

Oral Exam

Based on the textbook “Effective
Speaking” by Verbitskaya

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Winter is the coldest season. The days are short and it gets dark very early. There is snow and frost in many countries. Plants stop growing and most trees have no leaves. Some animals grow thick coats to help them to keep warm. Other animals hibernate and sleep all winter. People wear warm clothes and spend most of their time indoors.

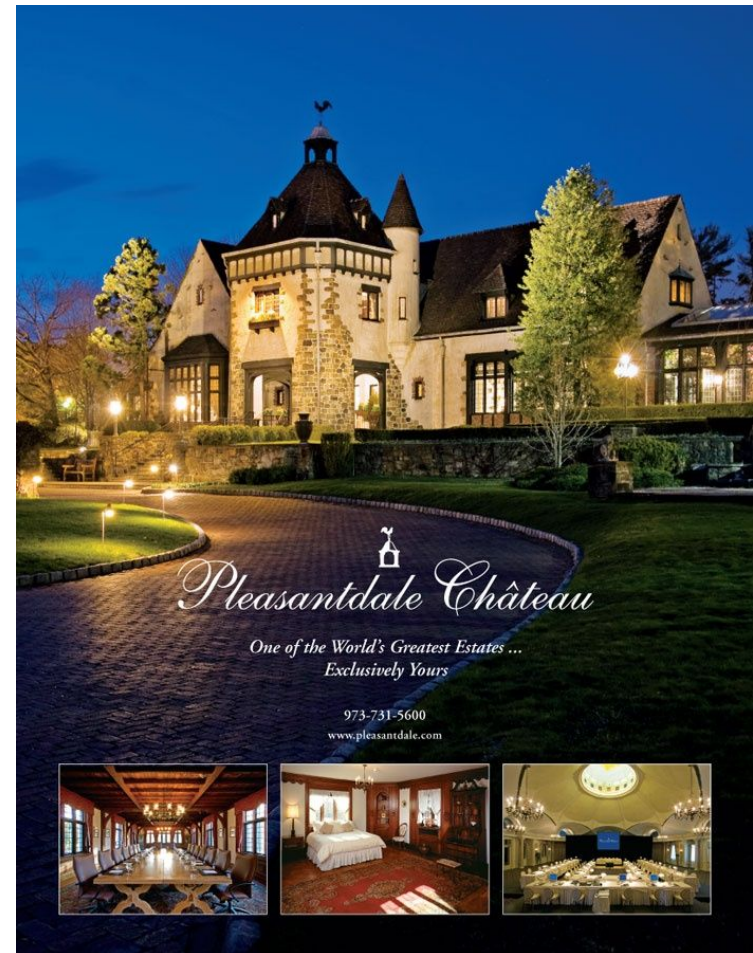
In the spring, the days grow longer and warmer. Buds appear on the trees and plants begin to grow again. Birds return from the warmer countries where they have spent the winter. They build their nests and lay their eggs.

Summer is the warmest time of year. Everything grows well. Flowers bloom and fruit ripen in the fields. There is plenty for birds and animals to eat. In the autumn, the days begin to get shorter and colder. Plants stop flowering and leaves fall from the trees. Some birds fly away to warmer countries.

Study the advertisement. You are considering a hotel and now you'd like to get more information. In 1.5 minutes you are to ask five direct questions to find out the following:

- 1) Location
- 2) Hotel facilities
- 3) Number of swimming pools
- 4) Sightseeing tours
- 5) Shopping centres

You have 20 seconds to ask each question.



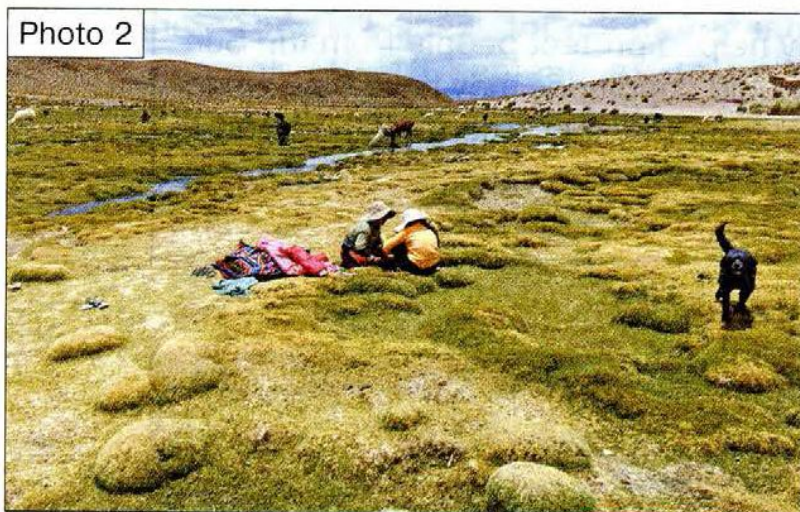
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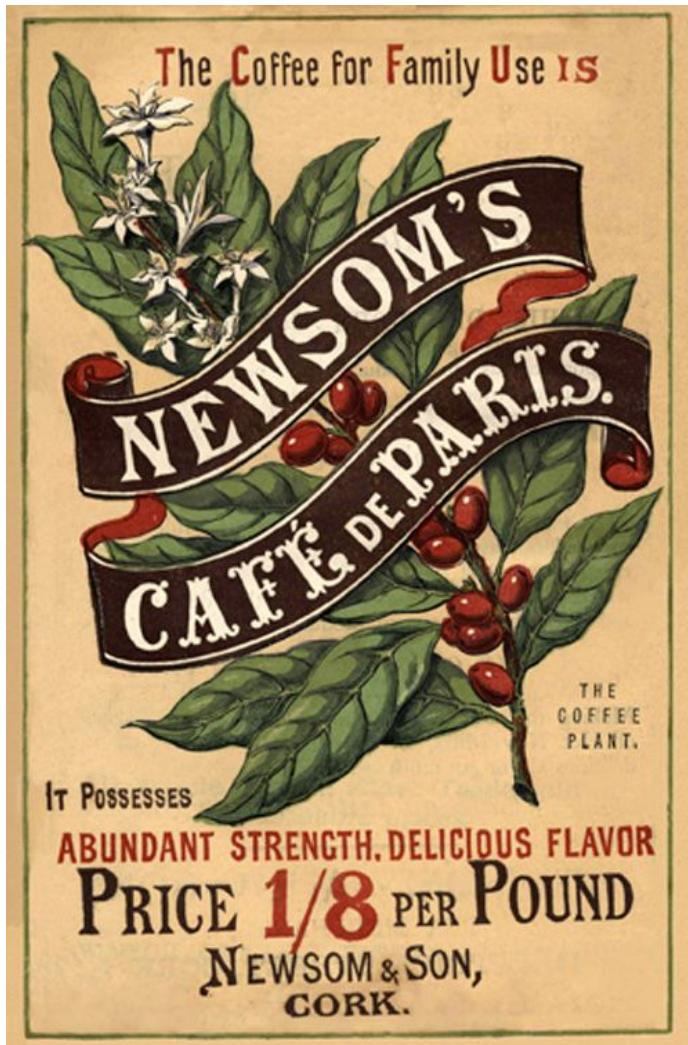


