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- No. 1 ★: Excuse me. I want to put a message on the message board by the university cafeteria.
 - ☆: What's it about? That board is only for personal messages or for selling items.
 - ★: I'm looking for a language partner. You know, I'll teach someone English, and they can help me learn Chinese.
 - ☆: Sure, language-exchange messages are fine. Just put your message wherever there is space.
- Question: Why does the man want to put a message on the message board?
- No. 2 ★: 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?
- - ★: Do you need to cancel your tour or just change the dates?
 - ☆: I'd like to cancel. Can I get my money back?

- ★: Yes, but I'm afraid we can only give you a 50 percent refund.
- Question: What does the woman want to do?
- No. 4 ☆: Dan, I heard you're a Baytown Stars fan. I didn't know that you liked ice hockey.
 - * Yeah, I am. I don't go to many of their games, but I watch them on TV.
 - ☆: I've always wanted to see a professional ice hockey game.
 - ★: If you go, bring lots of money because tickets aren't cheap. I can only afford to take my kids to one or two games a year.
- Question: What do we learn about the Baytown Stars' ice hockey games?
- No. 5 ☆: Hey, James. I heard your wife just had a baby.

 Congratulations!
- *: Thanks, Janice. We're still trying to get used to having a baby around the house. We certainly don't sleep as much as we used to.
 - ☆: Well, I remember when my husband and I had our first child. It's a lot of work at first, but you'll get used to it.
 - ★: Yeah. I'm sure you're right. Thanks for the encouragement.
 - Question: What is one thing the man says?
 - No. 6 ☆ : Dad, could you help me? I'm trying to print out my English essay, but something's wrong with the printer.
- TA-Alb ★: I wish I could help you, Amanda, but I don't know

anything about computers.

☆: But I need to hand it in tomorrow morning.

*: Why don't you wait for your brother to get home from his part-time job? I'm sure he'll know what to do.

Question: Why can't the man help his daughter?

No. 7 *: Honey, the dishes on this menu look delicious. What are you going to order?

> ☆: I'm not sure. The steak with mushrooms looks good, but so does the vegetarian platter.

> ★: I've been thinking about getting both of those dishes, too. Why don't we get one of each and split them with each other?

☆: Great idea!

Ouestion: What do the man and woman decide to do?

No. 8 ☆: Harry, you went surfing at Billow Island last weekend, right? Did you enjoy it?

> *: Yeah, it was great, Isabel. I hadn't been surfing for months.

☆: Did you have any trouble remembering how to surf?

*: No, but I stayed on the south side of the island. The waves are smaller there.

Question: What is one thing we learn about Harry?

No. 9 * : Hello?

☆: Hi, Edgar. This is Jackie Adams. I was wondering if you could baby-sit my daughter next Thursday night.

★: Sure. What time do you want me to come over?

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☆: Six o'clock would be great. My husband and I are

going out for dinner, so we should be back by nine.

★: No problem. I'll be happy to do it.

Question: What will Edgar do next Thursday night?

No. 10 ☆: Carl, are you having a coffee break?

★: Yeah. Actually, my computer isn't working right now, so I can't do any work on it. I'm going to find some other work to do in a few minutes.

☆: If you need something to do, can I ask you a favor? Could you look over these reports for me and see if there are any mistakes?

★: Sure. The repairperson won't be here until two.

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

No. 11 ☆: Uncle Ed, thanks a lot for letting me stay at your house tonight.

*: No problem. I know how much more convenient it is to get to the airport from here.

☆: Yeah. I love living in the countryside, but it's just so far to the airport. I'd have to get up really early in the morning.

★: Well, you're always welcome to stay here before trips.

Question: Why is the woman staying at her uncle's house tonight?

No. 12 ☆: What are you making, honey? It smells great!

★: I'm trying to make a dish that my mother used to make. I'm not sure I'm getting the recipe right, though. Here, taste it.

☆: Mmm. That's delicious.

★: Thanks. This used to be one of my favorite dishes when I was a kid. We had it on special holidays.

Question: What does the man say to his wife about the dish?

No. 13 ☆: Excuse me. The restroom in this gas station seems to be locked.

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★: Sorry, but our restroom is being repaired. Please use the one in the convenience store next door.

☆: I see. May I leave my car here for a few minutes?

