

LIVE IN OR FLY IN?

“Same job. Same pay. Two completely different lives. Today you get to try both on — without leaving the room.”



YOUR ROLE TODAY: LIFE TESTER

Last lesson you locked a gut call: town, fly-in-fly-out, or neither. Today you live a week of each — in a game — and find out if your gut knew what it was talking about.

■ YOUR GUT-LOCK, ON THE RECORD

Last lesson I locked: ☐ LIVE in a mining town ☐ FLY in and out ☐ neither • In one word, why:

■ FIRST — CRACK THE CODE

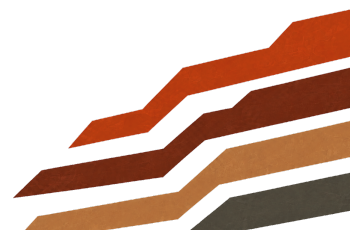
FIFO means fly-in, fly-out: you work on site for a stretch, then fly home for a break. Rosters are written like a score: **8/6** means 8 days on site, then 6 days at home. A “swing” is one full cycle.

Quick check — on a 2/1 roster (in weeks), how long are you away? _____ weeks • then home for _____ week

Circle one — who flies FIFO in WA: only men • only truck drivers • all kinds of workers, women and men

IF SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY FLIES

Some of you already know this life better than any worksheet. If that's you, you're today's expert — share exactly as much as you want to, and nothing you don't.



LIVE THE SWING — THE GAME

- 1** Your teacher reads one day at a time — first a week of FIFO life, then a week of town life.
- 2** After each day, score your four meters: circle – if the day cost you, + if it paid you, ○ if it broke even. Trust your own reaction — there are no right meters.
- 3** At the end of each week, count your pluses and call it: was that a life you'd want?

WEEK ONE — FIFO (8/6 swing)

Day 1 · fly out: MATES –○+ MONEY –○+ FREEDOM –○+ SLEEP –○+

Day 3 · on site: MATES –○+ MONEY –○+ FREEDOM –○+ SLEEP –○+

Day 5 · the call home: MATES –○+ MONEY –○+ FREEDOM –○+ SLEEP –○+

Day 8 · fly home: MATES –○+ MONEY –○+ FREEDOM –○+ SLEEP –○+

Day 10 · home days: MATES –○+ MONEY –○+ FREEDOM –○+ SLEEP –○+

Week one verdict — pluses: _____ · Could I live this? ☐ yes ☐ no ☐ for a while

WEEK TWO — TOWN (living where you work)

Day 1 · five-minute drive: MATES –○+ MONEY –○+ FREEDOM –○+ SLEEP –○+

Day 3 · after work: MATES –○+ MONEY –○+ FREEDOM –○+ SLEEP –○+

Day 5 · the heat: MATES –○+ MONEY –○+ FREEDOM –○+ SLEEP –○+

Day 6 · the weekend: MATES –○+ MONEY –○+ FREEDOM –○+ SLEEP –○+

Day 7 · town life: MATES –○+ MONEY –○+ FREEDOM –○+ SLEEP –○+

Week two verdict — pluses: _____ · Could I live this? ☐ yes ☐ no ☐ for a while

TWO DIARIES — READ LIKE A SCOUT

Two workers, same company, same pay. Underline the best thing in each life. Box the hardest thing in each life.

FICTION FOR THE CLASSROOM

Sam · 34 · drives the big trucks · FIFO 8/6

Day 6 on site. The gym here is better than my one at home, the chef knows I hate mushrooms, and last night the sunset over the pit went full movie-poster. Missed my nephew's birthday though — watched the cake come out over video call. Six more sleeps and I'm home for six whole days. No alarm. No lunchboxes. Just me, the beach, and my dog acting like I've returned from war.

FICTION FOR THE CLASSROOM

Priya · 31 · runs the site lab · lives in town

Home by 4:15 — my drive to work is five minutes, which my city friends refuse to believe. Coached the under-12s tonight, half my team are kids of people I work with. Yes it hit 43 degrees today, and yes the nearest big shopping centre is a plane ride away. But Saturday we're camping at the gorge, and my whole street is coming. My city friends refuse to believe that too.

The same thing that's GOOD in both lives: _____

■ YOUR METERS HAVE OFFICIAL NAMES

You've been doing Geography all game. Draw a line (or just write the letter) to match each meter to its liveability factor:

MATES ____ · MONEY ____ · FREEDOM ____ · SLEEP ____

A. access to services & activities · B. community & belonging · C. health & wellbeing · D. work & income

The factor that matters most to 12-year-old me: ____ · The one I reckon will matter most at 25: ____

A fifth meter I'd add to the game, knowing myself: ____

■ TOWN MYTH-BUSTER — 4 MINUTES, DEVICES

Pick a real WA resource town: Karratha · Tom Price · Newman · Kalgoorlie · Port Hedland. Find ONE thing there that would genuinely surprise the class. Rule stands: no source, no evidence.

Our town: ____ · The surprise: ____ · Source: ____

■ EXIT — DID YOUR GUT SURVIVE?

1. After living both weeks, my call is now: ☐ town ☐ FIFO ☐ neither · My gut-lock ☐ HELD ☐ MOVED

2. The meter that decided it for me (circle): MATES · MONEY · FREEDOM · SLEEP · because:

LOCK IT IN — NEXT LESSON A REAL WORKER ANSWERS YOU

Next lesson: a real person who lives one of these lives, on screen, answering this class's questions. Write the ONE question you'd most want to ask them — make it one Google can't answer.

My question: ____

SKILLS I USED TODAY — TICK WHAT'S TRUE

☐ cracked roster code · ☐ tested two lives against my own meters · ☐ found the good AND the hard in both · ☐ busted a town myth with a source · ☐ wrote a question worth asking a real worker

