

It's a job, not a holiday

Monika is a chalet girl. She works in the ski resort of Verbier in Switzerland. She looks after groups of skiers.

Her day always starts early. She gets up at 5 o'clock in the morning. At 5.30 she walks to the shop and buys some bread for the guests' breakfast. At 7 o'clock she makes some coffee and takes it to the guests in bed.

After breakfast the guests go skiing. Then Monika washes up, makes the beds, and tidies the chalet. She has a rest at about 11 o'clock. She doesn't make lunch for the guests, so in the afternoon she normally goes skiing for about three hours. At 4.30 the

guests come back and have some tea, cakes, and a glass of wine. Then Monika cooks the evening meal.

The guests often go to a café or a club after dinner. Monika sometimes goes with them or meets her friends, but she doesn't usually go out, because she has to get up early the next day. So she washes up and then she usually watches TV for an hour. She goes to bed at about 10.00.

Monika never goes skiing on Saturday, because it's always

a very busy day. The guests leave in the morning and then Monika has to clean the chalet. After that she goes to the supermarket and buys food and other things for the week, before the new guests arrive.

Monika likes working as a chalet girl, because she meets a lot of different people. 'But,' she says, 'it's a job, not a holiday.'

