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No. 1 ★ : May I help you?

☆: Yes. I'm looking for the novel Adventure Ship by Edward Black. I checked the shelves, but it wasn't there.

★: Let me check the computer. Hmm. Unfortunately, it seems that book was lost six months ago.

☆: Oh, I see. I'll try another library, then.

Question: Why isn't *Adventure Ship* available at the library?

No. 2 ☆ : Henry, I'm sorry I'm late.

★ : What happened? I've been waiting here at this café for 40 minutes.

☆: I fell asleep on the sofa while I was watching TV. When I woke up, I left in such a hurry that I forgot my cell phone at home, so I couldn't call you.

★: OK. No problem. Well, why don't you have a seat and order some coffee?

Question: Why was the woman late?

No. 3 ★ : Are you having fun, Karen?

☆: Yeah. I haven't been to this amusement park in ages. It's hardly changed at all, has it?

★: Well, there seem to be more rides now, but the games and food are the same as they were 20 years ago.

☆: That's exactly what I love about it. It brings back so many memories of when I was a kid.

Question: Why does the woman like the amusement park?

No. 4 ★: Ms. Carter, do you think it might be possible for me to transfer to another department?

> ☆: Why, Albert? Don't you like working here in the Sales Department?

> ★: Of course I do. But I can't work such long hours anymore. I need to get home earlier for my kids.

> ☆: I see. In that case, let's discuss reducing your responsibilities. I'd really like to keep you here.

Ouestion: What does the man want to do?

No. 5 ☆ : Front desk.

★: This is Charles James in Room 362. My heater isn't working very well, and the room's cold. Could you send someone to look at it?

☆: I'll send someone up to your room right away, Mr. James.

★: That would be great. I'm leaving for lunch now. I'd really appreciate it if it could be done before I get back.

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

No. 6 ☆: Do you understand the Japanese you hear on Japanese TV. Bart?

> ★: I can understand some of the news and the weather report. But I never understand any of the jokes on comedy shows.

> ☆: You probably have to know more about Japanese culture to understand them.

> ★: Still, watching TV is good for my listening skills. I'm sure I'll be able to understand more in the future.

Question: What is one thing the boy says about Japanese TV?

No. 7 ★: Hillary, why don't we run in the city marathon this fall?

☆: I'm usually pretty busy with work then, Keith. And I don't think I can run a full marathon, anyway.

★ : Well, maybe you could try running the half marathon.

☆: I think I'll just help you train. We could go jogging once a week.

Question: What does the woman say she will do?

No. 8 ★ : Hello. I've brought some items that I'd like your charity to have. Can you use them?

☆: Oh, these plates look very nice. Thank you. And what pretty teacups. Oh, the handle on this cup is broken.

★ : Oops. It must have broken on my way here.

Question: What is the man doing?

No. 9 ☆ : Honey, do you think I can go with you on your business trip to Beijing next month?

★: Sure, but I'll have to visit clients and attend meetings, so I won't have time to take you around.

☆: That's fine. I just found out that an old friend from college is living there now, and I'd like to see her.

She's running a French restaurant there.

★: That sounds nice.

Question: What does the woman want to do in Beijing?

No. 10 ★: Mrs. Kay, I'd like to cook a Japanese meal for your family while I'm staying with you. How about tomorrow, for example?

- ☆: That'd be wonderful, Atsushi. What will you make?
- ★: Well, maybe sukiyaki, but I'll need some things like soy sauce and tofu. Are there any international supermarkets near here?
- ☆: I think so. I'll find the nearest one on the Internet. Then we can get everything you need this evening.

Question: What will the boy probably do this evening?

No. 11 ☆: Thanks for taking me to the Statue of Liberty, Jim. I wish my camera hadn't broken, though.

★: Well, I'll send you the photos I took. Oh, don't you feel tired? We had to stand and wait for a long time to get in.

☆: No, not at all. I feel fine, and the view from the top was great.

★: That's good. Well, let's think about what to do next.

Question: What happened to the man and woman at the Statue of Liberty?

No. 12 ☆: Harry, have you read any good books lately? I want to give my cousin a book for her birthday.

★: I read a great mystery novel last week, Debra. It was about a crime at an airport.

☆: My cousin loves mystery novels. What's the title?

★: It's called *High-Flying Crime*. I'm sure you can find it at any bookstore.

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

No. 13 ☆: Next, please. Can I see your passport, sir?

★ : Oh, wait. Here you are.

☆: Thank you. I see your flight was from South Africa and you stayed two days in London. What's your reason for coming to the United States?

★: I'm here on business. One week in New York and one in Los Angeles.

Question: What is one thing we learn about the man?

No. 14 ☆: What are you doing, sir?

★: I'm just parking my motorcycle, officer. Is there a problem?

☆: You can't park here. You're blocking the sidewalk. But if you move your motorcycle quickly, I won't give you a ticket this time.

★: Thanks. I really appreciate it.

Question: Why is the police officer talking to the man?

No. 15 ☆ : Hello?

★ : Hi, honey. Are you at home now?

☆: Yeah. I'm here doing housework. Why?

★: I left my keys at home by accident, and I know you're going out tonight. I'll be there in 30 minutes. Can you let me in the apartment?

