

He is speaking to _____ .

- a) a builder
- b) a hotel manager
- c) a plumber
- d) a shop assistant

Task 3

Friends talking

W: Did you manage to find some boots?

M: Well, I saw some, but they looked terrible with my trousers. Then I looked in another shop and I saw a nice green jacket. I wanted to buy it, but it was too expensive.

What do we know about the jacket?

- a) It cost too much.
- b) It was too large.
- c) It didn't match the trousers.
- d) It wasn't the colour he wanted.

Task 4

Concert tickets

Man: Dave heard about the concert on the Internet and he bought his tickets last week.

Woman: Good for him! I didn't know anything about it until I saw a poster in the city centre. It was really funny because Jane and I were just saying how we'd really like to see the band live – and there it was!

How did the woman find out about the concert?

From:

- a) Jane
- b) a poster
- c) the Internet
- d) Dave

Task 5

A student talking about his college

Male: I'm having a wonderful time at university. The social life is fantastic and you don't have to work very hard. I go to parties nearly every night and when there isn't a party, I spend the evening playing PC games. That means I usually go to bed pretty late but it's O.K. because I don't have to get up early in the mornings. There are lectures everyday but I think most of them are a waste of time, so I don't bother to go.

What does the man say?

- a) classes are useless
- b) studying is hard work
- c) sleeping is a problem
- d) lectures are important

Task 6

In an office

Secretary: I'm afraid the director is running a little late this afternoon. He won't be able to meet with you for about 40 minutes. Would you like to come back? Or I could bring you a cup of tea and you could wait at the reception.

Customer: I'm fine, thank you. I think there is no point in leaving now I'm here.

What will the customer do?

He will _____.

- a) go home
- b) wait
- c) drink tea
- d) return

Task 7

Father and daughter talking

Daughter: I am just going downtown to post a letter, Dad. Is there anything I can get you?

Father: Oh, thank you, darling. Can you get the prescription the doctor left for me? Oh, and I need a new tooth brush. My wallet is on the table.

Daughter: Alright. I'll take a ten-pound note, shall I?

Father: That's fine. Oh, and say hello to Mrs. Parker in the newsagent's for me. Tell her I won't be round for coffee tomorrow.

Daughter: OK. I'll be back in half an hour, or so.

Where will the girl make her father's purchase?

At the _____.

- a) post office
- b) doctor's
- c) chemist's
- d) newsagent's

Task 8

Two friends talking

Male: Shall we set the tent up?

Female: Yes. Right away. Then, we'd better start a fire. It's cold out here.

Male: Shall I cook dinner, or will you make it?

Female: You cook, please and I'll take care of the chairs and the table.

Male: Alright, then.

Where does this conversation most probably take place?

In a _____.

- a) guest house
- b) furniture shop
- c) campground
- d) private home

Task 9

Two people talking

Male: You know I was late for school again today.

Female: Why? What happened this time? Did you oversleep?

Male: Well, I decided to try out that new bus route, but it went such a complicated way that it took much longer than the one I usually take.

Female: That's typical of you! You always try out something without asking someone's advice first! And did your pupils say anything?

Male: They didn't. But the headmaster criticized me for constantly being late.

What is true about the man? He _____.

- a) overslept this morning
- b) asked for advice
- c) criticized his pupils
- d) took another bus

Task 10

From a conversation

Woman: Can you put it on the scales please? That'll be four pounds twenty... Oh dear.

Man: What's the matter?

Woman: Well, did you wrap this yourself?

Man: Yes

Woman: Well, I can't accept it as a small packet.

Man: Why not?

Woman: Well, to go as a small packet it has to be easy to open. You've put sticky tape all over it. Look, do you want to take it away and repack it or do you want to send it at letter rate? If you do that, letter rate would be six pounds sixty-five.

What is wrong with the man's packet?

- a) It is too large.
- b) It is too heavy.
- c) It has been opened before.
- d) It has been wrapped badly.

Task 11

One side of a telephone conversation

Female: The Starr Hotel, can I help you?

(pause)

Female: Yes, you can find us at M 25. There is an exit on the London to Reading motorway.

(pause)

Female: I see. Well, in that case, you'd better drive straight down to M 13. The road will lead you straight downtown where you can find our hotel.

How is the customer travelling?

- a) by bus
- b) by train

- c) by car
- d) by taxi

Task 12

Two people talking

Male: Aren't you afraid of skin cancer?

Female: Not at all. I protect my skin with a special cream. And I don't spend all the time lying here on the sand but I often go swimming in the sea and apply the cream again.

Male: OK. But I'd rather spend the time in the shade. I think the beach bar would be the right place for me. Bye.

Where are the people?

- a) at a beach bar
- b) in the shade
- c) on the beach
- d) at a swimming pool

Task 13

A conversation on a train

A: "The train is so slow, isn't it? I can't wait to get home".

B: "Me neither. Coming back from work?"

A: "Well, yes. It was my first day at a new sports shop in New York. And we had a little celebration there on that occasion".

B: "Did it all go OK"?

A: "I think it went well even though it was pretty demanding".

What did the man do?

- a) spent holiday in New York
- b) celebrated his birthday
- c) just started a new job
- d) did some shopping

Task 14

A message on an answer phone

"It's me. I'm on the train. Can you do me a favour? I've left an important phone number in my study on the desk. Can you call me back and tell me what it is? Thank you. Kiss the baby for me."

