

****No. 1**

*Jane, I wonder why I'm always so tired in the morning. I can't concentrate on my work.

*Well, what do you normally have for breakfast, George?

*Nothing. I don't have time to eat because I go swimming at the gym before coming to the office.

*Well, that's the problem. You need to eat breakfast to give you energy for the day.

**Question: Why doesn't George eat breakfast in the morning?

****No. 2**

*Excuse me, sir. Have you seen a dog with long, black fur around here?

*No, I haven't. Did your dog run away?

*Yes. I was trying to give him a bath outside, but he jumped over the fence and escaped.

*I see. Well, let me help you look for him.

**Question: What is the girl's problem?

****No. 3**

*Welcome to Max's Video Store. Can I help you find a movie?

*Actually, I'd like to apply for a job here.

*All right. Let me go get the manager, and you can speak with him.

*Thank you very much. I brought a copy of my résumé.

**Question: Why did the man come to the video store?

****No. 4**

*Excuse me. Is there someplace to buy a cold drink in this gym?

*Yes, there's a juice bar on the first floor. Or you could just use the vending machines.

*Great. I'll use the machines. Where are they?

*They're next to the pool entrance. Just go down this hall and turn left at the end. You'll see them there.

**Question: What will the man probably do next?

****No. 5**

*Would you like to go to the mall with me this weekend, Karen?

*I don't think so, Chris, because I heard it's going to be really crowded. They're having an event there this weekend.

*Really? What kind of event is it?

*There will be live music on the stage, and all of the stores will have sales.

**Question: Why doesn't Karen want to go to the mall this weekend?

****No. 6**

*Carl, I'd like to go on a walking tour while I'm here in Chicago.

*My cousin is a volunteer guide. Let me call her for you, Chelsea. That would be great. I'd really love to see the downtown area.

*I'll ask her if she'll be giving a tour there in the next few days.

**Question: What does Carl say he will do for Chelsea?

****No. 7**

*Ann, wasn't the boss supposed to be back from his vacation today?

*Yes, he was, but he called yesterday. He got caught in a traffic jam and didn't make it to the airport on time.

*Did he have to buy another plane ticket?

*No. The airline let him change to today's flight. He only had to pay a small fee.

**Question: Why isn't the boss back in the office today?

****No. 8**

*Hello?

*Hi, honey. It's Dorothy. Can you pick me up at the station after you finish work? It's raining pretty hard.

*OK, but I'm going to a meeting now, and it won't finish until six. Can't you walk home?

*I forgot my umbrella.

*Well, if you don't mind waiting, I'll come when I'm finished here.

**Question: What will the man do now?

****No. 9**

*Good afternoon, ma'am. What kind of haircut would you like today?

*Actually, I need a fancy hairstyle. I want to look like a queen.

*A queen? Is it for a wedding or a dance or something?

*My friend is having a costume party. I'm going as Marie Antoinette, who was the queen of France.

**Question: Why does the woman want a fancy hairstyle?

****No. 10**

*I have to write a poem for my English course, Alexandra. I have no idea how to get started.

*Just use your imagination, Edward.

*You know I'm not a very good writer. Science is the only subject I do well in.

*Well, you should see this as an opportunity to learn. That's why we came to college.

**Question: What is one thing we learn about Edward?

****No. 11**

*Jerry, the company soccer team needs another player. Do you want to play with us?

*Sorry, but I don't think so. The last time I played, I hurt my leg.

*But that was years ago. You were such a good player, and you always loved to play, didn't you?

*I used to, but not since my accident.

**Question: Why doesn't Jerry want to play soccer?

****No. 12**

*Anne, are you interested in going to a beer festival in Germany with my friends and me?

*That sounds exciting, Don. When is the trip?

*We're going at the end of September and staying for a week. We'll stay at my cousin's house, so it'll be cheap.

*Great. I'll have to check my schedule, but I think I can go.

**Question: What are Anne and Don discussing?

****No. 13**

*Professor Bush, I had sushi for lunch, and now my stomach really hurts.

*That's too bad, Kelly. Maybe you should go to the student health center.

*I'd like to, but I'm worried about missing today's history test.

*I understand, but I don't want you to do badly on the test because you feel ill. You can take the test before class tomorrow.

**Question: What is Kelly's problem?

****No. 14**

*Bradford Police Department. How may I help you?

*My son's bike was stolen. Could you tell me how to make a report?

*Are you sure it was stolen, ma'am? Maybe one of his friends borrowed it or something.

*I don't think so. We just moved here, and we don't know anybody in the area yet.

**Question: What does the woman think happened to her son's bicycle?

****No. 15**

*I just chose the classes I plan to take in the fall semester, Heather. Did you choose yours yet?

*Not yet. What are you going to take?

*Well, I major in chemistry, so of course I'll be taking chemistry and math. But I also want to start studying a foreign language.

*Really? That's a good idea. I think I'd like to learn Russian.

