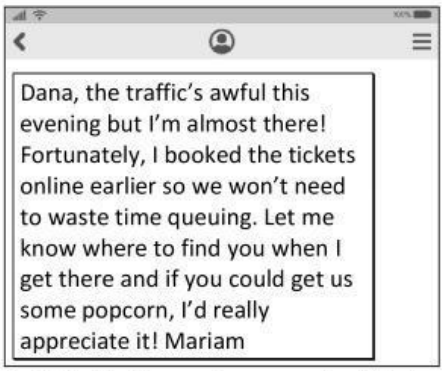
Reading

Read the texts and choose the correct answer.



1 What is the main reason for Mariam's text?

A ☐ To ask her friend if she can do her a favour
B ☐ To remind her friend where they should meet later
C ☐ To give her friend an update about their arrangement

All Passengers

We apologize that we have been unable to complete the railway line repairs between Maidenhead and Heathrow Airport on schedule. Passengers should travel to the airport by bus, so please plan for a delay of approximately 30 minutes to your journey. Passengers who already have tickets will get their money back on request.

2 What do all passengers need to do?

A ☐ Get a refund for their ticket
B ☐ Take a coach for part of their journey
C ☐ Check to see if their bus is on time

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If, like me, you're studying Japanese and still struggling with writing the alphabet, do yourself a favour and download the less well-known Japanese for Beginners app from Global Apps. It's ideal for all ages, and it's nothing like the others out there in that it's in no way complex to use!

3 What is the blogger's main purpose?

A ☐ To explain who the app is suitable for
B ☐ To describe what's special about this app
C ☐ To say how she discovered the app

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To: Piotr
From: Jakub
Subject: My work trip

Hi
I can't tell you how glad I am to be back home. A workmate and I have been staying in a hotel for the last few days because we had some training there. The Wi-Fi there was rubbish, the TV was really old and the nearest town was five kilometres away. There was nothing to do – there wasn't even a cinema or gym nearby. Still, at least I had a good rest.

4 How does Jakub feel about his work trip?

A ☐ Disappointed that it was so boring
B ☐ Sorry that he didn't know anyone there
C ☐ Exhausted because he did so many activities

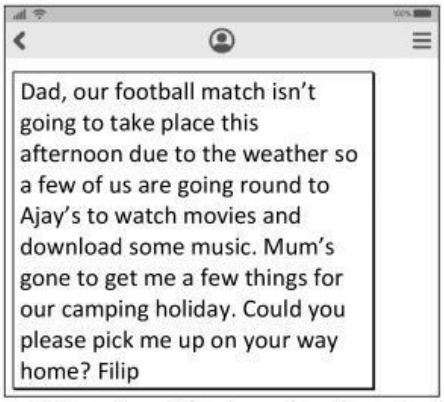
URGENTLY REQUIRED

Ticket for Saturday's Happy Boyz concert – at the last minute my son's suddenly decided he wants to come along too! Happy to pay more. Contact me today or tomorrow at the very latest.

Zak – Sales Department

5 What does the advert say?

A ☐ It will be too late to get in touch with Zak tomorrow.
B ☐ A new request means Zak needs another ticket.
C ☐ Zak is prepared to sell something at a lower price than usual.



6 What does Filip intend to do today?

A ☐ Go shopping with one of his parents
B ☐ Hang out with some of his friends
C ☐ Take part in a sports event

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Read the article about shopping and choose the best option to answer the questions.

Sensible shopping

Esra Demirel is in so many ways a typical teenager. She likes to look good, and she cares about what she wears. Seventeen-year-old Esra from Chicago volunteered to help local market research company *AMR*. But when they followed her on a back-to-school shopping trip with friends, they were curious about why she left a *Nike* store without buying. This was even though *Nike* is one of her favourite labels. What was the reason? Esra explains, 'Well, I buy things on sale because it doesn't make sense to buy a pair of trainers for $150.' Esra admits she looks for the famous sports label in cheaper stores instead of their high street stores and department stores.

It seems that teens nowadays are shopping like their parents. Many teenagers are more sensible with money these days – a habit that their parents, who may have had to change the way they spend their money in order to make it last longer, have successfully taught them. They are not going out and spending without thinking any more. This is a good thing for the teenagers, of course, but perhaps not so good for the stores that are trying to attract them.

