READING

ROCKING AROUND THE USA!

Noburu Hideki and Roku Ito come from Tokyo. They became best friends at school when they discovered they were both crazy about American music.

When they were 16 they started going to concerts all over Japan. It was their dream to one day visit America – the home of the music they love.

The boys are now 22, and they're planning a trip to the US. They're going to travel from one home of jazz to another – from Louisiana in the south to New York in the north. They're beginning their trip in New Orleans, where it's Jazz Fest week. Last year about 400,000 people attended the festival. Noburu and Roku are going to stay in the French Quarter of the city. 'It's so exciting,' says Roku. 'We're staying near Bourbon Street. It's famous for its jazz clubs and nightlife, and it's only a 30-minute-walk from the festival.'

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From New Orleans they're going to drive north to Memphis, Tennessee, the home of Elvis Presley. They're going to visit Elvis's house, Graceland, which has over 600,000 visitors a year – only the White House gets more visitors. 'I can't believe we're going to see Elvis's house,' says Noburu. 'We're staying in a hotel, and there's a 24-hour Elvis movie channel in every room! Isn't that fantastic!'

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After Memphis they're driving further north to Nashville. There they're going to listen to live country music, but they're only staying there two days. 'Roku doesn't like country and western music much, so we're moving on to Cleveland, Ohio.' says Noburu. 'Did you know that Cleveland is where rock 'n' roll got its name? A DJ there named it on his radio show in 1951. Amazing!'

They are finishing their trip in New York because that is where so many musicians love playing. They are hoping to visit a lot of jazz clubs in Harlem and Greenwich Village. 'We can't wait. It's the trip of a lifetime!'

LIVEWORKSHEETS

1 Read the text about two friends who are planning a trip to the US. Answer the questions.

1 Where are the friends from?
2 What is their common interest?
3 Which cities are they going to visit?

2 Complete the sentences with the correct number.

1 Noburu and Roku started going to concerts when they were 16.
2 They are now _____ years old.
3 About _____ people attended the Jazz Fest week last year.
4 It's going to take the boys _____ minutes to walk to the festival.
5 Over _____ people visit Graceland every year.
6 You can watch Elvis movies _____ hours a day, if you want.
7 They're only going to stay _____ days in Nashville.
8 Rock 'n' roll got its name in Cleveland in _____.

3 Read the text again. Are the sentences true (✓) or false (✗).

1 ☑ They went to school together.
2 ☒ They became best friends at a concert when they were 16.
3 ☐ They're going to travel from the north to the south of the US.
4 ☐ The boys are excited because there are a lot of jazz clubs near their hotel.
5 ☐ The New Orleans Jazz Fest takes place in the French Quarter.
6 ☐ Elvis Presley's house gets more visitors than the White House.
7 ☐ The boys are going to visit the White House.
8 ☐ Roku likes rock 'n' roll more than country music.
9 ☐ They're going to fly back home from New York.

LISTENING

1.Listen to Noburo talking to his American friend, Sally, about his visit to Elvis Presley's house, Graceland. Answer the questions.

a) Are Noburu and Roku goint to stay in Memphis city centre?

Yes / No

b) Where is Elvis' piano?

In the living room./ In the music room. / In the hall.

c) Can they go anywhere in the house? Yes. / No.

d) Did Elvis have many cars? Yes. / No.

e) What are they going to do in the evening?

Read a book. / Watch a film. / Cook.

f) What are they going to eat?

Cheese Burger and fries. / Fish and fries. / Apple pie.