*: No problem, ma'am. Just leave it parked where it is.

Question: What does the man suggest the woman do?

No. 14 \(\frac{1}{12} \): Hey, Doug. I was surprised to see you at the mall with Carla the other day. I had no idea that you knew her. How did you two meet?

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★: We studied together in France last year. How do you know her?

☆: We were neighbors in our first year of college.

* : Really? Well, we should all get together sometime.

Question: How does the man know Carla?

No. 15 ★: Excuse me. I'd like to buy this suit, but the pants are too long. Do you have a shorter pair?

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☆: I'm sorry. That's the smallest size we have in the store right now. If you'd like, we can shorten them for you.

★: How many days will that take? I want to wear the suit this weekend.

Question: What is the man's problem?

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No. 16 Tom plays the guitar. He was planning to buy a new guitar this month, and he had saved almost \$1,000 to get one. However, last week, Tom's sister asked him if she could borrow money for car repairs, so Tom lent all his money to her. He hopes she will pay him back next month so he can get his guitar.

Question: Why can't Tom buy a new guitar right now?

No. 17 Ladies and gentlemen, our speaker today will be Mr. Pierre Rousseau. He's the founder of Rousseau Fashions. Today, he's going to tell us what clothes will be in fashion this winter. He'll also talk to us about stylish business clothes that will help you stay warm in the office. Now, let's give a big welcome to Mr. Rousseau.

Question: What is Mr. Rousseau going to talk about?

No. 18 Yesterday, Sherry saw a movie called Valley of the Swans.

She was excited because it had one of her favorite actors in it. His performance was good, but the movie was disappointing. Sherry likes movies with good stories, but she thought this one was very boring. It was too simple, so it was easy to guess how the movie would end.

Question: Why was Sherry disappointed by the movie Valley of the Swans?

No. 19 Sam works for a large company. On Thursday afternoon, he was planning to work on an important report. However, there was a problem at the company's factory, so he had to go to an emergency meeting. Sam and his co-workers spent

all afternoon discussing the problem, and he had to work on his report until late that night.

Question: How did Sam spend the afternoon on Thursday?

No. 20 Hundreds of years ago in Scotland, people believed in small magical creatures called brownies. It was believed that while people were sleeping, brownies would clean their houses for them. However, it was also believed the brownies expected to receive gifts for their work. People said that if a brownie did not like its gifts, it would stop cleaning the house and never return.

Question: What is one thing that Scottish people believed about brownies?

No. 21 Yumiko is a biology student at a university. Last weekend, the university hosted a conference on biology. Her professor had recommended that the students go to the conference because it would be a good chance for them to hear presentations by some famous experts. It cost \$70, but she was glad she spent the money because she learned a lot about biology.

Question: What did Yumiko do last weekend?

No. 22 Two years ago, Matt began working at a travel agency. He is good at serving customers, and he has learned about the travel business very quickly. In fact, even some of his older co-workers ask him questions or request his help with difficult problems. Everyone says that he will be made a manager in the near future. Matt is happy that his skills are being noticed.

Question: What do Matt's co-workers say about him?

No. 23 Mark is a professional artist. He often holds art shows at well-known galleries, and he has become very successful. He also likes to help other people create art, so last month he started volunteering at a local community center. He teaches oil painting to students, and he really enjoys sharing his love of art with others.

Ouestion: What did Mark do last month?

No. 24 Thank you for coming to this lecture for restaurant owners.

Today, I'm going to discuss ways to get customers to come back to your restaurant regularly. I'll teach you classic ideas such as giving free drink coupons, and new ways such as creating a Web page to improve communication with customers. I think you'll find that these things can be very effective.

Question: What is the speaker going to talk about?

No. 25 The city of New Delhi has a serious problem with monkeys. There are huge numbers of them, and they bite people and spread diseases. Many people in New Delhi feed them because they believe monkeys are messengers of a Hindu monkey god named Hanuman. The city has asked people to stop feeding the animals and is trying to move them to a nature area outside the city.

Question: What have people in New Delhi been asked to do?

No. 26 Everyone, thank you for coming to hear my speech today.

My name is Scott Tyler, and I'm running for mayor of

Westlake. I'd like to talk to you today about our city's schools. As you know, the classrooms in our city's schools are too crowded. If elected, I will build more schools and hire more teachers, because every child needs a good education.

