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★: Well, my grandfather had to go to the hospital suddenly.

☆: I'm sorry to hear that. How's he doing now?

★: The doctor says he's going to be OK. He just needs to get some rest.

Question: Why didn't Brian attend class?

No. 2 ★: Excuse me, I think I've been given the wrong seat.

☆: Let me see. Well, your ticket says 33A.

★: But this is a window seat. When I checked in, I asked for an aisle seat.

☆: Oh, I'm so sorry, sir. I'll check with some of the other passengers to see if someone will change seats with you.

Question: Where is this conversation taking place?

No. 3 ★: Welcome to Broadway Used Books. How can I help you?

☆ : Hello. Are you buying used books at the moment? I have a box of mystery novels that I'd like to sell.

★: Well, we have more used books than we can sell right now. We probably won't be buying any more for a few months.

☆: Oh, that's too bad. I guess I'll try somewhere else, then.

Question: What does the man say about the bookstore?

No. 4 ☆: Hi, Brad. How was your first date with Angela?

★: Not so good, Mom. We went to a restaurant and then to a movie, but she didn't help me pay for anything.

☆: I hope she at least thanked you.

★: No, not once. I don't think I'll be going out with her again.

Question: What is one reason Brad did not have a very good date?

No. 5 ☆ : Kenny, did you enjoy your three-day weekend away from the office?

☆: Didn't you hear? The meeting was moved to Friday.

★: What? If I'd known that, I would've taken my family to the beach.

Question: What does the woman tell Kenny?

No. 6 ☆: So, I'll see you at my party tomorrow evening, Leonard. Do you remember how to get to my house?

★: Um, not really, Bianca. I'll probably get lost. Could you tell me again?

☆: I'll send you an e-mail with a map when I get home from school tonight.

★: Thanks. I'm not very good at remembering directions.

Question: What will Bianca do tonight?

No. 7 ☆: Where do you want to eat tonight, honey, the Red

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Pelican or Minnelli's Café?

- ★: Well, the Red Pelican has a live jazz band, but it's a lot more crowded. Minnelli's Café isn't as nice, but it's easier to get a table.
- ☆: Well, I'm really hungry. I don't feel like waiting a long time to eat.
- ★: Me, neither. Let's go to Minnelli's, then.

Question: Why do the man and woman decide to go to Minnelli's Café?

No. 8 * : Hello. Benson Painters.

- ☆: Hi. This is Heidi Anderson. Your workers painted my fence today. After they left, I found a jacket and some gloves in my yard.
- ★: I see. One of our painters probably forgot them. I'll ask them and call you back shortly, Ms. Anderson. Thanks for telling us.

☆: OK. No problem.

Question: Why is Heidi Anderson calling the painting company?

No. 9 ☆ : Hello.

★ : Hi, this is Stefan calling. Is Lorie there?

- ☆: She's just gone to the store to get something for dinner. She shouldn't be too long. I'll have her call you when she gets home.
- ★: That's OK. I'm going out with my parents, so I'll call her when I get back.

Question: What will Stefan do when he gets back?

No. 10 🌣 : Do you have these sandals in a size eight?

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★: Yes, we do. Would you like to try them on? They'd really match that skirt you're wearing.

☆: OK, I'll try them. Could you also bring the seven-and-a-half? They might be a better fit.

★: Sure. I'll bring both sizes for you.

Question: What will the woman do next?

No. 11 ☆: This soup is delicious, Don. It's so good you could probably sell it.

★: Do you really think so, Anne? I've always dreamed of opening my own restaurant.

☆: If the rest of the dishes you cook are this good, you might have a successful business on your hands.

★: Well, that's the problem. I only know how to make soup. I'd need to learn how to make a variety of dishes.

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

No. 12 ★: Honey, we did the river tour yesterday. What should we do today?

☆ : Well, the Sherman Tower is the tallest building in New Bellingham. We could go see that. The weather doesn't look like it's going to be very nice, though.

*: Maybe we could just stay here at our hotel and order room service.

☆: That's a good idea—we're here for another week, so there's plenty of time left for sightseeing.

Question: What do the man and woman decide to do today?

No. 13 ☆: You went to see the doctor today, didn't you, honey?

★: Yeah. He gave me the medicine I needed, so that's

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good. But I had to wait a really long time to see him.

☆: I'm not surprised. That clinic is always busy.

★: Today, it was even more crowded than usual.

Question: What was the man's problem?

No. 14 ★: What do you think of my new haircut?

☆: It looks great. When did you have it done?

★: A couple of days ago. I'm still getting used to it, but I think I like it.

☆: That reminds me. I should go to the hairdresser's soon myself.

