

## Going to work in the morning (B1)

My job is a long distance from my home, almost 50 miles away. I have to wake up early every morning, as I'm always in a rush. There's never enough time for a relaxed breakfast. At exactly 6:00 AM, I get into my car and start the long drive.

I usually like driving on the highway more than in the city. During the morning rush hour, though, it's not very enjoyable. The heavy traffic is a little bit annoying. So I always listen to my favorite classical music CD's in the car - Chopin, Mozart, and Bach. That cheers me up a lot.

The drive to work takes about one hour. Going back home in the evening after work takes even longer, maybe around 70 minutes. Lately I've been thinking about trying to take the train to work instead of driving. That way, I could still listen to my music with headphones, and even read a novel at the same time.

### Did you understand the text?

#### 1) When does he wake up every morning?

- ☐ a) Late in the morning
- ☐ b) At exactly 6:00 AM
- ☐ c) Early in the morning
- ☐ d) After the morning rush hour

#### 2) How is driving during the morning rush hour?

- ☐ a) It's classical
- ☐ b) Not very enjoyable
- ☐ c) It's relaxing
- ☐ d) Not as much fun as walking

#### 3) Which kind of music CD's does he enjoy listening to in the car?

- ☐ a) Jazz
- ☐ b) Heavy metal
- ☐ c) Disco
- ☐ d) Classical

#### 4) How long might the evening drive back home take?

- ☐ a) 50 minutes
- ☐ b) Less than the drive in the morning
- ☐ c) 70 kilometers
- ☐ d) Around 70 minutes

#### 5) What else does he think he could even do if he took a train to work?

- ☐ a) Read a novel
- ☐ b) Sing songs
- ☐ c) Do crossword puzzles
- ☐ d) Write a book

## Yellowstone National Park (B1)

Yellowstone National Park, located in Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming, was established as the first national park in the United States. The park is a popular destination for visitors who enjoy ecological tourism as it offers forests, mountains, and abundant ecosystems to explore. Some of Yellowstone's most well-known landmarks are its geothermal hot springs and geysers, the most famous of which is named Old Faithful.

Last fall, Lisa and her friends decided to take a camping trip to Yellowstone National Park. They arranged to stay at one of the park's many convenient campsites. For their camping trip, they brought their backpacks, sleeping bags, and a cooler of food and drinks. They pitched their tents immediately upon arriving to their campsite. During their trip, Lisa and her friends hiked the many trails of the park, exploring its natural surroundings. In the forest, they saw a lot of local wildlife. Lisa was surprised to see a family of grizzly bears, some gray wolves, and even bald eagles flying overhead. Outside of the woods, they admired the beauty of some of Yellowstone's natural cascades.

Since Yellowstone contains many hot springs and the world's largest area of active geysers, Lisa and her friends visited many different geyser sites. They even spent an afternoon swimming in Yellowstone's Boiling River. Of all of the sites, Lisa and her friends agreed that Old Faithful was the most impressive. Lisa and her friends waited patiently for the geyser to erupt. After about 40 minutes, a stream of boiling water over 100 feet tall sprayed from the ground and up into the air. Fortunately, no one got wet!

### Did you understand the text?

#### 1) Yellowstone is an important national park in the United States because:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> a) It is the country's first national park.          | <input type="checkbox"/> b) It is the largest U.S. national park.      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> c) It is the most ecologically diverse natural park. | <input type="checkbox"/> d) It is the most visited U.S. national park. |

#### 2) When did Lisa and her friends visit Yellowstone National Park?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> a) Last spring | <input type="checkbox"/> b) Last summer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> c) Last autumn | <input type="checkbox"/> d) Last winter |

#### 3) Where did Lisa and her friends stay during their visit to the park?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> a) In a log cabin | <input type="checkbox"/> b) In a rental home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> c) At a hotel     | <input type="checkbox"/> d) At a campground  |

#### 4) All of the following are animals that Lisa saw during her trip except:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> a) Grizzly bears | <input type="checkbox"/> b) Wild horses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> c) Gray wolves   | <input type="checkbox"/> d) Bald eagles |

#### 5) Why did Lisa and her friends wait patiently when visiting Old Faithful?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> a) They arrived an hour before the geyser opened to the public. | <input type="checkbox"/> b) They were still wet from swimming in the Boiling River. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> c) There was a long line to see the geyser.                     | <input type="checkbox"/> d) The geyser took about 40 minutes to erupt.              |