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- No. 1 $\stackrel{,}{\simeq}$: It feels like winter. This weather is really cold for April.
 - ★: Yeah. I heard the temperature might drop below zero tonight.
 - ☆: Really? I hope not. I've just put some new plants in my garden. If it gets too cold, they'll freeze and die.
 - ★: Well, let's hope it doesn't get that cold.

Question: What is the woman worried about?

- No. 2 ☆ : Excuse me. How much is this scarf? It doesn't have a price tag.
 - ★ : May I see it? Hmm. This doesn't look like any of the scarves we sell. Perhaps another customer dropped it.
 - ☆: Oh. That's too bad. It would have looked really nice with my new coat.
 - ★: I'm sorry about that. Would you like to see the scarves we sell?

Question: What do we learn about the scarf?

- No. 3 $\stackrel{\cdot}{\approx}$: Hello. I'd like to sign my six-year-old daughter up for guitar lessons.
 - ★: Wonderful. We have several teachers who are very good at teaching children. Has she ever played the guitar before?
 - ☆: No, and she doesn't have a guitar yet, either. Should I buy one for her right away?
 - ★: Yes, you'll need to get a guitar. There's a good music

shop on 10th Avenue you might want to try.

Question: What does the woman need to do soon?

- No. 4 ★: Next weekend is Grandma's birthday party, right? What should we get for her, Mom?
 - ☆: I think you should paint a picture for her, Barry. You're so good at painting.
 - ★: Yeah. I could paint a scene from our family's summer picnic at the beach. Could you buy a nice picture frame?
 - ☆: Sure. I'll stop by the art store this weekend.

Question: What is the mother discussing with her son?

- No. 5 ☆ : Dad, can we go to the mountains this weekend? I want to collect some leaves for a school art project.
 - ★: Why do you need to go to the mountains for that?
 - ☆: Most of my classmates are going to get some around town, but I want to find different ones.
 - ★: You're right—there are more kinds of trees in the mountains. OK, let's go on Saturday.

Question: Why does the girl want to go to the mountains?

- No. 6 ☆ Hello.
 - ★ : Hi, Allison. Do you have time now to talk about our Halloween party?
 - ☆ : Sure, Dylan. I'm planning to make cookies that are shaped like pumpkins.
 - ★ : Excellent! I made a list of games to play. Oh, and I think we should have a costume contest.
 - ☆ : Yeah! I'll call everyone tonight and tell them to wear

their most interesting Halloween costume.

Question: What are the boy and girl talking about?

- No. 7 ★: Welcome to Kurt's Computers.
 - ☆: Hi. I'm a travel writer, and I need a new laptop computer for work. I want one that's easy to carry but strong enough for rough trips.
 - ★: OK, ma'am. The Tuff5000 should be perfect for you. It's not the fastest laptop we have, and it doesn't have the most memory, but it's lightweight and strong enough to be used outdoors.
 - ☆: It sounds perfect. I'll take it.

Question: Why does the woman choose to buy the Tuff5000?

- No. 8 ★ : Honey, I'm trying to make your favorite salad dressing, but I ran out of lemons. Is there anything I could use instead?
 - ☆: Well, limes might work, and there's a bag of them in the cupboard. Why don't you try those?
 - ★: Good idea. I hope they work.

Question: What is the man's problem?

- - ★: You could save even more money by riding your bike, Danielle.
 - ☆: Why didn't I think of that? Then I won't have to buy a train pass!

★ : Yeah. And it'll be good exercise, too.

Question: Why won't Danielle drive to campus anymore?

- No. 10 A: Good afternoon. Maple Supermarket.
 - ★ : Hi. My grandmother has recently moved to the area, and she's not able to get her own groceries. Does your store have a delivery service?
 - Yes, we do. Orders can be made by phone or on our website.
 - ★: Really? That's great. I'll take a look at your website this afternoon. Thanks.

Question: What does the man ask about the store?

- No. 11 ☆: Bob, have you seen my sales report? I had it at the meeting yesterday, but now I can't find it. It's not on my desk or in the meeting room.
 - ★: Maybe someone else took it by mistake.
 - ☆: Yeah, maybe. I'll ask around to see if anyone has it.
 - ★: Good idea. I hope you find it.

Question: How will the woman try to find her sales report?

- No. 12 A Thank you for taking my dog out for a walk, Timmy.
 - ★ : You're welcome, Mrs. Flanders. I love dogs. I wish my parents would move into an apartment big enough for a dog.
 - Well, my dog doesn't like most people, but it really likes you.
 - ★: Yeah, I get along well with dogs. They seem to know I like them.

Question: What do we learn about the woman's dog?

No. 13 ☆: Mr. Gilbert, why does it rain so much here in Jamestown?

★: Well, it's because of Jamestown's location. In this area, warm winds from the sea meet cold air coming down from the mountains.

☆: But, how does that make rain?

★: Well, when the warm wind meets the cold air, it makes clouds. The rain comes from these clouds.

Question: What does the girl want to know?

No. 14 ★: Excuse me. Have you heard of the Fiesta Drink Company? We're asking people here on the street to taste our new Double Banana drink.

☆: Sure. I'd like to try it. I've had your Double Strawberry drink before, and it was pretty good.

★: Thank you. Here you are.

☆: Hmm. Very tasty. I think I'd like to buy some sometime.