And that's not the only change that's taken place recently. When it comes to shopping, today's teenagers recycle more clothes from the previous year. They mix and match the old with the new for different looks. They don't all want to look alike and prefer to have their own distinct style. They also shop all year round for things they need, which means spending less at specific times, such as just before the school holidays, when they may need to buy certain kinds of clothes. And when they do shop, they're spending much less than they used to, maybe five to ten years ago.

Young shoppers spend time researching clothes on the internet before they go to the stores, so they know what they're looking for before they get there. The clothing companies know this and are worried that teenagers won't go for *their* label because they prefer a different one. This means that stores need to find new ways of making their products attractive to young shoppers. Therefore, they want to get teenagers' attention before they are in stores, and they do this by attracting them on social media. By checking which websites teenagers regularly use, for example, some companies learn what's popular and can design a suitable advertising campaign. And of course, once teenagers have bought something in the store, companies hope to see some positive comments, which will attract more customers as a result.

1 What does the writer say about Esra Demirel?
- A ☐ She wears only a few well-known labels.
- B ☐ She prefers to buy items that have a discount.
- C ☐ She enjoys shopping with a particular group of friends.

2 What does the writer believe about parents, teenagers and money?
- A ☐ Parents typically think their teenagers waste a lot of money.
- B ☐ Teenagers often buy the same things as their parents.
- C ☐ Teenagers have managed to learn to be sensible with money.

3 According to the writer, how have teenagers recently changed when it comes to shopping?
- A ☐ They now prefer to continue using their old clothes for longer.
- B ☐ They now just go shopping before special events.
- C ☐ They now like to follow certain trends only.

4 What does *their* in the fourth paragraph refer to?
- A ☐ The clothing stores'
- B ☐ The teenagers'
- C ☐ The clothing companies'

5 How is social media currently used in fashion?
- A ☐ Teenage shoppers use it to share ideas with their friends.
- B ☐ Many shops use it to show reviews of their products.
- C ☐ Fashion companies use it to learn what teenagers like.

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6 What is the purpose of this article?

A ☐ To compare how teenagers and adults go shopping

B ☐ To explain teenagers' attitudes towards shopping

C ☐ To persuade teenagers to shop in a different way

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Listening

Listen to the conversation and answer the question.

1 Two classmates are talking about helping out around the home. How do they both feel?

A ☐ Ashamed that they don't have the skills to help much

B ☐ Curious about why their parents don't ask them to help more

C ☐ Glad that they don't have to help as much as some teenagers

2 A brother and sister are talking about the girl's friend. What is the girl doing?

A ☐ Explaining why she enjoys her friend's company

B ☐ Giving her opinion on her friend's hobbies

C ☐ Describing her friend's appearance

3 A boy is telling a friend about a sports centre. Why is the boy talking about the sports centre?

A ☐ To tell his friend about the activities available there

B ☐ To persuade his friend to go there with him

C ☐ To warn his friend about a problem there

4 A man is talking about his recent holiday. What does the man wish?

A ☐ That he had gone with a different group of friends

B ☐ That he had stayed in a particular place for longer

C ☐ That he had planned the trip more carefully

5 Two friends are talking about going shopping. Where do they decide to go?

A ☐ A shopping centre

B ☐ A market

C ☐ A department store

6 A girl is talking about going to a stadium to watch a sporting event. What did she think of it?

A ☐ She was surprised by how well she could see the players.

B ☐ She was upset by the behaviour of people in the crowd.

C ☐ She was impressed by the level of security there.

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Listen to a girl called Priya giving a presentation to her classmates about a news item. Choose the correct answer for each question.

1 Why does Priya believe the news story was real?

A ☐ The article contained facts and figures.

B ☐ She found it on more than one website.

C ☐ It was written by a well-known journalist.

2 What surprised Priya about the invention in the news story?

A ☐ It flies very low.

B ☐ It moves at high speeds.

C ☐ It's easy to use.

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3 Why was the invention tested in the Lake District?

A ☐ The emergency services get lots of calls from there.
B ☐ It's an area that the inventor is familiar with.
C ☐ The countryside there is very varied.

4 Why does Priya mention superheroes?

A ☐ The equipment makes people look like one.
B ☐ The invention allows people to move like one.
C ☐ The person doing the test said he felt like one.

5 What disadvantage does Priya think the invention has?

A ☐ It won't be available to buy for a long time.
B ☐ It can't be used to transport someone to hospital.
C ☐ The person flying it can't hold any medical supplies.

6 What does the invention need before it can be used?

A ☐ A battery which lasts longer
B ☐ More powerful engines
C ☐ To be lighter in weight

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