☆: OK. I have to go to the supermarket for a minute, but I'll be back by then.

Question: Why is the man calling the woman?

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No. 16 Robert went to buy a birthday present for his girlfriend Tanya. First, he went to a bookstore, but the book Tanya said that she wanted was sold out. Next, he looked at some earrings, but they were too expensive. Finally, he bought Tanya a scarf because she had told him she needed a new one. He chose a purple one and hoped she would like it.

Question: What is one reason that Robert decided to buy Tanya a scarf?

No. 17 Meerkats are small animals that live in Africa's Kalahari Desert. When a meerkat group looks for food, one of them acts as a guard. If it sees a dangerous animal approaching, it makes a sound to warn the other meerkats. Then they all run and hide. After a while, the guard comes out of its hiding place to make sure it is safe for the others to come out.

Question: When do meerkat guards make a sound?

No. 18 Wallace and his wife had plans to go to Canada on vacation. They were looking forward to skiing in the mountains. Unfortunately, Wallace suddenly had to cancel the trip when his boss, Ms. Wilson, had to have an operation. Now, Wallace has to do her work for two weeks. Wallace is disappointed that he cannot go to Canada, and he is also worried about his boss.

Question: Why did Wallace have to cancel his vacation?

No. 19 In 1938, millions of Americans heard a frightening radio broadcast. It said that aliens were attacking the United States. The broadcast sounded like news, but it was actually

a radio drama called *War of the Worlds*. It was about creatures from Mars landing on Earth. Many people thought that it was a real news program and panicked. The story was even repeated on real news programs.

Question: What is one thing we learn about the *War of the Worlds* broadcast in 1938?

No. 20 Nora is a college student and works part time at a clothing store. At first, she worked on both weekday evenings and weekends. However, she often had to stay up late to study, so she usually felt sleepy in her morning classes. Her parents suggested that Nora reduce her working schedule so she would not be so tired. Now, she only works at the clothing store on weekends.

Question: What did Nora's parents recommend that she do?

No. 21 Richard and some of his high school classmates have started a business club at school. They want to learn as much as they can about various companies. Richard has asked Ms. Perkins, the principal, if they can invite local businesspeople to make presentations about their companies at the school. Ms. Perkins said it was OK, so Richard and his classmates have started contacting companies in the area.

Question: What do Richard and his classmates plan to do?

No. 22 Attention, everyone. As you may know, Patty is leaving our company today. She has been an accounting manager here for the past 10 years, and we wish her all the best as she goes to Italy to study to be a chef. There will be a farewell party for her at La Bella Italian restaurant tonight.

Question: Why is Patty leaving?

No. 23 Although Michael was born in Vietnam, he grew up in Canada. He spoke Vietnamese at home and English at school, so he became fluent in both. He used to feel shy about speaking Vietnamese outside the house. But during college, he became a volunteer guide for Vietnamese tourists. This showed him that speaking two languages is useful, and now he considers himself fortunate to speak Vietnamese.

Question: What did Michael realize when he was in college?

No. 24 The Greenville Aquarium opened last year. It has a large collection of fish from all over the world, and at first there were many visitors. But soon, the numbers started going down. Originally, the aquarium only advertised in the Greenville newspaper. But now, they have decided to make TV commercials to show in other cities. They hope this will bring more visitors.

Question: What has the Greenville Aquarium decided to do?

No. 25 In the 18th and 19th centuries, European men called voyageurs traveled all over the eastern parts of Canada and the United States by boat and on foot. They traded goods such as blankets and iron pots with the native people in exchange for furs. These furs were later sold in Europe for high prices. The voyageurs also explored new areas of North America.

Question: What is one thing the voyageurs did?

No. 26 Good afternoon, and welcome to Mapleton Airport's Terminal 3. Due to construction of the new SkyTrain station, the Main Exit is closed. All arriving passengers should use the West Exit instead. It is located next to the information desk. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation.

Question: What are arriving passengers asked to do?

No. 27 Nigel and Susan are Americans, and they love traveling abroad with their two daughters. But soon, they will have to start paying for their daughters' college educations. They have decided not to take any more overseas vacations until after both their daughters have graduated. Instead, they will visit American cities they have never been to before.

Question: What have Nigel and Susan decided to do?

No. 28 In May 1869, two sets of train tracks were joined at Promontory, Utah, in the United States. This new train line went all across the country and had taken many years to build. From that time, journeys that had taken several months by horse could now be completed in a week. Ceremonies were held all over the country to celebrate this great achievement.

Question: What was celebrated in the United States in May 1869?

No. 29 Mark is a college student in Hawaii, and he wakes up early every morning to go surfing with friends. He used to plan on becoming a professional surfer, but he recently decided to find a job with a regular salary. Now, his goal after

graduation is to find a job at a company that makes surfboards or surfing clothes.

Question: What does Mark want to do in the future?

No. 30 Attention, all students. Today is Earth Awareness Day on campus. Members of the Green Campus Society will be walking around to explain ways to recycle everyday items at home and on campus. They will be wearing green T-shirts, so they will be easy to see. Remember, Earth Awareness Day is your chance to think about what you can do to help the environment.

Question: What will members of the Green Campus Society do today?

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