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1. Topic Reading

Making a Fast Elevator

Sometimes when we go into tall buildings, there are mirrors inside all of the elevators. Why are mirrors **installed** in elevators?

When buildings became taller and more people started using elevators, people began to **complain** about how slow they were and how long it took to get to the top floors. Engineers could not make their elevators much faster. It was **expensive** to make faster elevators. They also said that if elevators got too fast, they would not be safe.

One engineer suggested an idea. Instead of making faster elevator motors, he suggested they think about the **passengers** who ride the elevators. His idea was that by having mirrors put inside elevators, people would have something to do while riding and waiting. While standing in the elevator, people would think, “Did I comb my hair **properly**?” or, “Does my make-up look okay?” Often people look at themselves when they are alone in an elevator.

By spending time while waiting, far fewer people complained about the slow **rides**. The mirrors gave people something to do. People became less bored on the ride up.

A Reading Comprehension

Circle the best words.

1. Faster elevators are expensive and **unsafe** / **slow** / **boring**.

2. Mirrors in elevators gave the **buildings** / **mirrors** / **passengers** something to do.

3. Mirrors in elevators made the **ride** / **motor** / **comb** to the top less boring.
B Vocabulary Practice

**Match the words with the right definitions.**

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<td>costing a lot of money</td>
<td>correctly doing something</td>
<td>to move from one place to another on a vehicle or animal</td>
<td>to say you are not happy with or about something</td>
<td>a person who is riding on a vehicle</td>
<td>to put something somewhere and ready it for use</td>
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**Complete the sentences with the words above. Change the form if necessary.**

1. Can you **install** my new computer for me?
2. My new backpack was a little _____________.
3. There is a new ____________ at the amusement park!
4. She ____________ about the lunch menu everyday.
5. The strange ____________ boarded the plane.
6. Susan answered the difficult question _____________.

C Summary

**Complete the summary with the words below.**

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People used to **complain** that elevators in tall buildings were too slow. Engineers tried to ____________ the problem, but could not make elevators faster without expense and risk to ____________. Instead of making the ride shorter, thought one engineer, why not make it so passengers could do something while waiting and riding? Mirrors were ____________ in elevators, and passengers began to find ways to ____________ the ride.
I made an appointment with my friend to see a movie. I got to the movie theater on time. I waited for ten minutes. Then my friend called me. She said she would be about 50 minutes late because she took the wrong bus. When I heard that, I was annoyed. We were going to miss the movie, but I had to wait.

I looked around for something to do. There was a book store. I found a funny book inside, so I sat on the floor to read. By the time I had finished reading, 40 minutes had gone by. I stood up and went to the bathroom to freshen up. I looked in the mirror to check that I looked nice and clean, and I started singing a song. While I was singing, someone suddenly came out from the toilet. I was so embarrassed. I quickly walked out of the bathroom.

Still, even though I was embarrassed and had to wait a while, I did have a good time reading.

A Reading Comprehension

Circle the best words.

1. Linda's best friend took the wrong movie / bus / mirror.
2. When Linda had to read / freshen-up / wait, she went to the book store.
3. Linda waited 10 / 40 / 50 minutes before her friend called.
4. Linda looked in the toilet / book store / mirror to check how she looked.
B Picture Description

Complete the sentences with the expressions below.

- on time
- a few minutes late
- miss the train
- found a great deal
- by the time
- freshen up

1. If he's not quick, he's going to __________ miss the train __________.
2. I got in trouble because I was __________ for class.
3. I want to __________ after exercising.
4. We __________ on notebooks.

C Sentence Practice

Unscramble the words to write the correct sentences.

1. a movie / an appointment / to see / I made / friend / with my /.
   I made an appointment with my friend to see a movie.

2. movie / on time / I got / theater / to the /.

3. 50 / she would / She said / minutes late / be about /.

4. going to / We / the movie / miss / were /.

5. to wait / embarrassed / and had / I was / a while /.

   I was embarrassed and had to wait a while.
3. Practice Writing

A Writing Starter

Let’s plan our writing for “Unexpected Free Time.”

Q: When you meet your friends, where do you usually meet?
A: We usually meet ____________________________.

Q: Why do you meet there?
A: We meet there because ____________________________.

Q: If your friend calls to postpone for an hour, would you wait?
A: If my friend asks me to wait for one hour, I would ____________________________.

Q: What would you do while you were waiting?
A: I would ____________________________.

Q: Would you arrange to meet another time?
A: I would ____________________________.

Q: How would you feel while you were waiting?
A: I would feel ____________________________.

Q: When would you cancel a meeting with your friend?
A: I would cancel a meeting if ____________________________.

Q: When you have unexpected free time, what do you usually do?
A: I usually like to ____________________________.
My Writing

Draft Copy: Let’s write for “Unexpected Free Time.”

Peer Check: Exchange drafts with a partner. Check for and correct any mistakes.

Revised Copy: Write your revision.
Unit 9  Travel to a Famous Place
   Topic Reading: Did a Little Boy Save a City?
   Personal Reading: Family Trip to Disneyland
   Practice Writing

Unit 10  My Favorite Cartoon Character
   Topic Reading: A Famous and Loved Mouse
   Personal Reading: Surprise at the Teddy Bear Fair
   Practice Writing

Unit 11  Cooking Lessons
   Topic Reading: Doughnuts have a Hole in the Middle
   Personal Reading: Making Pizza for Mom
   Practice Writing

Unit 12  Recycling
   Topic Reading: The Ugly Eiffel Tower Nearly Pulled Down
   Personal Reading: My Chair Made of Milk Cartons
   Practice Writing

Unit 13  Valentine’s Day Present
   Topic Reading: Saint Valentine Who Loved Love
   Personal Reading: Wonderful Day
   Practice Writing

Unit 14  Hairstyles
   Topic Reading: The King and Queen have no Hair!
   Personal Reading: My New Dyed Hairstyle
   Practice Writing

Unit 15  My Favorite Shoes
   Topic Reading: A Necesssary Fashion?
   Personal Reading: My Successful On-line Shopping Story
   Practice Writing

Unit 16  Eyeglasses
   Topic Reading: Wear Sunglasses to Prevent Headaches
   Personal Reading: My Eye Problem Solved!
   Practice Writing