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There are many different races of people all over the world. Each race has its own culture. Nowadays, fast modern travel has made it easy for people from different countries to meet and learn about each other. Different races of people have different looks and builds. They probably developed these to help them survive in the part of the world in which they lived. People living in cloudy climates may originally have had pale skins. This helped them get the vitamins they needed from the Sun.

Black skin and thick curly hair probably helped protect people from the Sun in hot, dry places. People who lived in very cold conditions may have developed narrow eyes and flat noses to protect them from the cold. There are now about 6,000 million people in the world and each year there are 90 million more people.

Study the advertisement. You are considering going to a cafe, and now you'd like to get more information. In 1.5 minutes you are to ask five direct questions to find out the following:



- 1) Operation hours
- 2) Vegetarian menu
- 3) Drinks
- 4) Reserving a table
- 5) Organizing a birthday party

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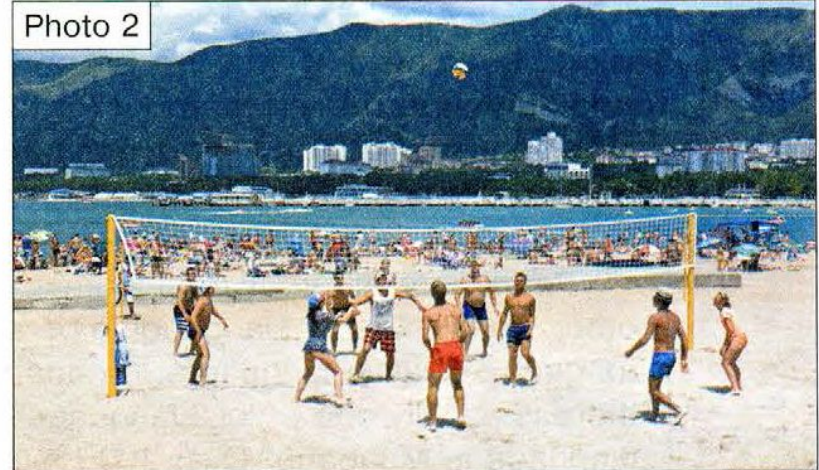


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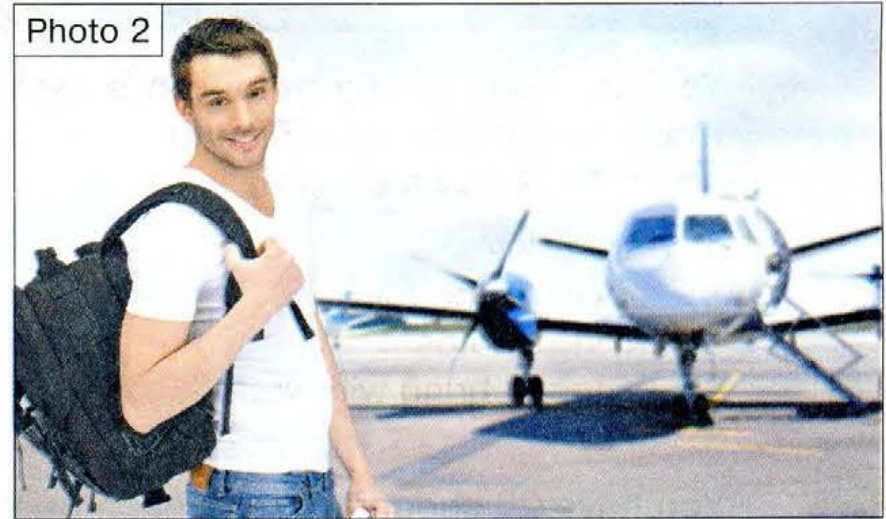
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People are different from animals because they are able to speak to each other. Usually the first language a person learns to speak is called their "mother tongue" or native language. In countries where many languages are spoken, there is usually one official language which is used in schools. China's official language is Mandarin. Over 1000 million people speak it, which is more than any other language.

As groups of people moved from one part of the world to another, they took their language with them. In time, they began to say words in a slightly different way. They made up new words for foreign things that they had never seen before. Gradually a language may change so much that it becomes a new one. If a language is related to another, it belongs to the same "language family". Some Eastern languages, such as Japanese, are completely different from any other.

