

Gilbert, a busy bus driver

A. Reading

Gilbert is a bus driver in Versailles, Kentucky. He works the morning shift from 5:30 to 1:30. His bus route is Route 26, which runs east and west along Emerson Street. His route is busy, but it is in a nice part of town. Gilbert likes his job because he gets off work early. He works four hours on Saturdays, but he is off on Sundays. He usually spends Sundays with his family.



Next year, Gilbert will turn 65 and he can retire. His wife wants him to work for another three years because in three years their house will be paid off. Their bills will be much lower then. Gilbert has worked hard for the past 30 years, and he wants to retire as soon as possible. He's not worried about money. What should Gilbert do?

B. True or False

1. False Gilbert is a widower.
2. True Gilbert works four hours on the weekend.
3. False Route 26 is in a dangerous neighborhood.
4. True Gilbert wears a uniform to work. (look at the picture)
5. True Gilbert's house will be paid off in another three years.



C. Yes or No – What about you?

1. Yes I have a job and I like it.
2. Yes I usually spend Sundays with my family.
3. No I would like to be a bus driver.
4. No I worry about money.



D. Writing - What should Gilbert do? Should he retire next year? Why?

I think Gilbert should retire next year. I understand his wife's opinion because it makes sense to pay off the house and have lower bills. But Gilbert has worked hard for 30 years and he probably needs some rest. He should have more time to relax and spend time with his family. Life is short and we never know what can happen tomorrow, so it is important to enjoy your time.