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- No. 1 ☆ : Hello. R&C Telephone Company. Doris speaking.
 - ★ Doris, this is James. I'm visiting a customer right now, but I'll be back at the office soon. Has the mail arrived yet?
 - ☆ : Not yet. Are you expecting something important?
 - ★ Yeah. I ordered some new software, and I need to use it at the meeting tomorrow.

Question: What does the man want to do tomorrow?

- No. 2 ☆ : Dad, I found a job! I'll be working as a computer programmer at Eastwood Technologies.
 - ★: That's wonderful, Debbie. When do you start?
 - ☆: Next week. The only problem is that the person who's going to be my boss isn't very friendly. I'm worried that I won't get along with him.
 - ★: That could be a problem. But remember, people are usually nicer than they first seem.

Question: What is one thing Debbie says about her new job?

- No. 3 ☆ : Gary, do you mind if I borrow your truck one day this weekend?
 - ★ : No problem, Cindy. What do you need it for?
 - ☆: I'm giving some chairs to a friend, and my car is too small to fit them in.
 - ★ : Oh, I see. Well, Saturday would be OK. Come to my house anytime after lunch to pick it up.

Question: What will Cindy do on Saturday?

- No. 4 な: I'd like to get six tickets for today's football game. Is that possible?
 - ★ : Yes, but tickets are nearly sold out. You won't be able to sit together.
 - ☆: That's OK. Can we get tickets in two groups of three?
 - ★: Just a moment, I'll check. Yes, half of you can sit in Section C, and the rest will be in Section E.

Question: What is one thing the man tells the woman?

- No. 5 ☆: Don, I'd like you to translate this Chinese document today. It's from our Beijing office.
 - ★: OK, Ms. Kent. Wow, this is long! I may have to work overtime to finish it. I still have to do the meeting preparation you asked me to do.
 - ☆: Well, I really need you to finish the translation by this evening, so I'll get someone else to help with the meeting preparation.
 - ★: All right. Thanks.

Question: What does Ms. Kent decide Don should do?

- No. 6 ☆: Julian, I heard you're going to Boston with your electronics club to take part in a robot contest. Is that right?
 - ★: Yes, but it's right before my exams, so I'm going to be really busy.
 - ☆: But aren't you excited? Boston's a beautiful city, and it has some great museums. Have you been there before?
 - ★: Yeah. My grandparents used to live there, and I went to visit them once.

Question: Why is Julian going to Boston?

- No. 7 ★: Excuse me. I'd like to have some flowers delivered to a friend.
 - ☆: OK. Is there a certain kind you're looking for?
 - ★ : Not really. I'll just look around your store and find some nice ones. By the way, my friend lives downtown. Can you deliver the flowers by tonight?
 - ☆: Yes. I can have them sent out this afternoon, and they'll get there this evening.

Question: What will the man do next?

- No. 8 ☆: Felix, I'm so glad our history class is finally finished.

 By the way, are you going home for winter vacation or staying on campus?
 - ★: I'm going home. It's going to be nice to relax and see my family.
 - ☆ : Yeah. And it'll be great to have home-cooked meals, won't it?
 - ★ : Actually, my parents aren't very good cooks. But I am looking forward to going to my favorite restaurants.

Question: What is one thing we learn about Felix?

- No. 9 ☆ : Excuse me, Danny. I'm Alyssa Gilford, a reporter from Rock Music Today magazine. Could I ask you a few questions about your new CD?
 - ★: I'm with my family, and we have to catch an airplane in a few minutes. If you want an interview, you'll have to make an appointment with my manager.

 - ★: Sorry. This is not a good time.

Question: How can the reporter get an interview with the man?

- No. 10 ☆: Alex, in a few minutes, could you help me bring in some extra chairs for this afternoon's meeting?
 - ★: Sure. How many do we need?
 - ☆: That depends on whether Mr. Benson's group is coming. We'll need ten if they're coming, or six if they aren't. Actually, could you call Mr. Benson now and find out before we move the chairs?
 - ★: No problem.

Question: What will the man do next?

- No. 11 ★: Look, honey. There's a hole in the coat we bought Uncle Adam for his birthday.
 - ☆: Really? Well, let's take it back to the department store.
 - ★: But it was on sale, and the sign said "No Returns," remember?
 - ☆: But even if there was such a sign, surely the department store has to take clothes back if they're damaged.
 - **Question:** What does the woman think she and the man should do with the coat?
- No. 12 ★: Hi. I'm running in the 10-kilometer race today. Do I need to sign in or anything?
 - ☆: No, but I need to see your registration card. It's the postcard we sent you after you registered to run.
 - ★: Oh, no. I forgot to bring it. I have my driver's license, though. Is that OK?

Question: What mistake did the man make?

No. 13 ☆: John, are you going to eat lunch in the college cafeteria today?

★: I don't know. It's always so crowded. I went there yesterday, and I couldn't find a place to sit.

☆: Well, the weather is really nice today. Do you want to buy some sandwiches and eat outside?

★: Sure. I know a park with some picnic tables that's not too far from here.

Question: Why doesn't the man want to eat in the cafeteria?

No. 14 ☆ : Hello. Gina Anderson speaking.

★: Hello, Ms. Anderson. This is Jake Green of CJV Computers. I'm calling about the job application you sent us. We'd like you to come in for an interview on Friday morning, if possible.