Study the advertisement. You are considering going on a boat trip, and now you'd like to get more information. In 1.5 minutes you are to ask five direct questions to find out the following:

- 1) Length of the trip
- 2) Starting point
- 3) If snacks and drinks are served
- 4) English-speaking guide
- 5) Safety measures

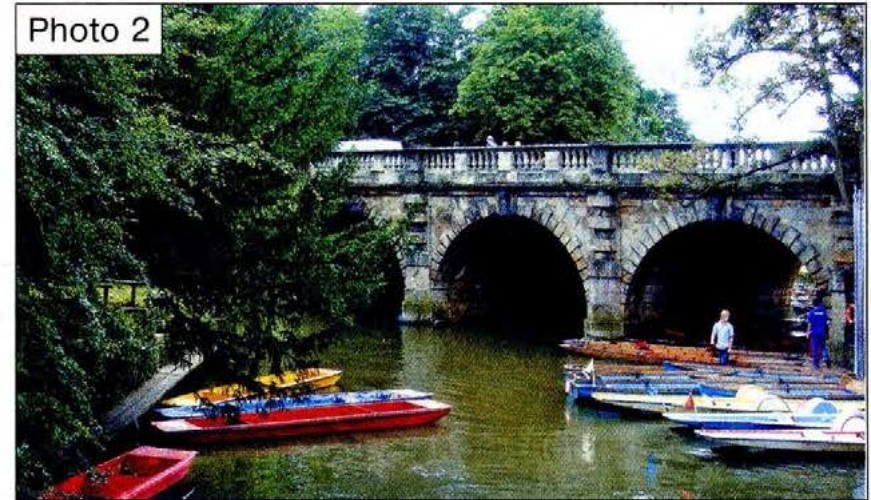
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Observe the bottlenose dolphins of cardigan bay onboard our research vessel

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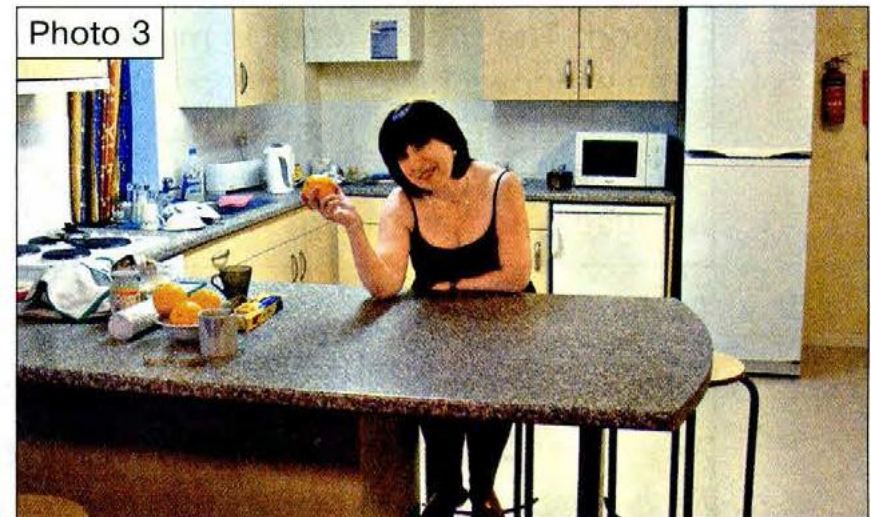
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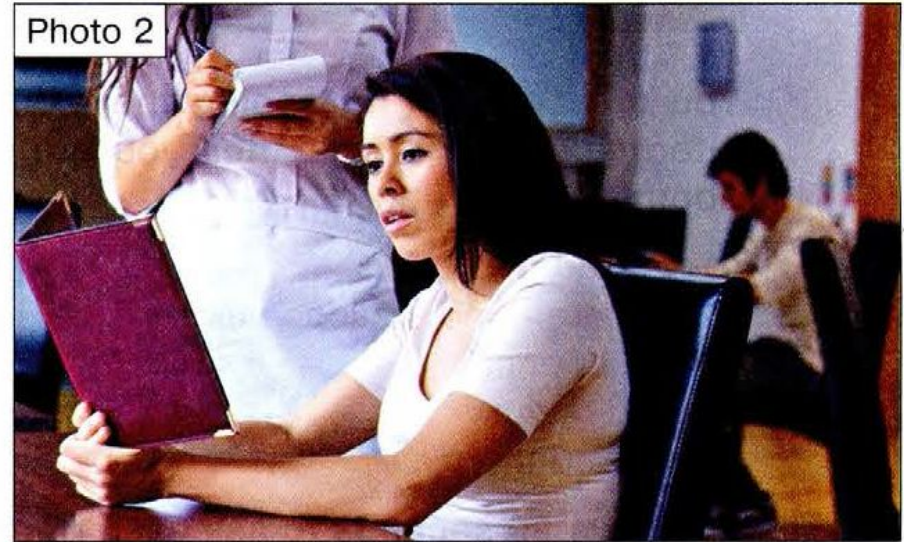
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All over the world, people build houses for shelter and protection. They use materials that are easy to come by. In Africa, some San people still build huts with grasses and branches. In cities, many people live in high rise flats. This way more homes can be built on one piece of land.

People also build houses to suit the climate. In hot, wet places houses are built on stilts to keep them cool and dry. In Switzerland houses are built of wood. The ground floor is made of stone which does not rot in the damp, and the windows have double layers of glass. Snow settles on the sloping roof and helps to keep the heat in. In Africa, many villages are built of mud baked hard by the Sun. The thick walls block out the Sun and keep the inside cool. The houses are painted on the outside with vegetable juices.

Study the advertisement. You are considering going on a boat trip, and now you'd like to get more information. In 1.5 minutes you are to ask five direct questions to find out the following:



- 1) Museum location
- 2) Opening hours
- 3) Admission fee
- 4) Number of wax figures
- 5) Discount for students

You have 20 seconds to ask each question.