2 Listen again. Put the events in the tour of Graceland in the correct order (1–7).

☐ listen to a history of the building
☑ have their photo taken
☐ see his cars and planes
☐ go to Elvis's basement
☐ see Elvis's gold records and clothes
☐ see his piano
☐ see his grave

Basement: sótano

Grave: tumba

LIVEWORKSHEETS

To be handed in in class

Writing

1 Circle the best phrase for an informal email.

1 Dear Mr Jones / Hi Mike

2 It was an amazing party! / I enjoyed the party very much.

3 Good weekend? / Did you enjoy your weekend?

4 I was very pleased to be invited. / Thanks a lot for inviting me.

5 Do you want to meet up tomorrow? / I hope to see you again tomorrow.

6 Lots of love / With very best wishes

1 point for each correct answer 5

2 Your friend invited you to lunch last weekend. You really enjoyed it, and now decide to send her a thank-you email. You should:

- use a suitable greeting.
- thank her and say you enjoyed lunch.
- say what you liked about it.
- tell her about the rest of your weekend.
- ask her about her weekend.
- say when you want to see her again.
- use a suitable ending.

Write your email in 80–100 words.

Writing task 20

Writing total 25

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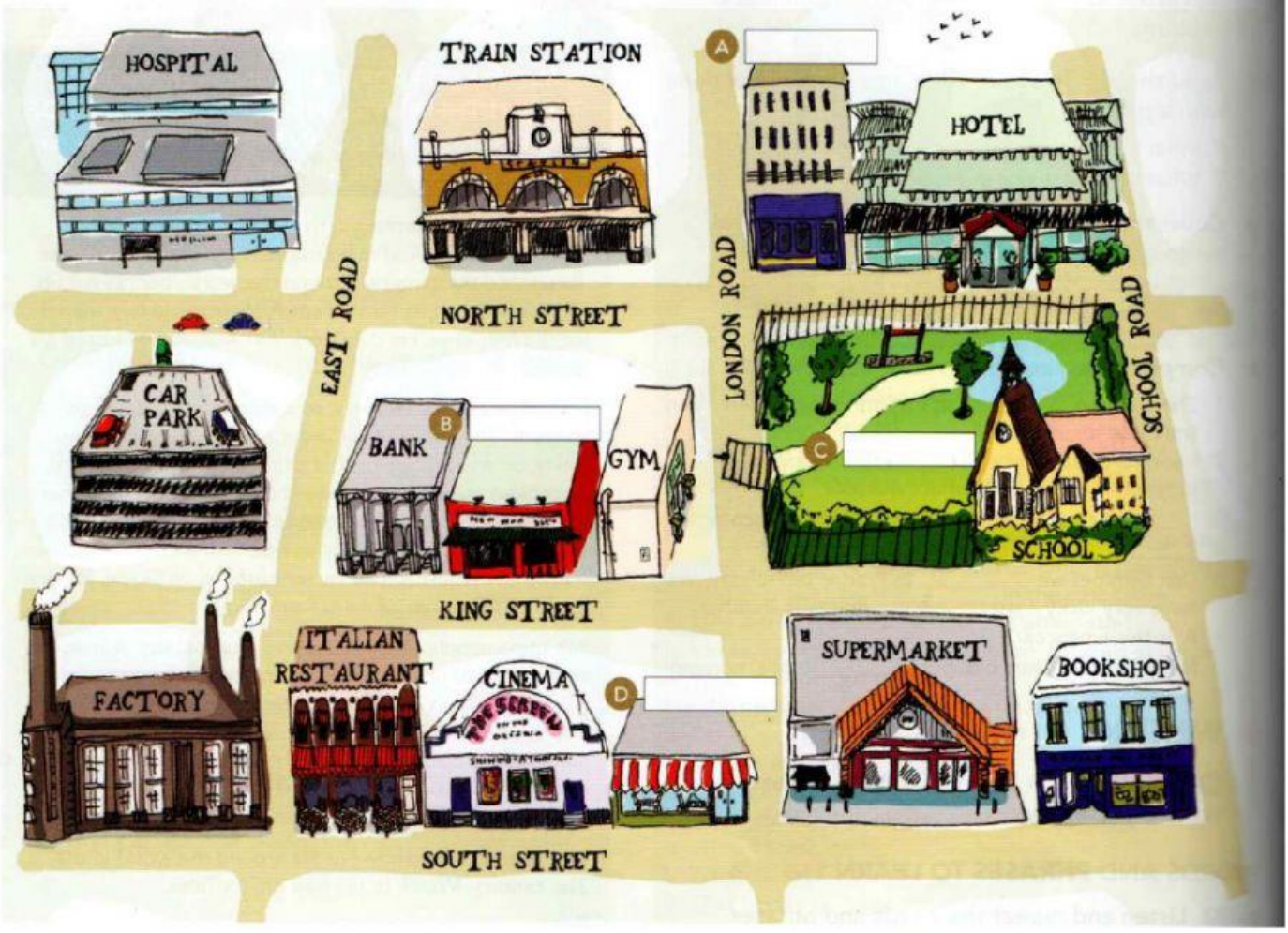
GIVING DIRECTIONS