Question: What does the man ask the woman to do?

No. 15 \bigstar : Carol, my cell-phone battery is dead. Can I borrow your phone?

☆: Sorry, Bill. I left it at the office. Can't you wait until we finish lunch?

★: I just remembered that I have to call a customer to change our appointment this afternoon.

☆: In that case, you'd better get back to the office as quickly as you can.

Question: What does the woman suggest the man do?

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No. 16 Liz is a high school student. She works part time at a restaurant, but she has decided to quit. She plans to go to college in the future to become a nurse, so she will volunteer at a hospital instead. Liz will not get any money, but she will have a chance to meet many nurses and to learn about what they do.

Question: Why did Liz decide to quit her part-time job?

No. 17 The Smiths live in a small apartment, but recently they have been thinking about buying a house. One night, Mrs. Smith saw an interesting article in the newspaper about some old historic homes. They needed repairs, but they were beautiful and near the city. These homes were being sold cheaply to anyone who wanted to live in them. The Smiths decided to apply for one and fix it up.

Question: What did the Smiths learn about the historic homes?

No. 18 Isabella Bird was an English explorer and writer who was born in 1831. When she was a child, she was often sick. Her doctor suggested that traveling might help her feel better. Therefore, her father began to take her on trips. She soon started writing about her travels, and many of her stories were published in newspapers and magazines.

Question: Why did Isabella Bird start to travel?

No. 19 Welcome to the Museum of Science, where fun and learning meet. With five floors of exhibits, it is easy to get lost. Make sure to pick up a guide map at the front entrance, so you can find what you are looking for. There is also a

schedule of special events for children. Please join us for these fun activities. Our volunteers are ready to answer any questions you may have.

Question: Why does the speaker suggest getting a guide map?

No. 20 Sophie often takes her two young children to a park near her house. Recently, she has noticed that the trash cans are often full, and sometimes there is even trash on the ground. Sophie has decided to e-mail the mayor about the problem. She has asked her friends to send e-mails, too. They will request that the city empty the trash cans more often.

Question: What has Sophie asked her friends to do?

No. 21 These days, many people are interested in solar energy—energy that comes from the sun. They hope that new technology, such as solar panels, will replace oil and coal. However, the idea of getting energy from the sun is not new at all. Over 500 years ago, Leonardo da Vinci had an idea to use sunlight and mirrors to get energy and heat water.

Question: What does the speaker say about Leonardo da Vinci?

No. 22 Last week, Yuta got a bad grade on the report that he wrote for history class. He loves history, but he did not spend enough time working on his report. He started writing it in the library on Thursday afternoon even though he had to give it to his teacher early the next morning. His teacher was not happy and told Yuta to spend more time working on his assignments.

Question: Why did Yuta get a bad grade on his report?

No. 23 The albatross is one of the largest flying birds in the world. Albatrosses spend most of their lives far from land, flying over the ocean. They are able to fly for long distances and often travel thousands of kilometers to find food. In fact, an albatross can live for many weeks without returning to land. They usually only return to lay eggs.

Question: What is one thing we learn about albatrosses?

No. 24 Phillip enjoys hiking with his friends on the weekends. However, he moved to a new city for work recently, and he does not know much about the local hiking areas. Last week, there was an advertisement for a hiking group in a local newspaper. Phillip has decided to join the group. He hopes that the group members can tell him more about hiking trails near the city.

Question: Why will Phillip join the hiking group?

No. 25 Thank you for attending Merril College's Career Fair. Companies are visiting our college from all over the country today to find new employees. There are many companies from other cities, so you might want to consider moving somewhere else for a job you like. If you need more information about moving far away from home, visit the student support center on the third floor.

Question: What does the speaker suggest the students do?

No. 26 Melinda often uses her computer to shop online. For a long time, she used the same password for all the websites she visited. One day, however, she heard that it was better to use a different password for each site in case one of the

passwords gets stolen. To be safe, Melinda changed all of her passwords, and she wrote them down, so she would not forget them.

Question: Why does Melinda now use different passwords?

No. 27 The shortest war in history was fought between the United Kingdom and the country of Zanzibar in 1896. At that time, the United Kingdom was one of the strongest nations on Earth, and Zanzibar was much smaller and less powerful. On the morning of August 27th, the British navy attacked Zanzibar. The war ended 38 minutes later when Zanzibar gave up fighting.

Question: What did the United Kingdom do in 1896?

No. 28 Last year, Timothy moved to Japan to become an English teacher. At first, he could not speak Japanese at all, so it was difficult to make friends. He thought about going to a language school, but it was expensive. Luckily, he found a café that had language-exchange evenings. There, he could teach English and learn Japanese at the same time. Now, his Japanese is improving, and he has made new friends.

Question: How did Timothy start learning Japanese?

No. 29 Megumi works for a sales company in Tokyo, and she often travels for work. On Friday, she will go to Osaka and give a presentation to a client in the afternoon. In the evening, she will meet her friend for dinner at a local restaurant. She will stay overnight at her friend's apartment and take the train home the next morning.

Question: What will Megumi do on Friday evening?

No. 30 Welcome to this year's Video Game Expo. Over the next three days, companies will be sharing information about exciting new games that will come out this year. Also, for the first time, we are broadcasting the conference live on our website, so people watching around the world can get up-to-date information as the games are announced.

Ouestion: What can people do on the website this year?

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