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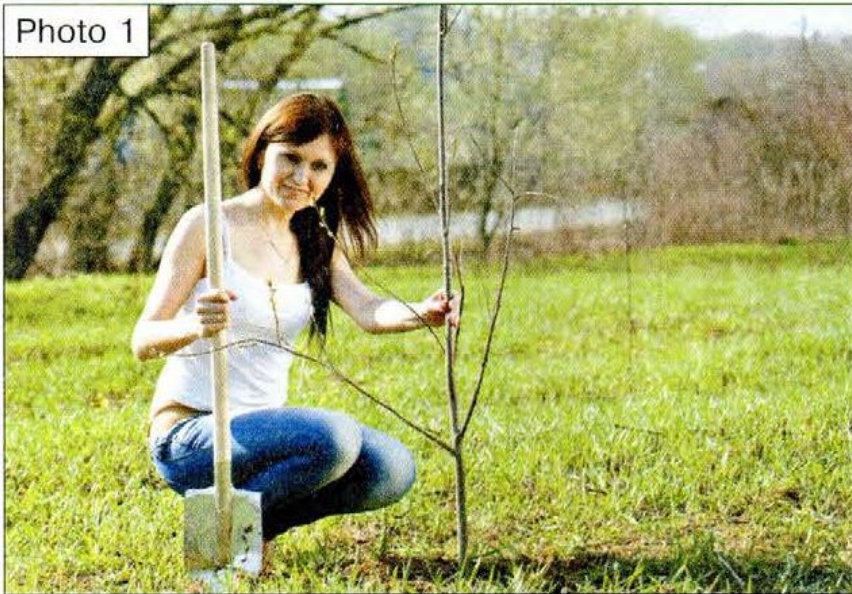


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Everything you eat and drink affects your body in some way. Food is vital as it gives you energy to keep going. Without food you would not be able to grow, move about, keep warm or get better when you are ill. You need lots of different sorts of food to stay healthy. Protein foods, such as meat, fish and milk build your body. Vegetables, fruit and milk provide the important vitamins and minerals your body needs. Starchy foods such as bread and cereals give you energy. Your body can store fats from butters and oils and use them later for energy.

People can survive for several weeks without food but only a few days without water. Eating too much, and eating too many fatty and sugary foods can make people overweight, unhealthy and even ill. Fast food are quick and cheap to cook, some contain a lot of fat and sugar and are bad for health.

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- 1) Location
- 2) Opening hours
- 3) Vegetarian menu
- 4) Wi-Fi
- 5) Type of life music played

You have 20 seconds to ask each question.



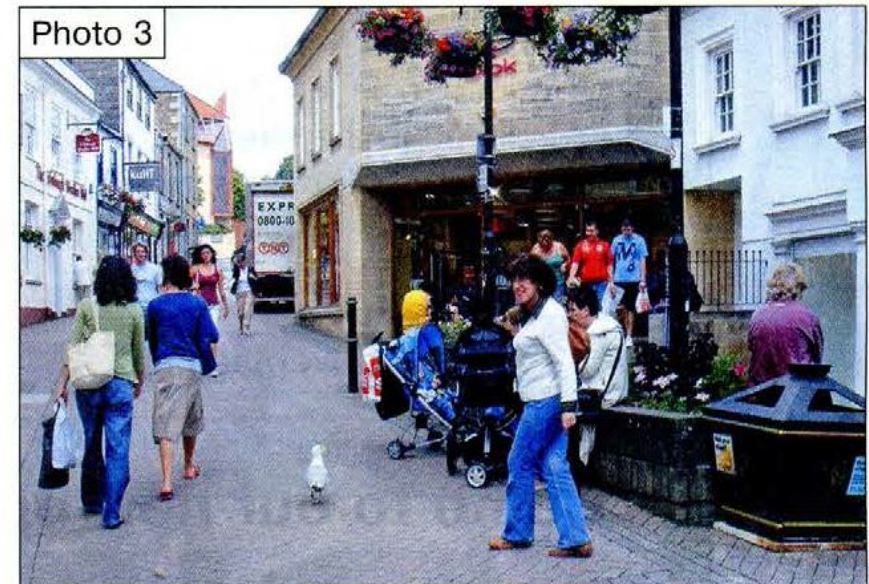
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People of all ages enjoy sport. Some people like restful sports and others prefer to be active or competitive. Plenty of exercise keeps people healthy. Swimming is a sport that exercises the muscles all over your body. There are different ways of playing sport. Some sports, such as archery, are played by one person. Other sports, such as tennis, are played in pairs or foursomes. Team sports, such as football, teach people to work together towards winning a goal. Football is the most popular sport in the world. It is played all over the world. It began in England in the Middle Ages when people from different villages played in the streets and is now enjoyed by millions of people.

Norwegian rock paintings show that people skied on snow as long ago as the Stone Age. Over 5,000 years ago men trained for battle with fighting sports, such as wrestling.

Study the advertisement. You are considering swimming with the dolphins, and now you'd like to get more information. In 1.5 minutes you are to ask five direct questions to find out the following:



- 1) Size of the swimming pool
- 2) Opening hours
- 3) Minimum age to use the pool
- 4) Taking photos
- 5) Number of dolphins in the pool

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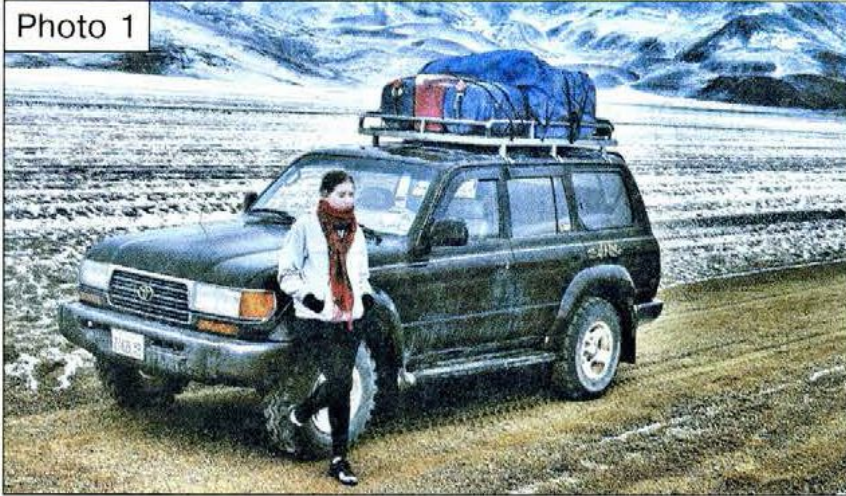
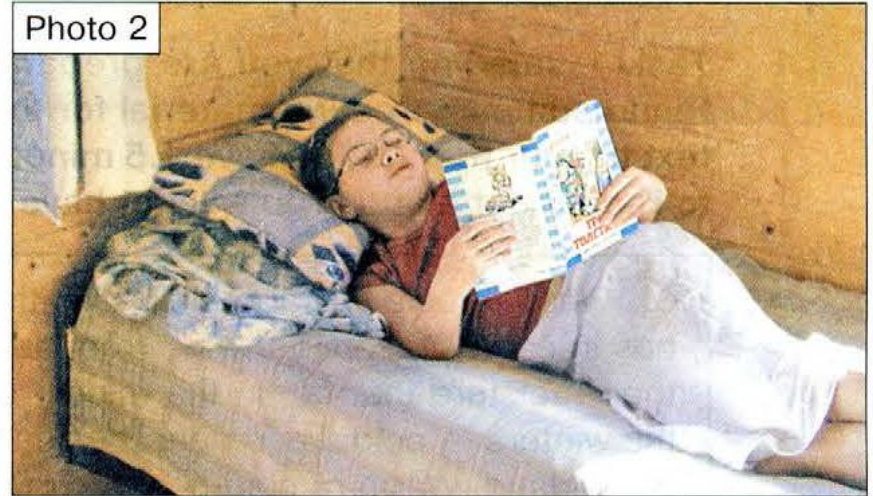