Question: What did the man do a couple of days ago?

No. 15 ☆: Excuse me, I'd like to get a library card, please.

★: Certainly. I'll need some ID with a photograph and your address.

☆: Oh, I don't have any ID with me now. I'll come back this afternoon with my driver's license.

★: That'll be fine. We're open until six o'clock.

Question: What is the woman's problem?

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No. 16 Attention, shoppers. Welcome to Westlake Supermarket.

Today, we're offering a five-dollar coupon to any customer who registers for our free newsletter. The newsletter is sent out by e-mail, and it has information about special discounts and new products. You can sign up at the service desk by the main entrance.

Question: What is the speaker asking customers to do?

No. 17 Naomi is a university researcher, and last Friday, she flew to Singapore to make a presentation. She had planned to arrive early in the morning to do some sightseeing before the conference, but her flight was delayed. She had to rush to get to the conference center on time for her presentation. Luckily, because she had prepared well, it was a success.

Question: What is one thing that happened to Naomi on Friday?

No. 18 Last year, Mark started a French club in his neighborhood.

Every Tuesday evening, the members meet at one of their houses to enjoy dinner and practice their French. Recently, however, some of the members said that they will not be able to come on Tuesdays anymore. Mark is thinking about changing the meetings to Thursday evenings, because everyone said they could come then.

Question: What is Mark thinking about doing?

No. 19 Tonkin snub-nosed monkeys live in Vietnam. For many years, people have been hunting these monkeys for food and cutting down the forests that they live in. Because of this, there are only about 200 Tonkin snub-nosed monkeys left,

and scientists are worried that they may disappear soon. Efforts are now being made to save them, and the areas they live in are being protected.

Question: What is one thing that we learn about Tonkin snubnosed monkeys?

No. 20 Sarah is looking for a new apartment. Her current apartment is large and near a nice park, but it is far from her office. She wants to move to somewhere closer to where she works. However, her office is downtown, and the apartments there are expensive. She will have to live in a small one-bedroom apartment, but she does not mind because she wants to live somewhere more convenient.

Question: What kind of apartment is Sarah looking for?

No. 21 Peter is a software engineer at a large mobile-phone company. His job is to check new software for problems. He has to do many different kinds of tests and fix any errors that he finds. His job is very important because the company's products cannot be sold until all the problems have been fixed.

Question: What does Peter usually do at his company?

No. 22 In 1977, a woman named Debbi Fields opened a cookie store in California called Mrs. Fields Cookies. She did not have enough money to pay for large posters or TV commercials, so she went out into the street and began giving people cookies. The free cookies attracted many customers, and her company became very successful. Today, Mrs. Fields Cookies is one of the most famous cookie brands

in the United States.

Question: How did Debbi Fields first attract customers to her store?

No. 23 Todd used to work as an editor at a publishing company.

Two years ago, however, he quit his job and started his own company. His new company looks for young, talented writers and publishes their novels. It has been very successful. Last year, one of its books became a bestseller, and Todd is planning to hire more staff soon.

Question: What did Todd do two years ago?

No. 24 Welcome to Sports Night. My guest tonight is Tim Nelson, head coach of the Greenville Sharks soccer team. The Sharks are going to be playing against the Mapleton Giants in the league championships next week, but three of the Sharks' best players are injured. I'm going to talk to Tim about whether he believes that his team still has a chance of winning.

Question: What will the interviewer ask Tim Nelson about?

No. 25 Michael has been dancing for 10 years. He is very good at jazz dance, and he has even won prizes in jazz-dance contests. These days, he practices tap dance three days a week. His teacher told him he will have his first tap-dance performance next month. Michael has a lot of experience as a dancer, so he is confident it will go well.

Question: Why does Michael think he will dance well in the tapdance performance? No. 26 Cocoa beans are grown in countries such as Brazil and Indonesia. They are used to make chocolate. However, many experts are worried. They say that there will not be enough cocoa beans to meet the demand for chocolate in the future. They say it is because companies are making more and more products that contain chocolate. These companies need more cocoa beans than the farmers can grow.

Question: What do some experts say about cocoa beans?

No. 27 Ron is a member of a chess club, and he was planning to go to the club meeting last Saturday. However, his wife asked him if he could take care of their children that day because she had to go to work. He was disappointed about missing the chess club meeting, but he took his children to a playground, and they all had fun playing soccer together.

Question: What did Ron do last Saturday?

No. 28 The Canadian capital city of Ottawa is famous for its tulips. The reason that Ottawa has so many tulips is that the queen of the Netherlands sent a gift of 100,000 tulips to the city in 1945. The tulips were to thank Canada for helping her country during World War II. The Netherlands continues to send thousands of tulips every year, and a huge tulip festival is held every May.

