



**Thinking Skills**

2. The idea of a car that knows where to go may seem impossible. However, new technology may soon make this possible. Cars will have computers to tell drivers which roads have the least traffic. That way the drivers will not waste time in traffic jams. There will also be less pollution because the car engines will be running less. These new cars will be known as
  - a. "expensive cars."
  - b. "fast cars."
  - c. "traffic cars."
  - d. "smart cars."
3. Scottish people like to think that golf is a Scottish sport. The game did not come from Scotland, however. It was first played in Holland in the 14th century. Only later did it become
  - a. popular with the Dutch.
  - b. popular in Scotland.
  - c. a real sport.
  - d. an Olympic sport.
4. When Christopher Columbus sailed west from Spain in 1492 he wanted to reach Asia. He did not know there was another continent in between Europe and Asia. In fact, when he died he still believed that the land he had found was
  - a. Asia.
  - b. America.
  - c. Spain.
  - d. another continent.
5. In the past, many people in western Ireland and the Scottish Highlands spoke Gaelic as their first language. Now only a few people speak Gaelic, and they are mostly from the older generation. The younger people
  - a. hardly understand any English.
  - b. don't like to speak with strangers.
  - c. often don't even understand Gaelic.
  - d. don't often speak with the older generation.
6. When Europeans first arrived in North America in 1620 the forests were full of bears. There were more than half a million of these wild animals. Then the Europeans began to cut down the forests where the bears lived. They also began to hunt the bears. By 1900, there were very few bears left. Now, however, the bear population is about 200,000. The bears have begun to multiply again, thanks to
  - a. better hunting methods.
  - b. better foods for them.
  - c. better laws to protect them.
  - d. better laws to protect Europeans.