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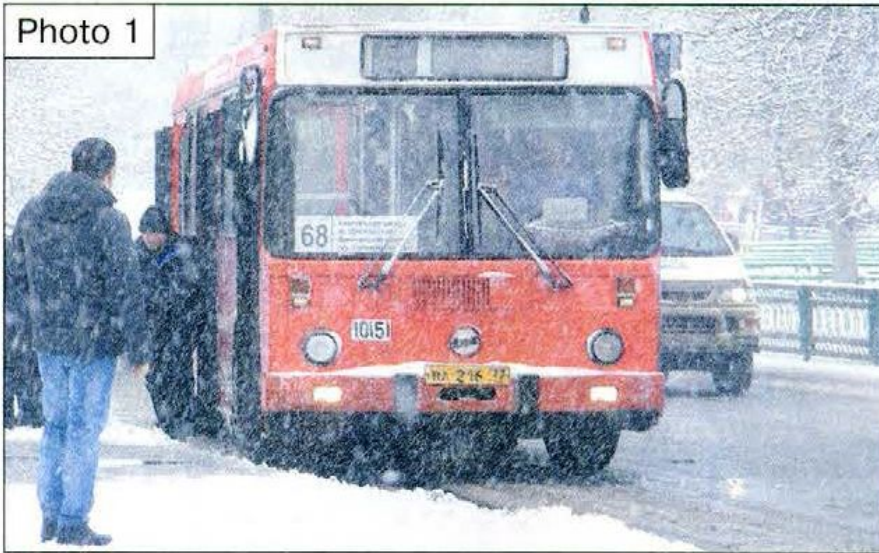
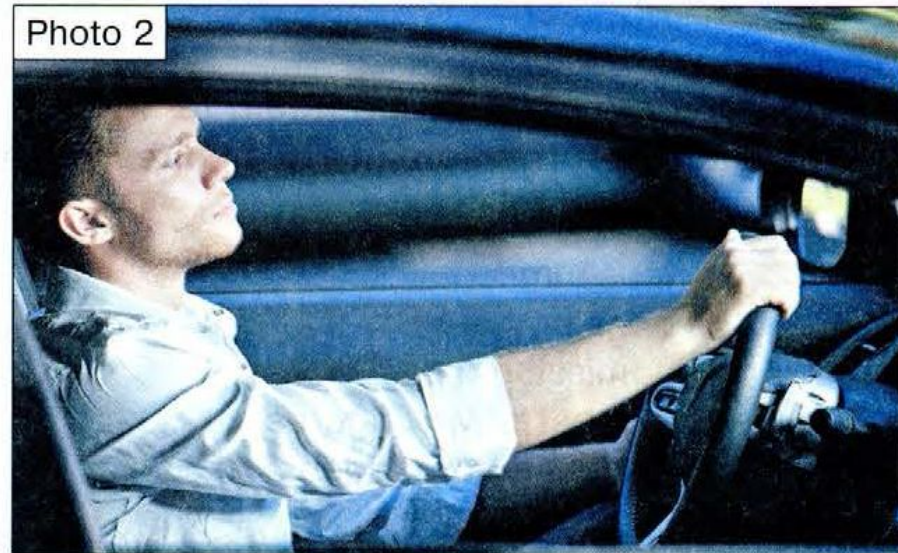


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When people talk about climate, they mean the type of weather that a place has in each season. Land far from sea is often dry, as sea winds do not carry their moisture that far. In the middle of a continent, the summers are hot and the winters — cold. Land near the sea has cooler summers and warmer winters than inland. Warm or cold ocean currents may also affect the climate.

The North and the South Poles are the coldest places on Earth. It is very cold because the Sun never shines directly on these parts of the Earth. There is frozen land at the South Pole, but at the North Pole, there is just a slab of thick ice, called the icecap, floating on the ocean. If the ice at the Poles melted, the level of the sea would rise by over 70 metres. This would submerge New York, London and Paris completely.

