Reading Comprehension

From: Brenda
To: Kelly
Subject: Problems with sis

Hello Kelly,

How are you? I miss you so much. I haven't had anyone to talk to about my problems since you left. At the moment I've got a serious problem and need your help.

It's to do with my sister Ellen. Last week I took her camera without asking and I lost it. I haven't told her yet, but she's going to find out soon. You see, she's going to Egypt next week and she's going to need it. I am absolutely terrified that I have ruined her entire holiday before she's even left. She was planning on taking thousands of pictures on that special trip. What should I do? If I tell her, she'll get really angry. And you know how Ellen is when she's upset. She'll never let me borrow any of her things again.
Unfortunately, there's more. I've been frantically searching the house for it, hoping it will just turn up, but I know it won't. Next weekend, there's a great party and I don't want to miss it. The problem is I haven't got anything cool to wear. So, I was thinking of borrowing something from Ellen. But if she finds out about the camera, I can forget it. What do you suggest I do? If I had the money, I would buy her a new camera, but I don't. What would you do if you were me?

Write back as soon as possible.

Yours,
Brenda

Task 1: Multiple Choice (Choose the best option, A, B, or C)

1. Who is Brenda writing to?

A. Ellen, her sister. B. Kelly, her friend. C. An anonymous expert.

2. Why is Brenda currently struggling to talk about her problems?

A. Her sister is always upset.

B. She hasn't been able to talk to Kelly since Kelly left.

C. She has too many problems to count.

3. What item did Brenda take without permission?

A. Ellen's clothes. B. Ellen's money. C. Ellen's camera.

4. Why is the missing item needed right now?

A. Ellen is going to Egypt next week.

B. Brenda needs it for the party next weekend.

C. Ellen needs to take professional photos for work.

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5. What does Brenda think will happen if she tells Ellen the truth?

A. Ellen will get really angry.

B. Ellen will help her find it.

C. Ellen will buy a new one immediately.

6. What is Brenda afraid will happen after Ellen learns the truth?

A. Brenda won't be allowed to go to the party.

B. Ellen will never let her borrow any of her things again.

C. Brenda will have to cancel her trip.

7. What is the problem Brenda has about the party?

A. She doesn't want to miss it, but she has nothing cool to wear.

B. She doesn't have a ride to the party.

C. She is worried Ellen will be there.

8. What is the solution Brenda cannot afford?

A. Borrowing money from Kelly.

B. Buying Ellen a new camera.

C. Finding the camera before Ellen leaves.

Task 2: Fill in the Blanks (Use one word from the text to complete each sentence)

1. Brenda wrote to Kelly because she has a serious problem and needs her _____.
2. Brenda took the camera last week without _____.
3. Ellen is going to _____ next week.
4. Brenda is worried that if Ellen is _____, she will never lend her anything again.
5. If Brenda had the _____, she would buy her sister a new camera.

Task 3: Indicate whether the following statements are True or False

1. Brenda hasn't told Ellen about the lost camera yet. T F
2. Ellen is going to need the camera for a party next weekend. T F
3. Brenda is already wearing Ellen's clothes for the party. T F
4. Brenda explicitly asks Kelly what Kelly would do if she were in her situation. T F
5. Brenda has enough money to buy Ellen a replacement camera. T F
6. Brenda decided to write to Kelly because Kelly is the only one who listens to her problems. T F

Task 4: Complete the sentences based on the information in the email

1. Brenda is trying to borrow clothes from Ellen, but she knows she can forget it if _____.
2. If Brenda tells her sister the truth, Ellen will get really angry, and you know how Ellen is when _____.
3. Brenda needs Kelly to write back to her_____.

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