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for Matthew & Son, he won't wait.

Watch them run down to platform one  
And the eight-thirty train to Matthew & Son.

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The files in your head, you take them to bed, you're never ever through.  
And they've been working all day, all day, all day!

There's a five minute break and that's all you take,  
for a cup of cold coffee and a piece of cake.

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1. How many stanzas does the song have? (There are...)
2. At what time does the singer wake up? (He wakes up...)
3. What is 'Matthew & Son'? (Matthew & Son is...)
4. How do lots of people get to 'Matthew & Son'? (The people...)
5. Why do the people run down the platform? (People run down the platform because...)
6. How long do the workers have for a break? (Workers have ... minutes ...)
7. Do you think people enjoy working at 'Matthew & Son'? (I think ... because... )

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1. How many stanzas does the song have? (There are...)
2. After waking up, how long does the singer have to get to the station (He has...)
3. What is 'Matthew & Son'? (Matthew & Son is...)
4. How do lots of people get to 'Matthew & Son'? (The people...)
5. Why do the people run down the platform? (People run down the platform because...)
6. How long do the workers have for a break and what do they do during their break? (Workers have ... minutes for a break. During their break they eat... and drink ...)
7. What does the song mean by 'the work's never done'? (If 'the work's never done', this means...)
8. Do you think people enjoy working at 'Matthew & Son'? (I think ... because... )

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1. What is 'Matthew & Son'? (Matthew & Son is...)
2. From which platform do people catch the train to Matthew & Son? (People going to Matthew & Son ...)
3. What effect does the beat have in this song? (The beat shows ...)
4. Why do you think people only take 5 minutes for a break? (People only take a 5 minute break because...)
5. Why does the singer repeat 'all day' three times in the third stanza? (The repetition is used to...)
6. Why do people who work at 'Matthew & Son' not look for jobs elsewhere? (People who work there don't look for new jobs because...)
7. What does it mean if your rent is in 'arrears'? (If your rent is in arrears it means...)
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1. What does the 'he' in stanza one refer to? (The 'he' in stanza one...)
2. Why is the work at 'Matthew & Son' never finished? (The work is never finished because...)
3. What effect does the beat have in this song? (The beat shows ...)
4. What does the singer mean when he sings 'you take them to bed' in stanza 5? (He means that...)
5. What is the purpose of repetition in this song? (The repetition is used to...)
6. Why do people who work at 'Matthew & Son' not look for jobs elsewhere? (People who work there don't look for new jobs because...)
7. What does it mean if your rent is in 'arrears'? (If your rent is in arrears it means...)
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