THE LAST TRAIN - READING

Read the text and do the exercises.

The last train

My name's Kristof. Last Tuesday I worked very late, because some important visitors had arrived. When I finally left the office, I hurried to the station and caught the last train home at 11.45. It was warm on the train, so I took off my jacket. I tried to stay awake, but it had been a long day and I soon fell asleep.

When I woke up, we were in a station. I knew that my station was the first stop, so I grabbed my briefcase and ran to the door. I got off just in time and the train moved away. 'That was lucky,' I thought, but then I looked around and I couldn't believe my eyes, because it wasn't my station. The fast train didn't normally stop there, so why had it stopped there that night? And it was the last train! I decided to phone my wife, Selina. Then I realized I hadn't picked up my jacket. My wallet, keys and mobile phone were all still on the train.

I walked out of the station. There were some people in the car park and an ambulance. I spoke to the driver. Apparently, one of the other passengers had become very ill, so the train had stopped there because there was a hospital nearby. The ambulance driver lent me his phone and I phoned Selina. She had already gone to bed. 'Where are you?' she asked.

'I'm at Burton station,' I said. 'I …'

'Just a minute,' she said. 'Whose phone are you using? This isn't your number.'

'It's the ambulance driver's,' I said and I started to explain, but then I realized that she had put the phone down. She thought that I'd had an accident and she was already on her way!

An hour later she arrived. She was happy to see that I hadn't had an accident. However, she wasn't pleased when I explained things, because she had driven very fast to get there and the police had stopped her for speeding – and they had given her a big fine. We drove home together in silence!

1. What happened? Tick the correct sentence.

- ☐ He got on the wrong train.
- ☐ The police arrested his wife.
- ☐ He got off at the wrong station.
- ☐ He was in an accident.

2. Put the pictures in the correct order (write numbers to the pictures)






3. Choose the correct answer for each of the questions:

a) What train did Kristof catch?

b) Why did he get off the train?

c) Why did the train stop there?

d) Whose phone did he use?

e) Why did he use that phone?

f) What did Selina think that had happened?

g) Why did she think that?

h) Why was she in a bad mood?

4. Mark the statements T (for true) or F (for false)

a) Kristof wanted to catch the quarter past eleven train. ☐

b) He got off at the first stop. ☐

c) He forgot his jacket on the train. ☐

d) The ambulance was treating the train driver. ☐

e) Kristof phoned his wife, Simona. ☐

f) Kristof had an accident. ☐

g) His wife was fined for driving too fast. ☐

h) Finally, she was happy to see him and they had fun on the way home. ☐

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