1 11.18 Look at the map and the names of the streets and buildings. Listen and complete the places A–D.

coffee shop Chinese restaurant phone shop park

Excuse me. Is there a...near here?

Yes, there's one on...



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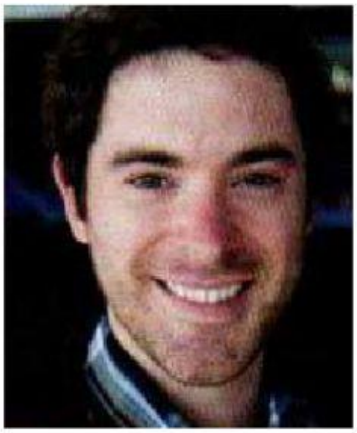
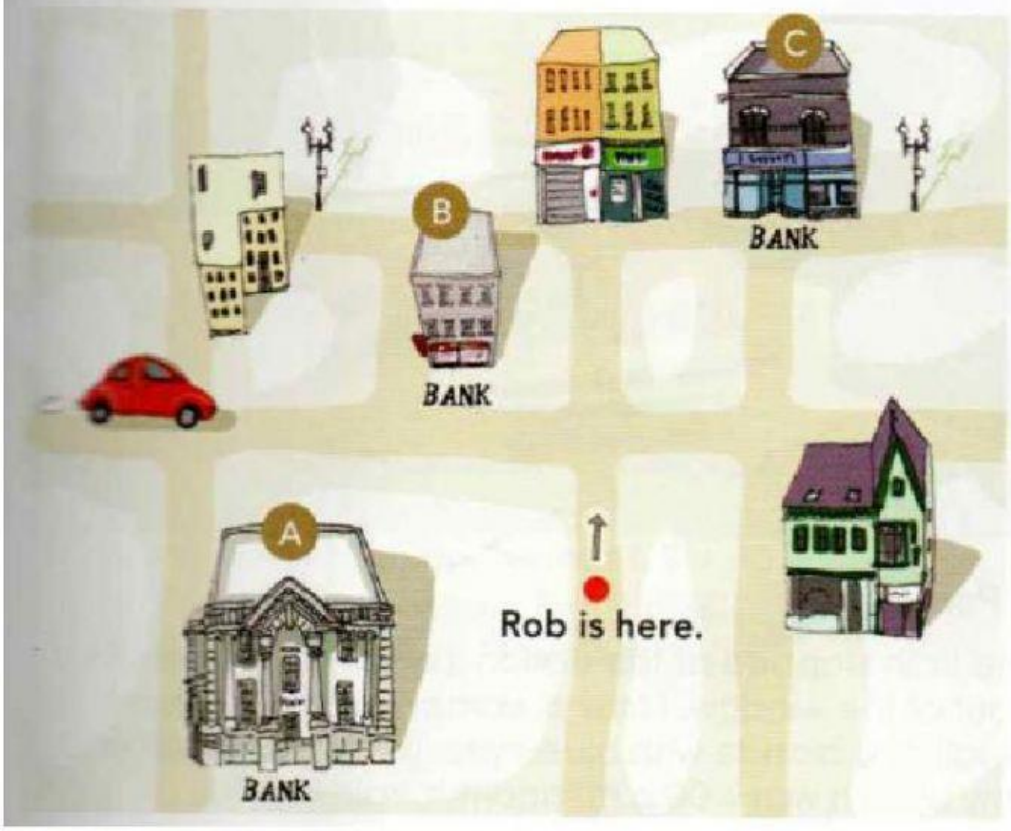