Question: Why does the Netherlands send tulips to the city of Ottawa?

No. 29 Thank you for coming to the Orangeville Hospital today.

We're happy to see that so many people are interested in volunteering here. We need people who can greet visitors

and answer phone calls while we take care of the patients. Before you start, however, you will need to take a class to learn about the job. It is held here once a week on Mondays.

Question: What is the speaker asking the people to do?

No. 30 Last summer, Michelle took a tour of Europe. She was there for two weeks, and she went to four countries. Her favorite was Italy, because she enjoyed eating Italian food and visiting the beautiful art museums there. This year, she has decided that she will spend her whole vacation in Italy, instead of going to a few different countries.

Question: What will Michelle do differently for her vacation this year?

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- No. 1 ☆: Do you have any plans for the summer vacation, Brad?
 - *: Not really. I'll probably just spend the summer with my family. What about you, Cathy?
 - ☆: I'm going to Germany to visit a friend. She's studying there for a year.
 - ★: Really? That sounds like fun.

Question: What will Cathy do during the summer vacation?

- No. 2 ☆ : Excuse me. I'm looking for a CD by a singer I heard on the radio recently. I don't know the singer's name.
 - ★: OK. Do you remember the song's title?
 - ☆: I think it's called "Lost Without You" or something like that. It's a pop song.
 - ★: Oh, right. The singer's name is Betty Dean. She's in the new-releases section.

Question: What is the woman asking about?

No. 3 ☆: May I help you?

- *: Yes. Your poster says you have Swahili lessons at this language school. How much are they?
- A: In the case of Swahili, we don't get many students, so we only offer private lessons. They're \$40 an hour.
- *: Well, that's a little expensive. I've been studying at home with a book and CD. I thought maybe I'd try taking a class, too, but I can't afford that.

Question: Why won't the man study Swahili at the language school?

- No. 4 ★: Honey, we've both been really busy with work lately. Do you think we should get someone to help with the housework?
 - ☆: Well, it would be a big help. Neither of us has much time for doing the cleaning.
 - *: Exactly. The only problem is that I've heard housekeepers are expensive.
 - ☆: Well, it wouldn't hurt to call some housekeeping companies and find out their prices. We can always say

Question: What do the man and woman think they might need?

- No. 5 ★: Betsy, see that woman sitting on the park bench? It's Amy Carter from high school!
 - ☆: You're right. That is Amy Carter. She hasn't changed at all. Wasn't she dating Dale from math class? I wonder if they got married.
 - ★: Yeah, they did. And Amy opened her own jewelry store after that. I heard it's doing really well.
 - ☆: Let's go and say hello.

Question: What is one thing we learn about Amy Carter?

- No. 6 ★: How was Barbara's party yesterday? Did you meet anyone interesting?
 - ☆: Yeah. I'm glad I went. Her friends are so creative they're all actors and artists. It was fun getting to know those kinds of people.
 - ★ : Did you meet anyone famous?
 - ☆: No. Everyone was young, and they had all just started their careers.

★: How can I help you, Ms. Jansen? Is everything OK with your room?

☆: Yes, the room is great. I want the front desk to call my room at 6 a.m. tomorrow. I have to get up early for a job interview.

★: No problem at all, ma'am. We'll call you at six.

Question: Why is the woman at the front desk?

No. 14 ★ : 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. 15 ☆: Where do you want to go for lunch today, Harry?

★: I was thinking of either Korean food or Thai food.
What do you feel like having?

☆: I had Thai food for dinner two days ago, so maybe Korean would be better.

★: OK. Let's try that new place in Central Plaza. I hear the food is pretty good, and it's not too expensive.

Question: What will they probably do for lunch today?

Question: What is one thing Mike has been doing recently?

No. 17 Class, please remember that the speech contest will be this Thursday. I know that some of you will feel nervous before you give your speeches. If you do, I recommend that you try this technique. Close your eyes and imagine the listeners smiling, laughing, or looking interested as they enjoy your speech. It will help you relax and have confidence.

Question: What does the teacher recommend that the students do?

No. 18 Last year, Peter got a new boss. Before she arrived, Peter and his co-workers were worried about what kind of person she would be, but now everyone respects her a lot. She often asks the staff members for their opinions, and she listens to their ideas carefully. This makes them feel that they are important, and everyone is working harder than before.

Question: Why do Peter and his co-workers respect their new boss?

No. 19 Terry is in medical school. He studies very hard, so he does not have time for a part-time job. Earlier this semester,