

**Reading Passage 1: Reading Correspondence** Read the following passage.

Dear Christen,

How was your trip to Korea? I heard the weather there is very pleasant this time of the year. I'm not sure but I think it's warmer than  $-5^{\circ}\text{C}$  from what Derek told me. Which city did you go to? I heard the food scene there is pretty awesome! It would've been nice if Carrie would let me have a vacation, but she and I had prior commitments. You know how work gets!

It has been freezing here. Global warming is for real! You know, they say it's just not about hot temperatures but about extreme temperatures! Maybe that's why this winter is a killer! And don't get me started on the mountains of snow that are piling up! The city is doing a lot and we are doing all we can to not slip or fall on the ice; no one would bet against the ice in Canada!

Once again, the city is contributing in a way by creating some heated bus shelters. You will find that especially useful! Commute needs to be made more comfortable for the winter months. It's almost like we assume that we're like other countries by keeping some bus stops outdoors but we clearly could use a model tweak! How is the commute there? Are you renting a car or doing the usual? I have just so many questions to ask you! Oh, one more thing, due to the pandemic, the interest rates are really down on cars. Getting a good deal could have been very possible if cars were not selling like pancakes but I guess I'm late to everything! Sigh. Do you want me to look at a few deals for you? What are your thoughts on peer to peer commute? When you get back, we can probably think about that.

On top of the cost savings, what I really need is a little entertainment in my morning commute. This snow is not doing my mood any good! As you can see, I'm already planning everything expecting your return! Oh, and I just got the latest edition of the Korean DVDs that we watch. Still though, I'm curious to know if you find deals cheaper than \$10 per DVD for those dramas; let me know!

Can't wait to have you back. Miss you lots!

Regards, Cara

Now choose the best way to complete each statement using the appropriate information from the passage:

1. According to Cara, the winter weather in Korea is usually
  - minus 10 degree Celsius
  - minus 5 degree Celsius
  - 30 degree Celsius
  - minus 2 degree Celsius
2. Cara says global warming
  - has a different meaning than what people think
  - kills people in the winters
  - is making things extremely hot
  - is causing ice
3. The bus stops in Canada
  - are heated
  - need to model the ones internationally
  - are mostly cold inside
  - are all being upgraded by the city
4. Christen usually:
  - rents a car
  - buses
  - drives
  - uses peer to peer commute
5. Cara
  - can get a good deal if she buys a car now
  - cannot find the right car since she was late
  - cannot find a good deal
  - will rather go for peer to peer commute
6. Cara
  - loves the snow
  - has anxiety about Christen's return
  - will buy Korean DVDs if Christen finds a cheaper deal
  - probably paid over \$10 for them

08:29:73

The following is a response to the message. Complete the following by selecting the best choice and filling in the blanks.

Hi Cara!

04:24:12

You are crazy! I was reading things twice to catch up with all your thoughts jumbled into one letter! Well, you are right that the ice scene in Korea **7.** (is very comparable to Canada/is less slippery than Canada/is nothing like Canada/can be betted against); I do miss it though. I haven't been commuting much actually as buses can be pretty crowded in Seoul so **8.** (life hasn't changed much/not the usual/I am renting a car/I am avoiding the cold bus stops). That's where I am staying for now, and yes, **9.** (the food is great/the bus stops are heated/we don't have mountains of snow here/people don't fall on ice here)!

I don't ever think **10.** (your thirst for entertainment will die/you will find good deals on cars/you will find good deals on DVDs/the snowfall will lessen). Update me on your work situation though. Why are you **11.** (not being allowed to travel/not too optimistic/and Carrie working so hard/taking instructions from Carrie)? After all, you are a hard worker and you deserve better!

Well, I have to go now but I will write back to you ASAP!

Love,  
Christen