'clock. The phone rings. Only one person calls at this hour.

The mobile rings.

■ Hello, Grandma. I am in the café.

○ Are you already working, Clara?

■ Yes. And you? Are you awake?

○ Of course. My bread is in the oven.

Her grandmother lives in another town. They talk in the morning.

○ And do you have breakfast? What do you eat?

■ Nothing yet. I have lots of work.

○ You need breakfast too.

■ I know. Everyone eats here.

Seven o'clock. Clara opens the café. Outside, people are already waiting.

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■ Good morning! Come in.

Javier arrives. He is very tired.

▲ Just tea, please.

■ Yes, Javier. A big cup.

Clara knows her neighbours. Elvira talks a lot.

Then Elvira comes in, with Lucía, on the way to school.

■ Hello, Elvira. Hello, Lucía. What would you like?

● A black tea without sugar.

□ And ten pancakes!

● Lucía, two. Two are enough.

■ Two pancakes with butter and milk. Michi has a small one.

Michi is seated. He waits for his pancake.

Eight o'clock. The café is full. A woman in a smart grey coat hurries in, her phone in her hand.

△ A coffee, quickly. I have little time.

■ With milk or sugar?

△ Without milk or sugar. And without cake.

Clara looks at the woman. The cake is very good.

■ Here is the coffee. And cake. It is a gift.

△ Thanks, but I have little time. How much is it?

- One euro eighty. The cake is free.

The woman looks at the cake. She takes one bite. Then another.

- △ How good! Another slice?

- Of course. There is a chair here.

The woman sits down. She eats slowly.

Evening. The café is empty. Clara is on the phone, and Michi sits in the window.

At night, the café is empty.

- Eighty people today. And everyone wants cake.

The mobile rings. It is her grandmother.

- Clara, are you eating now?

- Yes. Bread with cheese. And cake.

Michi has fish for dinner.

- Good night. Tomorrow, five again.