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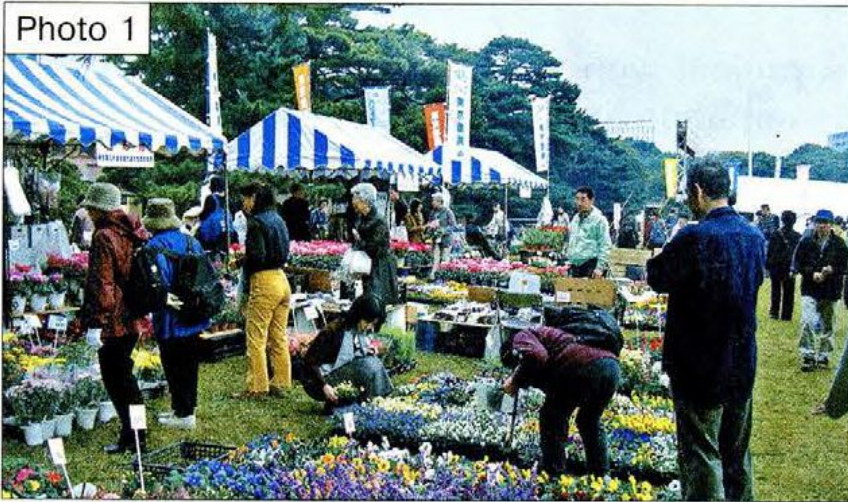
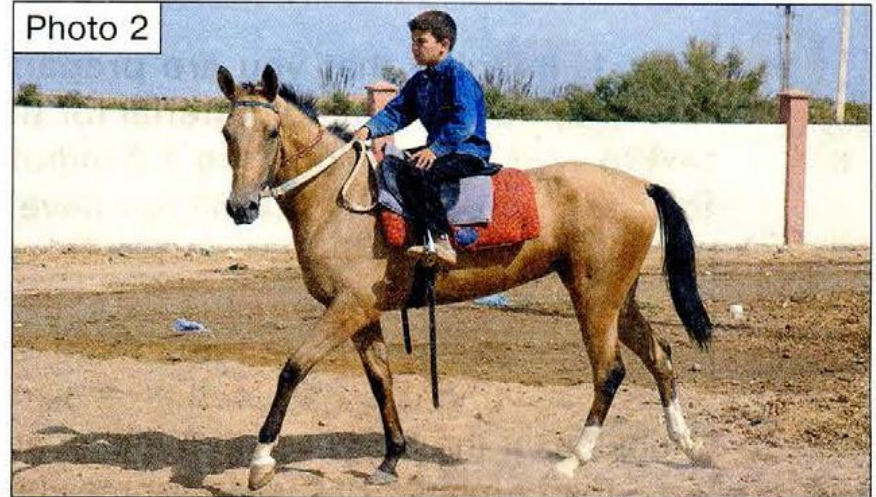


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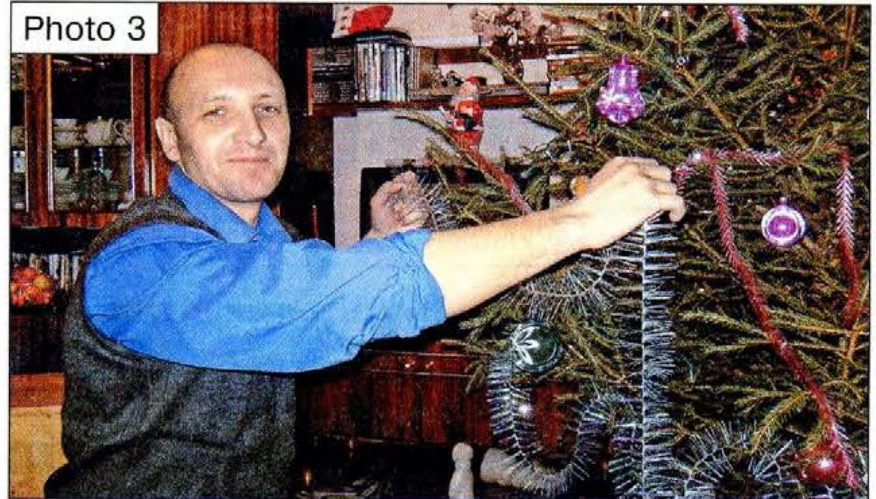


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The seas cover three-quarters of the Earth's surface. There are warm seas near the equator and frozen seas in the Arctic and around Antarctica. Currents are rivers that flow in the sea. They drift from hot to cool regions around the world. Currents are also caused by the winds and by the way the Earth spins. Rivers wash salty minerals from the rocks into the sea. The saltiest seas are small, inland seas. The Dead Sea is so salty nothing can live in it.

On most seashores, the height of the water rises and falls twice a day. These changes are called high and low tides. They are caused by the pull of the Moon and Sun. The Moon has a pulling effect on the seas. As the Earth spins around each day, the seas on the side nearest to the Moon rise higher, making a high tide.

Study the advertisement. You are considering going on a sightseeing tour, and now you'd like to get more information. In 1.5 minutes you are to ask five direct questions to find out the following:

- 1) Tour price
- 2) Length of the tour
- 3) Taking photos
- 4) Things to bring with your
- 5) Gift shop

