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A Random House PICTUREBACK®
It's morning in the city! People are hurrying to work and to school. Some stop to watch the construction workers who are already busy digging and hauling dirt, mixing and pouring cement, lifting and lowering pipes. A new building is just beginning!
Buildings are going up everywhere! Workers raise steel girders higher and higher into the air. Sparks fly as men weld the girders together. Inside the unfinished buildings more people are working. They measure and cut boards. They plaster and paint walls. They connect pipes and wires. Someday many people will have their offices here.
City shops and stores are open for another busy day! People come to the drugstore to buy medicine. The pharmacists measure out the right amount.

At the bakery, the bakers have been making cookies and cakes for many hours. They began working when it was still dark. Everything looks delicious!

In the meat market, the butchers get the meat ready to sell.
The supermarket is crowded with people. Some are busy putting food up on the shelves. Some are busy taking it down.
The food people buy in the city comes from farms far away. This morning a farmer is up in his helicopter. He will check all his fields before he comes down. Many people work on one farm. Fields have to be plowed and planted. Crops have to be picked and stored in trucks to be taken away. Every day there is more work to be done!
Hay must be cut and tied up in bales.

Cows must be milked.

Eggs must be collected.
Tomatoes must be picked and sorted.

Pigs must be fed.
In the city the department store is having a busy day, too. Crowds of people hurry in to buy things. Everybody wants help right away! Sales people see that they find what they want. Below the store people work underground. They sell things to subway riders.
At the hospital people are busy helping people get well. Some of the patients are sick or having operations. Soon they will feel better. Some of the patients are ready to go home today. When they are home, they will tell all their friends about the hospital.

Many different people work in a hospital. Doctors, nurses, technicians, surgeons, ambulance drivers, nurses’ aides—everybody helps in an important way!
A policeman helps people, too. He keeps the city safe. He prevents accidents. If someone is lost, the policeman helps him find his way home again. The policeman is always busy.
The doctor has been busy, too! Today Billy came to see him. He measured and weighed Billy. Then he checked Billy’s throat and ears. What other things did the doctor do?
In the afternoon the firemen are cleaning the fire engines. Clang! There’s a fire on First Street! The firemen know how to get ready fast. They rush to the scene. Soon the fire will be out.
The circus has come to town! It's time to unload props and costumes and circus animals. Up goes the tent! Down goes the sawdust! There are nets to be tested, tricks to be tried. Everybody practices. Tonight people will come to the circus to laugh and to be amazed. No one will be disappointed.
All day people have been dropping letters into mailboxes. Postmen collect all the letters in large sacks. Then they take the mail sacks to the post office.
At the post office, hundreds of people sort the mail. Each letter must go into the right slot. Then planes and trucks take the mail to places all around the world. At last, each letter is delivered.
At the airport everybody is in a hurry! People don't want the plane to take off without them. But tickets must be collected, luggage must be checked in, questions must be answered. The airline agents know how to stay calm.
The luggage gets on the plane before the passengers do.

At last the plane is up in the air.  

Now the passengers can relax.
People who have been working all day are going home now. Cars fill the highways. The gas station is very busy! People come to get gas or to find out what’s wrong with their cars. The mechanics can help them.
Some people are not going home yet. They are busy putting on a television show. The people watching the show at home only see the actors. They cannot see all the other people working at the studio.
It's seven o'clock. People are having dinner. They are through working for the day. But the people who work in restaurants are not through working. They are busier than ever!
Back and forth go the plates! When they are filled, they go into the dining room. When they are empty, they go back to the kitchen. There the plates have to be washed and ready to use again.
At the end of the day people are glad to go home. Tonight they will rest and see their families. Tomorrow will be another busy day!