

# Many Ways to Help

Read this story to the class and invite them to cross off the devices on their bingo board as they are mentioned. Remind children they must cross off the pictures in the order they appear on their board.

## A Busy Morning

It was 7 o'clock in the morning. Sita's alarm was ringing out in the form of music from her favourite radio station. She lifted her hand out of the cosy covers and plonked it on her bedside table, hoping to find her phone and switch off the awful noise! Downstairs, Mum was already dressed for work. Dad had put breakfast out for everyone and was frantically calling Sita's brother, Eugene, to get out of bed. Sita came downstairs and grabbed her breakfast from the table.

"Thanks Dad!" she called to him. She didn't have to leave for school for another half an hour - it was great that she could walk to school with her friends now she was in secondary school! She'd have plenty of time to watch her favourite show on catch-up before she left the house. She'd missed the episode last night and all the others would be talking about it at school so she had to be up to speed. She snuggled down on the sofa and grabbed the TV remote. Eugene trotted downstairs happily, with his notebook in his hand.

"There you are! I've been calling up to you for half an hour!" Dad said.

"I've been on the computer - just had a couple of bits of my research to check ready to hand in my homework this morning. I want to make sure I'm really trying my best now I'm doing my exams. Thanks for breakfast!" he said, smiling at Dad.

Mum walked in with her tablet in her hand. She was saying goodbye to her sister after a video call and suddenly noticed the time! She busily bundled her papers for the meeting into her work bag. She was in a rush; the meeting she was going to had been relocated. With a quick look at the maps on her tablet, she stuffed that in her bag as well and headed for the door.

"Your watch is charging by the kettle," she called to Dad. "You'll need it if you're going to track your run today. Have a good day, see you later!" Dad switched on his laptop as he had research of his own to do for a project he'd been working on.

"While you're on there, please can you check the train times for later, Dad?" called Sita. "I'm going to town after school to buy those shoes."

"They're every half hour," Dad replied after a quick check. "And there's a sale on, I've just seen an advert online. Today's the day to buy the shoes!" With a final bit of hustle and bustle, everyone left the house. Dad was left alone to get on with his research.