Who is the message for?

- a) a secretary
- b) a wife
- c) a child
- d) a friend

Task 15

A part of a conversation

Woman: ...then at the end of Market Street you come to Sydney Street. Turn right and follow that street round a bend past Marks and Spencer's and Boots and eventually it leads into St Andrew Street. Go down there, leaving the pedestrian precinct and keep walking and soon you'll see the University Arms Hotel on your left.

What is the woman doing?

- a) giving directions
- b) shopping in the city centre
- c) describing the town
- d) looking for a hotel

Task 16

Two friends talking

Female: Peter, what's happened? You look so down!

Male: To tell the truth, I've got a problem. John lent me his CDs. I took them to a party yesterday and now I can't find them. Do you think I should buy him some new ones?

Female: Well, I don't know. If I were you, I'd talk to Jim first. He might prefer money rather than new CDs.

Male: I'll do that.

What has Peter decided to do?

- a) give money to John
- b) buy new CDs
- c) try to find the CDs
- d) ask John first

Task 17

At the bus stop

Passenger: Excuse me, officer. Could you tell me how often the No 10 bus comes?

Officer: You have just missed your bus, madam, but there is another one in half an hour. There is a regular service during working days, you know.

Passenger: Do you think I can still catch my train leaving at 2 o'clock?

Officer: Certainly, madam.

What do we know about the bus?

The bus is _____.

- a) ½ hour late
- b) coming at 2 o'clock
- c) regular at weekends
- d) coming in 30 minutes

Task 18

At the railway station

- Woman: Now, look, I do understand the rules, but I'm in a great hurry. If I am to catch my flight, I just have to get on this train.
- Official: Well, you'll have to go back to the ticket office...
- Woman: I can't do that with all this heavy luggage! Surely it must be possible for me to get a ticket on the train! I can always explain the situation...
- Official: There will be an extra charge.
- Woman: Well, I've got no choice, but I don't think it is fair.

The woman _____.

- a) has missed the train
- b) refuses to pay extra charge
- c) needs to get a ticket
- d) has lost her luggage

Task 19

A man talking about a purchase.

Yes, I got it last week. I'm really pleased with it. It's easy to park and doesn't use a lot of petrol. Handy for work, of course, as there's lots of room in the boot for my tools. My wife's pleased too. She said she got fed up with arriving at restaurants and everybody thinking we'd come to repair something. She says we'll look like everyone else now and have a bit of comfort too.

What has he just bought?

He has just bought _____.

- a) a van
- b) a motorbike
- c) a car
- d) a camper

Task 20

A man talking to a group.

.....and it gives me special pleasure today to welcome a number of people whose faces were a familiar sight in the corridors of this college some years ago. You left us to make your way in the world and I'm anxious to talk to each of you individually later to find out how you have all got on.

Who is he talking to?

He is talking to _____.

- a) new students
- b) students in a course
- c) former students
- d) school representatives

Task 21

At the airport

Man: You're not looking too good. Are you sure you're all right?

Woman: It was a long flight. I'll be fine when I've had a good night's sleep.

Man: You look very pale.

Woman: These long flights are just so boring and you just have to sit there in your seat without moving. And you know I like to get as much exercise as possible.

I'm sure I'll be back to normal tomorrow

How does the woman feel?

She feels _____.

- a) tired
- b) ill
- c) nervous
- d) bored

Task 22

At a police station

A: So, what exactly did you see?

B: Well, I was waiting for the bus. Suddenly I noticed a man coming along the street. I was looking at my watch, because the bus was late. Then I heard some glass breaking. I turned round and saw this man with gold chains in his hands. It was a jeweller's shop, you know, but I suppose he only wanted things he could put in his pockets, so he left the vases and stuff like that and just took the necklaces, you know...

What did the man steal? He stole some _____.

- a) watches
- b) glass
- c) jewellery
- d) vases

Task 23

A man talking

Ladies and gentlemen, if I could just have your attention please. Welcome to the 3rd summer bazaar, and many thanks for all your support, especially the senior citizens association for letting us use their garden. As you know, the children's home has been completed and we're hoping to use money raised today to buy them some sport equipment. So, please enjoy yourselves and thank you once again for your support.

What will the raised money be used for? _____.

- a) an old people charity
- b) a children charity
- c) a local sports hall
- d) an old people's garden

Task 24

Two people talking

A: Hallo. Any news on my car yet?

B: Well, Mr Barley, we are expecting delivery any day now but there seems to be some breakdown in communications. I've been trying to ring the suppliers but I keep getting through to their repair shop.

A: Well, I hope they get a move on: I've made a deal to sell the old one and I don't want to be left without transport.

What is Mr Barley doing?

He is _____.

- a) having his car repaired
- b) buying a car
- c) renting a car
- d) selling his car

Task 25

About sports

Todd: So, Marion, do you like to play sports?

Marion: I don't play sports at the moment because I don't really have the time, or it feels like I don't have time. It's been a long time since I did sports regularly.

Todd: Yeah, me too, but I love sports. I love to watch sports on TV.

Marion: Mm-hm, I don't. It's not really taking part in sports, is it? That just means that you like TV.

Both of the people _____.

- a) do sports regularly
- b) like sport in general
- c) watch sports on TV
- d) do the same sports