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To: Ellie Crest

Subject: Surfing Holiday

Hi Ellie,

I'm so pleased you can come surfing in August! Paul, Rose and Kevin are coming too, so there will be five of us. We've decided to return to New Sands, because the surf board hire is so cheap there. I'm starting to think about accommodation. We won't camp again after last year! I hated staying in a tent in all that rain!

Kevin wants to hire a caravan. There are some nice ones with 3 bedrooms, showers and cooking facilities. The problem is, none of the caravan parks take short bookings in the summer. The minimum stay is a week. It's a shame because there are several nice parks near the beach.

There's a youth hostel in New Sands. It's the cheapest option after camping, and there's a big kitchen and dining room where we can cook. The problem is, accommodation is in dormitories and I don't really want to sleep with strangers.

There are a few guest houses in New Sands. Some have triple rooms, so we'd only need to book two rooms. They're not expensive, but we wouldn't be able to cook there. We'd have to eat out at restaurants, or eat sandwiches for every meal! We'll have to book soon if we choose that option, because many guest houses are already full. The hotels in New Sands are far too expensive, even though I'd love to stay at the Sunrise Pavilion with its rooftop pool!

The final option is to rent a cottage. Few cottages offer mid-week breaks in summer, but I found one. It has three bedrooms - a double, a single and a twin, so two of us would have to share a bed! There's a big kitchen diner with a microwave, washing machine and dishwasher. The living room has a TV and DVD player. There's just one bathroom, but there's a separate WC. There's a nice garden too. The problem is, it's 5 miles from the beach, so we'd have to hire a car, because there aren't any buses.

Let me know which option you prefer.

Cheers

Natalie

A. Choose the best option to complete the sentences (0,5 each)

- 1 Last year the friends stayed in a...
 - a) caravan
 - b) tent
 - c) youth hostel
- 2 Last year the friends had problems with...
 - a) the weather.
 - b) the transport.
 - c) their surf boards.
- 3 The friends want to stay in New Sands for...
 - a) a week.
 - b) a week and a half.
 - c) less than one week.
- 4 The problem with the caravan park is that...
 - a) caravans are only available for full weeks.
 - b) there are not have enough beds for everyone.
 - c) all the caravans are fully booked.
- 5 Natalie doesn't want to stay in the youth hostel because...
 - a) it is too expensive.
 - b) she doesn't want to share with people she doesn't know.
 - c) it does not have any self-catering facilities.
- 6 The guest house ...
 - a) is too expensive.
 - b) does not have self-catering facilities.
 - c) does not have a restaurant.
- 7 The Sunrise Pavilion...
 - a) is too expensive.
 - b) does not have a swimming pool.
 - c) is fully booked.
- 8 Natalie choose this cottage because...
 - a) it is cheaper than the other cottages.
 - b) everyone can sleep in a different room.
 - c) it allows people to stay for less than a week.
- 9 In the cottage,...
 - a) the dining area and living area are in the same room.
 - b) the shower and toilet are in the same room.
 - c) the cooking area and dining area are in the same room.
- 10 The problem with the cottage is...
 - a) its size.
 - b) its location.
 - c) its price.