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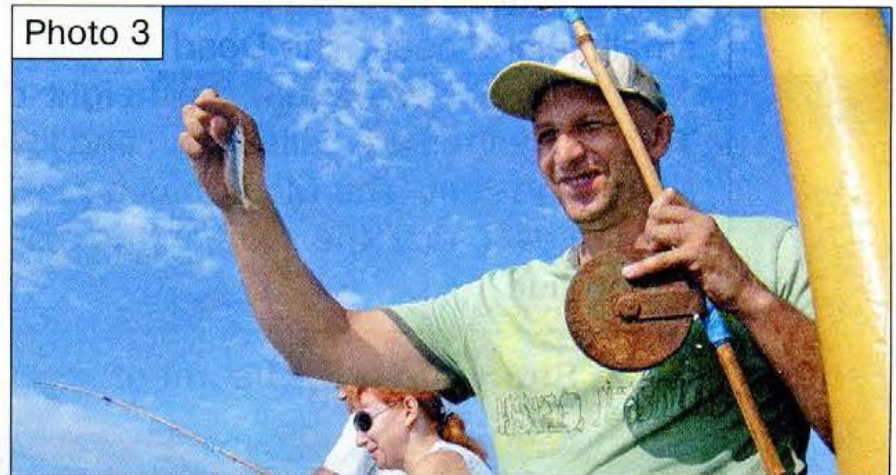
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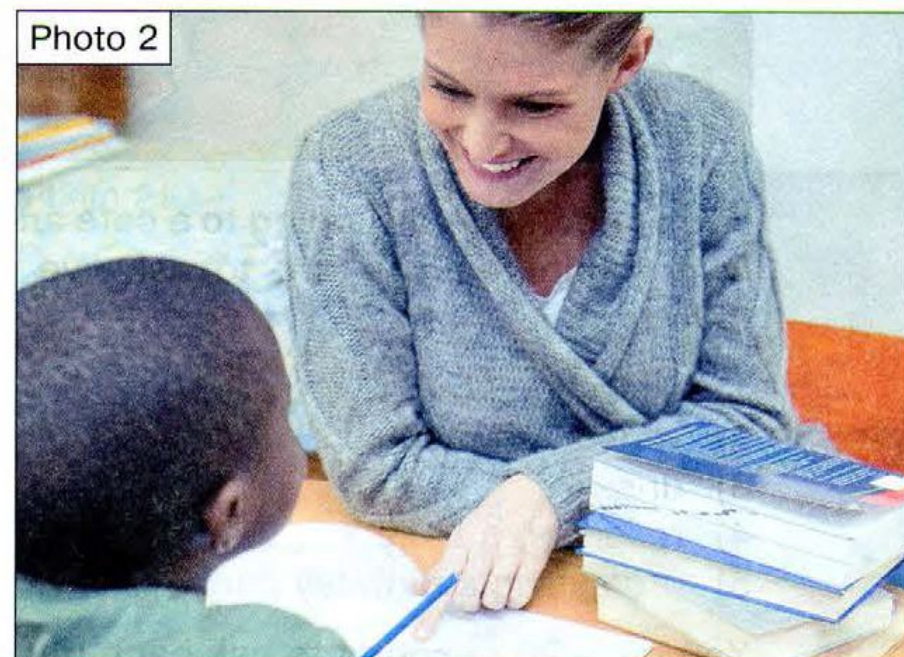
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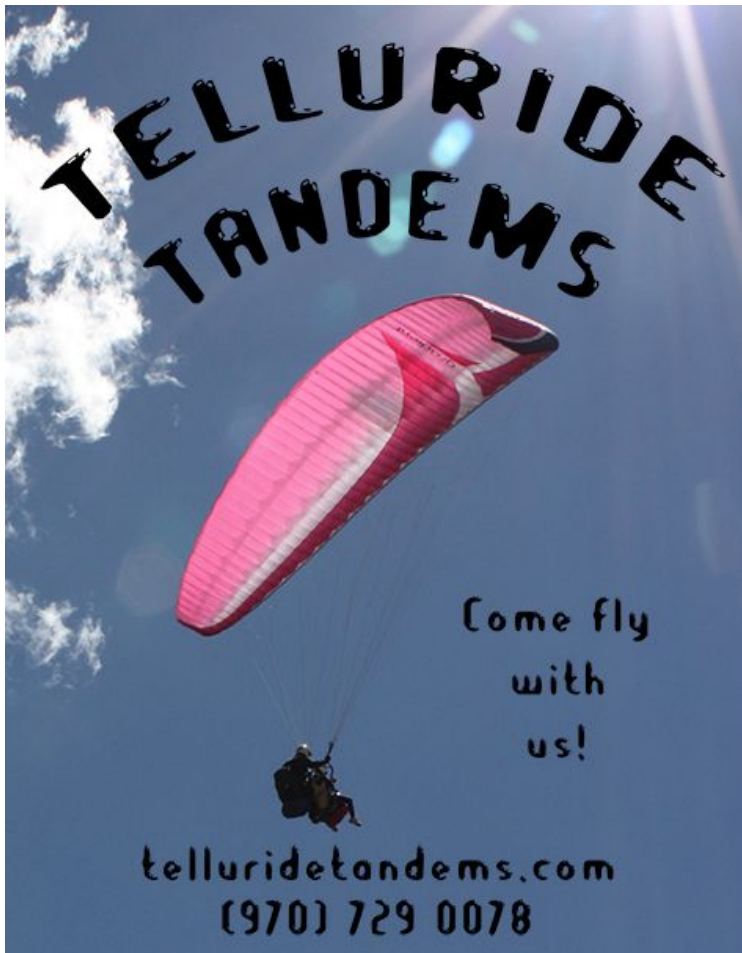
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As the air becomes colder, more drops of water form. They become too heavy for the cloud and fall to the ground as rain. If it is very cold, the water drops freeze to form ice crystals. Then they fall from the clouds as snow.

Study the advertisement. You are considering going on a boat trip, and now you'd like to get more information. In 1.5 minutes you are to ask five direct questions to find out the following:



- 1) Equipment
- 2) Instructors' experience
- 3) Price per flight
- 4) Safety rules
- 5) The length of the course for beginners

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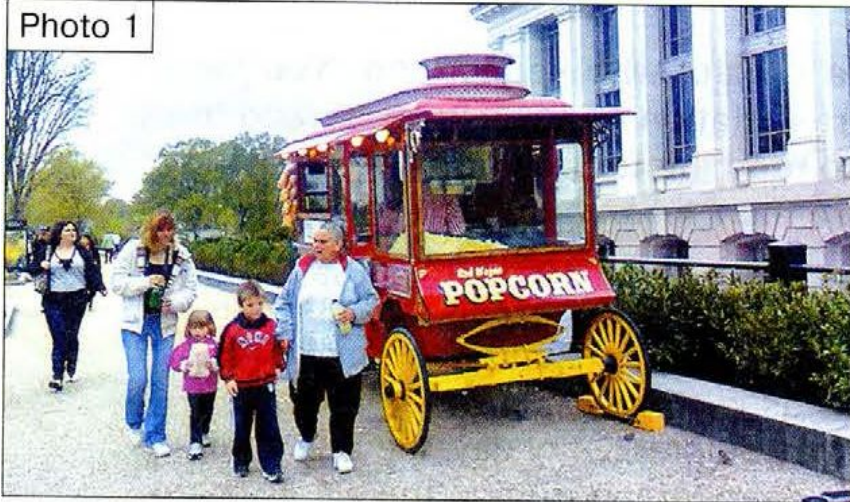
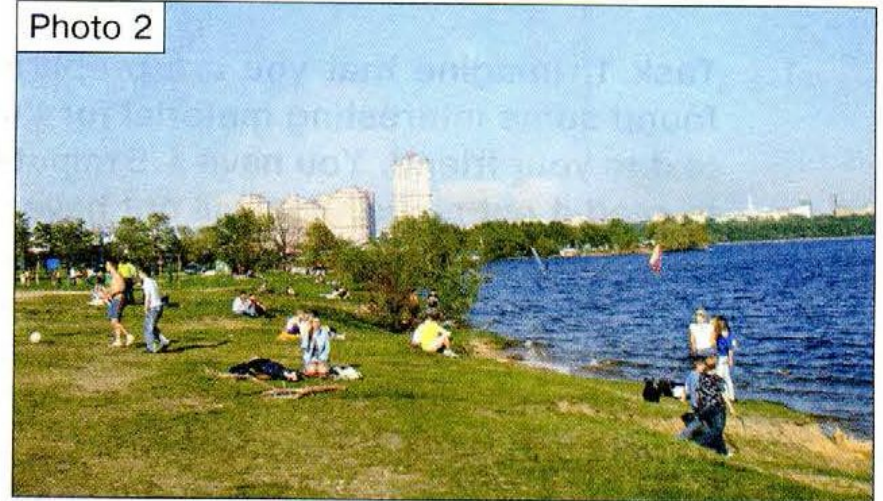