Question: What is one thing that Scott Tyler promises to do?

No. 27 In 1960, NASA launched a space satellite called TIROS-1. It was the world's first weather satellite, and it had two TV cameras that were used to make images of cloud patterns. These images helped scientists to study the earth's weather. Thanks to weather satellites like TIROS-1, scientists are now able to give early warnings before hurricanes and other dangerous storms come. This has saved many people's lives.

Question: What is one thing that we learn about the TIROS-1 satellite?

No. 28 Peter and his wife often take car trips to national parks on weekends. Peter likes to avoid heavy traffic, so he always wants to leave before 6 a.m. His wife, however, does not like to wake up so early, so she usually wants to leave later. Although they often have disagreements before they go, they always have a great time at their destination.

Question: What do Peter and his wife often disagree about?

No. 29 Mary Anning was a British woman who lived during the 1800s. From an early age, she began searching for dinosaur bones in the area where she lived. She found several new kinds of dinosaurs and sold their bones to scientists. She became an expert on dinosaurs, and many of the dinosaurs

she found are displayed in famous museums today.

Question: What is one thing that we learn about Mary Anning?

No. 30 Every year, Mr. Taylor and his school's band hold a charity concert for a hospital. Last year, only 50 people came, so it did not raise much money. Mr. Taylor thought the problem might be that the concert posters did not look good, so he and the band improved the design by making it more colorful. The new posters helped the band sell over 200 tickets this year.

Question: How did Mr. Taylor and the school band sell more tickets?

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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?
 - ☆: 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 no.

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.

No. 13 ☆: Excuse me, sir. My name's Joan Jansen. I'm staying in Room 309.

★: 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?

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No. 16 Mike works at a garden center. He used to work as a cashier, but last month his boss asked him to start doing customer service. He enjoys giving people advice about which plants to buy, but sometimes they ask him very difficult questions. Recently, he has learned a lot about plants by reading gardening books, and he is getting much better at answering the customers' questions.

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,

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he was worried about money because he needed some expensive medical books for his classes. Luckily, his grandmother offered to help him. She said she would send him enough money to buy the books. Terry was very relieved.

Question: What did Terry's grandmother offer to do for him?

No. 20 Todd is a volunteer at a community center. The community center wants to get new exercise machines for the fitness room, and it is planning to hold a charity concert to raise money for them next month. This week, Todd is planning to ask some musicians to perform in the concert. He hopes he can find some good musicians so they will be able to sell a lot of tickets.

Question: What is Todd planning to do this week?

No. 21 There is a kind of seabird known as the arctic skua. Arctic skuas often eat fish and small animals. Sometimes, they hunt for food themselves, but they usually try to steal it from other birds. Arctic skuas are very aggressive, and they will even attack larger birds when they are hungry.

Question: What is one thing that we learn about arctic skuas?

No. 22 This announcement is for passengers taking the ten o'clock train to Union Station in Chicago. We are sorry to announce that the train has been canceled due to engine trouble. However, you can take the afternoon train. It will leave this station at 2 p.m. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Question: What does the announcement say about the ten o'clock train?

No. 23 Recently, William wrote a letter to his local newspaper. He complained about the city government because he thinks that it is wasting money on things that are not necessary. For example, the city plans to build a baseball stadium that will cost millions of dollars. William is angry because he thinks the city government should spend the money on things such as building more schools or hospitals.

Question: Why did William write a letter to his local newspaper?

No. 24 The African savanna is a wide, open area of land in Africa with very few trees. It is famous for the lions and other animals that live there. However, some scientists say the savanna is in danger. More and more trees are growing in Africa, and the savanna could turn into a forest in the future. If this happens, it will be difficult for the animals there to survive.

Question: What is one thing some scientists say about the African savanna?

No. 25 Mr. and Mrs. Wilson bought their house 10 years ago. Now, they want to move, and they have asked a real estate agent to help them sell it. The agent said that their house's value has increased by about 20 percent because a new school was built nearby. They are happy because if they sell their house for a high price, they can buy a nicer one when they move.

Question: Why are Mr. and Mrs. Wilson happy?

No. 26 In the city of Amsterdam, there is a popular restaurant called De Kas. The restaurant is unusual because it has its