11.21 Rob needs to take out some money. He's looking for a cash machine. Watch or listen. Which bank does he go to, A, B, or C?



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11.22 The cash machine isn't working. Watch or listen to Rob asking for more directions. Which bank does he go to now?

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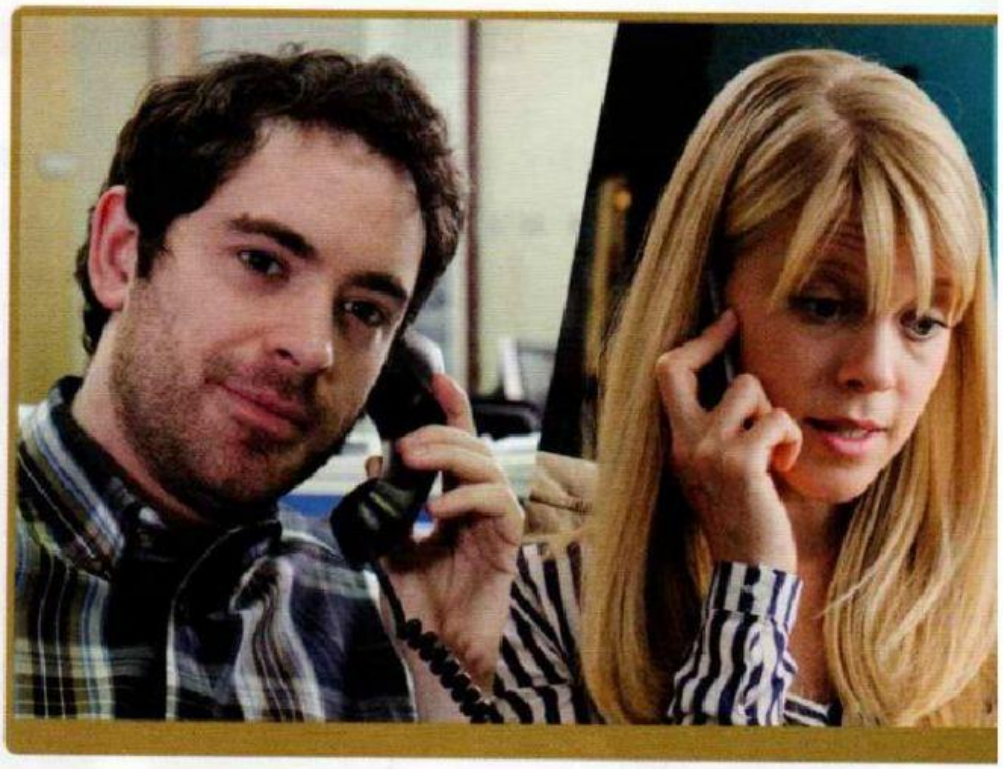
4 WHERE'S JENNY'S HOTEL?



a 11.23 Watch or listen to Rob and Jenny on the phone. Why is he phoning her?

b Watch or listen again. Complete the information about Jenny's hotel.

Hotel [1] Indigo, [2] _____ Street. It's near Paddington [3] _____. Get the Heathrow Express train from the [4] _____ to Paddington. It only takes about [5] _____ minutes.

DIRECTIONS: Turn [6] _____ when you leave the station. Then go [7] _____ for a bit and turn [8] _____ into London Street. The hotel's [9] _____ Norfolk Square.

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