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It is early. The sky is light blue. Anna wakes up. She opens her eyes and she smiles. It is a new day. The birds sing outside. Anna likes the morning. The morning is quiet and calm.

Anna gets up. She walks to the window. She looks at the sky. The sun is up. There are no clouds. It is a good day. It is not cold. It is warm and nice. Anna is happy.

Anna goes to the kitchen. She makes tea. She likes black tea with a little sugar. The tea is hot. She drinks her tea slowly. She eats one small biscuit. The biscuit is sweet. The tea is good. Anna feels warm and ready for the day.

Anna looks at the clock. It is eight. The market opens early. The best fruit goes fast. Anna does not want to be late. She washes her cup. She puts it away. The kitchen is clean now.

Now Anna is ready. She puts on her shoes. She takes her bag. She takes her wallet too. She wants to go to the market. The market is near her home. She likes to walk there.

Anna walks down the street. She sees trees. She sees small houses. She sees a cat on a wall. The cat is gray. Anna says, "Hello, cat." The cat looks at her. The cat does not move. It sits in the sun. Anna laughs. She walks on.

The street is busy now. A boy rides a bike. A dog runs after him. An old man reads his paper. A woman waters her flowers. "Good morning," she says. "Good morning," says Anna. The air smells of fresh bread.

Soon Anna is at the market. The market is big and busy. There are many people. There are many colors. She sees red apples. She sees green and yellow fruit. The market smells nice. She hears people talk. She hears music. Anna is glad. She likes it here.

Anna goes to the bread shop first. The bread is fresh and warm. She buys one big loaf of bread. "Good morning," she says. "Good morning," says the man. "Here is your bread." "Thank you," says Anna.

Next Anna buys fruit. She buys five apples and three bananas. The apples are red. The bananas are yellow. The woman puts the fruit in a bag. "That is two euros," she says. Anna pays. She smiles.

Anna also wants vegetables. She buys tomatoes, carrots, and one onion. The tomatoes are red and soft. The carrots are long and orange. "These are very good today," says the seller. "Thank you," says Anna.

Then Anna buys cheese. She likes white cheese. She buys a small piece. "Try a little," says the cheese man. Anna tries it. It is soft and fresh. It is good. "I like it," she says. "I will take this one." The man wraps the cheese in paper. Anna puts it in her bag.

At the next stall, a man sells eggs and honey. The eggs are brown and big. Anna buys six eggs. She buys one small jar of honey too. "The honey is from my bees," says the man. "It is very sweet." Anna smiles and pays.

Anna walks slowly. She looks at all the stalls. One stall has fish. One stall has nuts. One stall has tea and spices. The colors are red, yellow, and green. The smells are warm and strong. Anna likes this place a lot.

Anna sees her friend Tom. Tom has a basket too. "Hello, Anna!" he says. "Hello, Tom!" says Anna. "How are you?" "I am good," says Tom. "The market is nice today." "Yes, it is," says Anna. They talk a little. Then Tom goes home.

Anna is a little thirsty now. She stops at a small stand. A woman sells fresh juice. Anna buys one cup of orange juice. It is cold and sweet. "This is very good," says Anna. "Thank you," says the woman. Anna drinks her juice in the sun.

Anna sees a small girl with her mother. The girl points at the apples. "I want a red one," she says. Her mother buys two apples. The girl is happy. She eats one apple. Anna watches and smiles. The market is a nice place.

Before Anna goes home, she buys flowers. The flowers are yellow and pink. They smell sweet. “For my table,” says Anna. “They are very nice,” says the flower woman. Anna holds the flowers and the bread and the bag. Her hands are full. But she is very happy. She walks home in the warm sun.

Anna walks home the same way. The cat is still on the wall. “Goodbye, cat,” says Anna. The woman with the flowers waves. The old man is still reading. The sun is high now. The day is warm. Anna is happy and a little tired.

At home, Anna puts the flowers in water. She puts the bread on the table. She puts the fruit in a bowl. She puts the eggs and cheese away. The kitchen looks nice now. The flowers smell sweet. Anna makes more tea. She cuts some bread. She eats a little cheese and honey. She sits down by the window. It is a good morning. Anna is happy.

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