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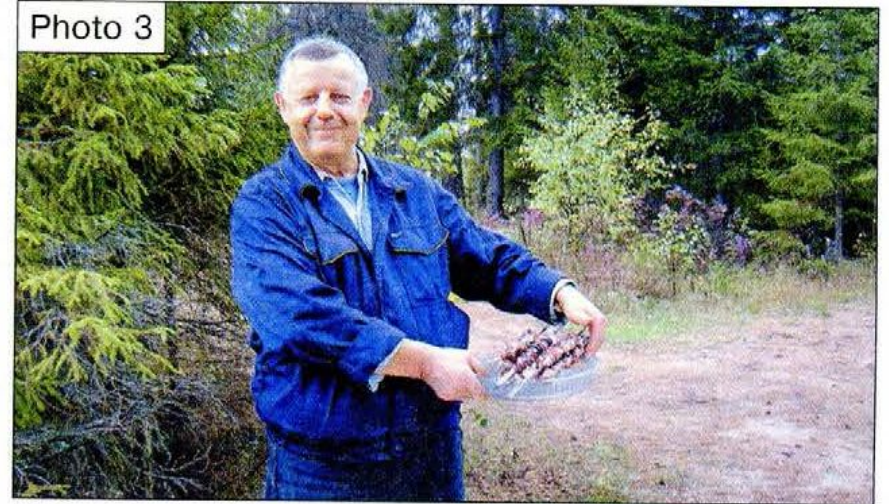


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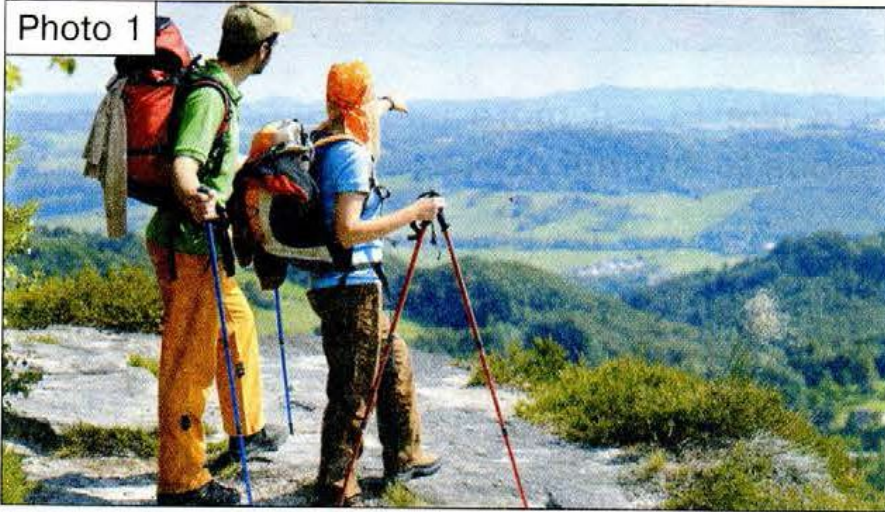


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The Sun's light gives the Earth its day and night. The Earth turns on its axis and it takes 24 hours to turn around once. As it turns, it is night on one side of the Earth and it is day on the other side. The Sun does not move at all, but it looks as if the Sun rises in the east and sets in the west.

Every minute of the day somewhere around the world there is a sunrise, a sunset, a midday or a midnight. The world is divided into 24 time zones. On a map, lines of longitude show the zones. When flying west, you put your watch back an hour for each time zone that you cross. When flying east, you put your watch forward an hour. If you cross the International Dateline, you change your calendar, not your watch. You lose a day going west and gain a day when you go east.

Study the advertisement. You are considering going to this game, and now you'd like to get more information. In 1.5 minutes you are to ask five direct questions to find out the following:

- 1) Teams playing
- 2) Transport to get to the stadium
- 3) Ticket price
- 4) Taking photos during the game
- 5) Discounts for students

You have 20 seconds to ask each question.

ALABAMA WINS 2K SPORTS CLASSIC OVER VILLANOVA

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

RELEFORD POURS IN 2... DOUBLES UP WILDCATS

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ALABAMA Crimson Tide

VILLANOVA Wildcats

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"I THOUGHT WE CAME OUT LAST NIGHT FOR 15 MINUTES AND REALLY DID A GOOD JOB." UA HEAD COACH ANTHONY MANT SAID. "DEFENSIVELY, I THOUGHT WE PLAYED WELL. I FELT LIKE WE WAS A PRETTY DOMINATING PERFORMANCE BY OUR GUARDS AND WE WERE ABLE TO MAINTAIN OUR COMPOSURE WHEN WE GOT INTO SOME FOUL TROUBLE IN THE FIRST HALF."

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