☆: Oh, yes. That's great news. I'm free anytime on Friday.

★ : Perfect. We'd like you to be here at 10 a.m., then.

Question: What will the woman do on Friday?

No. 15 ☆: How was your trip to Rome, Grant?

★: It was fun. Oh, guess what? I'm going to be on TV there, in a commercial for a restaurant.

☆: Really? How did that happen?

★: I was having lunch at the restaurant when they were making the commercial, so they filmed me, too. I also got lunch for free.

Question: What happened to Grant in Rome?

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No. 16 Last fall, Mary entered a college far away from her family. She started feeling very lonely a few days before her birthday last month. Then, early in the morning on her birthday, her doorbell rang. She opened the door and saw her mother and father standing there. They had come to surprise her. They all spent the day together, and Mary felt much better.

Question: What happened to Mary last month?

No. 17 Tom lives in a small town in Texas. His town is famous for its strawberry festival, which is held every summer. There are stands selling all kinds of food made from strawberries, a parade, and even a "Strawberry Queen" contest. The festival is so big now that some people complain that the town is too crowded at festival time. But it is Tom's favorite time of the year.

Question: What do some people say about the strawberry festival in Tom's town?

No. 18 Students, I have an announcement to make. I'm sad to tell you that I'm not going to be teaching you anymore from next month. My parents have been sick, and I'm moving back to my hometown so that I can be with them. I've been offered a teaching job in my hometown at the elementary school there. I'll miss you all very much.

Question: What is the teacher going to do?

No. 19 In North America, east of the Rocky Mountains, there is a kind of wind called a chinook. Chinook winds blow dry,

warm air down the eastern side of the mountains in the winter. The wind can cause temperatures to become suddenly warmer there, making the winter snow melt quickly. Then the temperature drops again after a few hours or days.

Question: What is one thing that happens during a chinook?

No. 20 Good morning, everyone, and thanks for listening to KRDC Radio. This is DJ Tracy. While I play the next song, we'll have a contest. If you want to win, just call in to the radio station and tell me the name of the song. The first correct listener will win tickets to the Blasters' concert on Saturday! Our phone number is 555-7172. OK, here comes the song.

Question: How can a listener win the contest?

No. 21 Warren works part time at a golf course. His main job is to help keep the course in good condition. He usually works in the evening, when all the golfers have finished playing. Sometimes he works during the day, carrying players' bags to their cars for them or helping them find their golf balls. He gets extra money from tips for doing this work.

Question: What is one way Warren gets extra money?

No. 22 Tim has been working at the same IT company for five years. He started working there after graduating from college. He enjoys his work, but he is thinking about quitting and going to graduate school next year. If he does, he will try to get a master's degree in business management. Tim still wants to think about it more before he decides what to do.

Question: What is Tim thinking about doing next year?

No. 23 Musical instruments made of the metal brass, like the trumpet, are called "brass instruments." The saxophone, however, is not considered a brass instrument although it is made of brass. Instead, it is considered a woodwind instrument, like the clarinet, because its sound is made by a small piece of wood. The saxophone is as loud as a brass instrument, but it sounds different because of how its sound is made.

Question: What is one thing the speaker says about the saxophone?

No. 24 Chuck loves animals. He has always had a lot of pets, including dogs, cats, and rabbits. Someday, he wants to open a home for homeless animals in his town. To do this, he will need to buy or rent a building. He has started an Internet business selling pet products, and he thinks that this will help him earn money so that he can make his dream come true.

Question: What does Chuck hope to do?

No. 25 Many people are afraid of bats. But these animals can be very helpful to farmers. For example, bats eat a lot of insects that are harmful to fruit and vegetables. One bat can eat about 600 insects in an hour. Bats also help to spread the seeds of many plants. For these reasons, some people are trying to protect bats and the places where they live.

Question: What is one thing the speaker says about bats?

No. 26 Rachel runs a very popular bakery, but recently the price of

butter went up, and she is not making as much profit as she used to. She tried some new recipes that used less butter, but her customers complained that her bread did not taste as good as before. She now thinks she might have to raise her prices instead.

Question: Why did Rachel try some new recipes?

No. 27 Good afternoon, sports-club members. We'd like to remind you all that the tennis courts will be painted this Sunday, so unfortunately, they will not be available for use that day. All of our other facilities, including the badminton courts, will still be available as usual. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Question: What does the speaker say about Sunday?

No. 28 John Chapman was born in Massachusetts in 1774. He became famous for planting apple trees in the countryside. He went to many areas where there were not many people and planted apple seeds there. Then he got people to take care of his trees until the trees were big enough to sell. He used his profits to help people. Because of his work, Chapman was called "Johnny Appleseed."

Question: How did "Johnny Appleseed" get money to help people?

No. 29 William is a college student in Chicago. Next month, he is leaving to study abroad in Taiwan for a year. He is looking forward to it, but he is also sad because he knows that he is going to miss his girlfriend. He wants to keep in touch with her, so he plans to e-mail her every day while he is away.

Question: Why is William sad?

No. 30 Sarah and her husband Philip have owned a boat for 20 years. They often use it to take short trips. They both retired recently, and now they are looking forward to taking a longer trip. They will leave next month and travel along the coast for a few months. They plan to visit some of their friends and family.

Question: What are Sarah and Philip looking forward to?

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