S5/A10 Sleep-Cycle Diagram

In stage 1 we experience a light transitional sleep. This is where drowsiness and sleep begin.

Stage 1

In stage 2 more stable sleep occurs.
Chemicals produced in the brain block the senses making it difficult to be woken.

REM

90 – 120 Minutes

Stage 2

REM sleep
revitalizes the
memory. In this
stage brain
activity is very
high and
intense
dreaming is
likely to occur.

Stage 3

Stage 3 is deep sleep. Growth hormone is released during this stage. Most stage 3 sleep occurs in the first third of the night.