**Question: What does Heather say is a good idea?

****No. 16**

*Miranda went jogging around a lake near her college yesterday morning. While she was running, she saw some students in sailboats on the lake. They were members of the college sailing club, and they were having their morning practice. It looked like fun, and Miranda decided that she wanted to join the club, too. She is going to call the coach today to get some information about it. **Question: What does Miranda want to do?

****No. 17**

*Thank you for coming to Marksdale Town Hall. We're having this meeting to discuss garbage collection in Marksdale. As you know, a new garbage-collection system was introduced last September. Many of you have said that the system hasn't been working well. We have some town officials here today, so please feel free to voice your opinions and ask them any questions you have. **Question: Why is the meeting being held?

****No. 18**

*Susan works for a children's charity. Next weekend, the charity will hold an auction to raise money. Susan has been calling local stores and companies to ask them to provide things to sell at the auction. So far, she has been able to get a number of good items, including a television and tickets for a concert. Susan is confident that the auction will be a success. **Question: Why has Susan been calling local stores and companies?

****No. 19**

*In some countries, there are organizations called neighborhood-watch groups. They are made up of people who want to reduce crime in their neighborhoods. Members try to prevent crime and protect each other's homes by looking out for anything suspicious. Local police officers support neighborhood-watch groups, and they give members advice and information.

**Question: What do members of neighborhood-watch groups want to do?

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****No. 20**

*That's the end of today's English-literature lecture. By now, you should have finished reading A Christmas Carol and be ready to start writing your report on the novel. Remember, the report should be at least five pages long. Please turn it in by next Wednesday. In Thursday's lecture, I'll be talking about George Eliot, another great 19th-century novelist. **Question: What must the students do by next Wednesday?

****No. 21**

*Tammy loves looking at the night sky. On the balcony of her apartment she has a telescope that she uses to look at the moon, the planets, and the stars. When Tammy's friends come to her apartment, they often want to look through the telescope, too. Tammy enjoys showing them how to use the telescope and explaining what they are looking at.

**Question: What do Tammy's friends often do when they visit her apartment?

****No. 22**

*Toru is employed by a shipping company in Osaka. At the moment, he is studying business management for a year at a college in California. This is because Tom's boss encouraged him to take the program there. Toru is not receiving any salary while he is in California, but the company is paying his college fees. After Tom graduates, he is going to work at the company's main office in Tokyo.

**Question: What is Tom doing now?

****No. 23**

*Mr. and Mrs. Thompson love exercise and often go jogging together. Recently, they have also been thinking about changing their diet. They have decided to reduce the amount of meat they eat. They used to have meat nearly every day, but now they plan to eat fish instead at least three times a week. They think this will be better for their health.

**Question: What have Mr. and Mrs. Thompson decided to do?

****No. 24**

The Catherine Palace is located near the city of St. Petersburg, Russia. It was completed in 1756. More than 100 kilograms of gold were used to decorate the building, and many beautiful

statues were placed on the roof. Until the beginning of the 20th century, the palace was used as a summer home by the Russian royal family. Now, it is a major tourist attraction.

****Question:** What is one thing the speaker says about the Catherine Palace?

****No. 25**

*Why not come watch a movie at the Mayfield Plaza Cinema this weekend? If you invite three friends or more, you can take advantage of a great offer. Groups of four or more can get 50 percent off all snacks and drinks. Call us at 555-3829 to check movie times.

****Question:** What can groups of four or more people do at the Mayfield Plaza Cinema?

****No. 26**

*Valerie is an editor at a publishing company called Clearwater. Last month, Clearwater held a story-writing contest for high school students, and Valerie was one of the judges. The writers of the five best stories were each given a prize of 100 dollars, and their stories were put on the company's website.

****Question:** What did Valerie do last month?

****No. 27**

*In 2008, Orly Airport in Paris announced an interesting construction project. Engineers plan to use natural hot water from deep underground to heat the airport buildings. They will dig a 1,700-meter-deep hole to bring the hot water to the surface. It will then be pumped directly into the airport's heating system. Airport managers hope the project will lower energy costs and be good for the environment.

****Question:** What will hot water be used for at Orly Airport?

****No. 28**

*Madeline works for a marketing company in New York. Last week, she flew to London on business. After she arrived at her hotel, she realized that she had forgotten to bring an important document. Madeline quickly called her office in New York and asked a co-worker to fax the document to her hotel. The fax arrived a few minutes later, and the rest of her trip went smoothly.

****Question:** Why did Madeline have to call her office in New York?

****No. 29**

*Samantha is a member of the PTA at her son's elementary school. Each year, the PTA makes a calendar of events and activities at the school. A copy of the calendar is sent to all parents. This year, Samantha has been asked to help produce the calendar. She is going to create a design for it on her computer this weekend.

****Question:** What has Samantha been asked to do?

****No. 30**

The story of how potato chips were invented is an interesting one. One day in 1853, a chef named George Crum cooked some French fries. A customer in Crum's restaurant said the fries were too thick to eat. This upset Crum. To make the customer angry, he made fries that were too thin to eat with a fork. Surprisingly, the customer loved them. These thin fries were later named potato chips.

****Question:** Why did George Crum make very thin French fries?