

An adventure on Snowdon

"Be careful out on the hills," said Mr Campbell. The Leinerts were ready to leave the house now. "A lot of guests climb Snowdon. But we always warn them. Don't go on in bad weather." "We'll be all right," said Mr Leinert. "Snowdon isn't very high. Not like the Alps." "No, but it's still dangerous!" said Mr Campbell. "There are bad accidents up there every year."

"Thanks, Mr Campbell," said Mrs Leinert. "We'll be careful. Come on, everybody. Have we got everything?"

It was sunny and warm when they got out of the car.

"Have you all got your anoraks?" asked Mr Leinert. "We'll need them later."

It was easy at first. The path wasn't steep yet.

"Look at those people behind us," said David. It was a young man and woman.

They had T-shirts on, and the woman wore tennis shoes with no socks.

"I don't think they'll get far!" David said.

After a time the path got steeper - and the stones on the path got bigger.

"I'm tired!" said David. "Let's have our sandwiches now."

So they sat down on some rocks. It wasn't so warm now, and they all had their anoraks on. When they went on ten minutes later, it started to rain. "This isn't much fun!" said Mrs Leinert. "It'll stop in a minute," said Jenny. "Come on, Mum."

But it didn't stop. It got wetter and wetter. And everybody got colder and colder. The path was very wet, too, and sometimes it was slippery. They were the only people on the path now. Mr Leinert looked at the weather. Then he looked at Mrs Leinert, Jenny and David. Nobody looked very happy. "Let's go back," he said. "It's no good in this rain." He was right. Nobody wanted to go on now.

"Oh, Judy, this is terrible! I can't get up. I'll help you, Kevin. You'll be all right. It was the young man and woman.

"Oh dear, what's happened?" asked Mrs Leinert when she saw them at the side of the path.

"I've hurt my foot," said Kevin. "The stones are so slippery, and I fell." They all tried to help him up, but it was no good. "Maybe it's broken," said David. "You can't walk on a broken foot." "We'll get help," said Mr Leinert. "You two stay together. We'll tell the Mountain Rescue people where you are. - Here, take these anoraks. You'll need them."



"Why are weather forecasts always wrong?" said David.

It was really terrible now. They didn't see anyone else on the path when they went down. "Forget the weather. We must hurry," said Mrs Leinert. "Come on." "Hey, Dad, where are you going?" called Jenny. "The path doesn't go that way." "I know, but this is a short cut which will bring us back to the car sooner. Look, it's on the map."

But Mr Leinert was wrong. An hour later they were still on the path.

But which path was it? And where was the car? They couldn't ask anyone. There were only sheep on the hills here. It was almost six o'clock when they came to a small farm. At last! "We can probably phone from here," said Mrs Leinert.

"Yes, I'm Mrs Leinert, I'm calling from Green Farm. - Yes. - Yes, we're all OK but there are two people that need help. - What?? What did you say? You've already rescued them? But how did you know? - Oh, I see. No, we're fine. - Yes, thank you."

"What's happened, Mum?" said Jenny when her mother put the telephone down. "What did the Mountain Rescue people say?" "They've already rescued Kevin and Judy." "But how did they know?" said David. "Who told them?" "Mr Campbell! The weather got bad and we didn't come back, so he sent them to look for us!"



1. Look at the pictures. Can you put them in the right order?

Example: Picture c) must be first.

That's when Mr Campbell warns the Leinerts about Snowdon.

2 A summary

Write a summary of the story. Start like this:

Mr Campbell talks to the Leinerts before they leave. He warns them about accidents in the mountains.

He says, "Don't go on in ...

Can you finish the summary? Your answers to exercise 1 will help you. Only write down details when they are really important to the story!



Vocabulary

A. Put in synonyms.

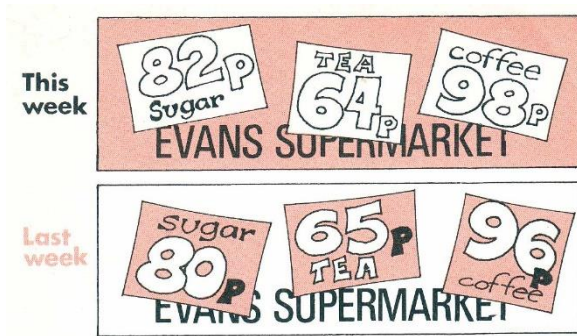
1. to phone - _____
2. to travel – to _____
3. We saw many things – we saw _____ attractions
4. happy - _____
5. a path – a _____
6. in the end - finally
7. nice , good-looking - _____

B. Put in opposites.

0. nervous - calm
1. This is the best holiday – last year's was the _____.
2. stupid - _____
3. happy - _____
4. dry - _____
5. loud - _____

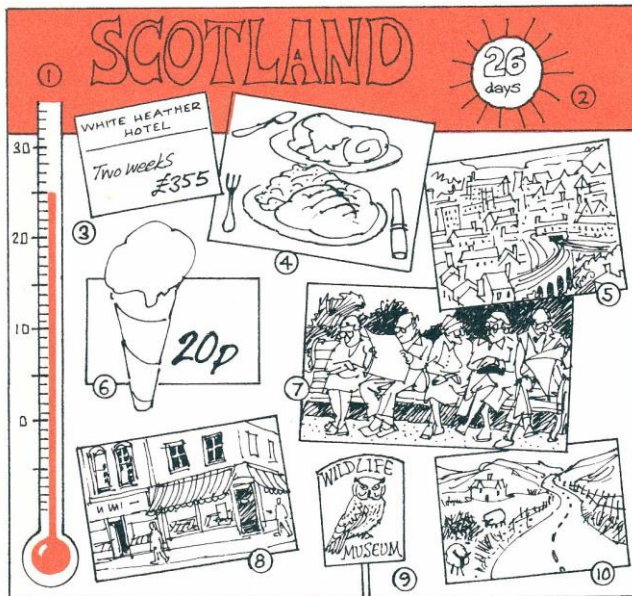
Use of Structures

A. What was cheaper? What was more expensive?

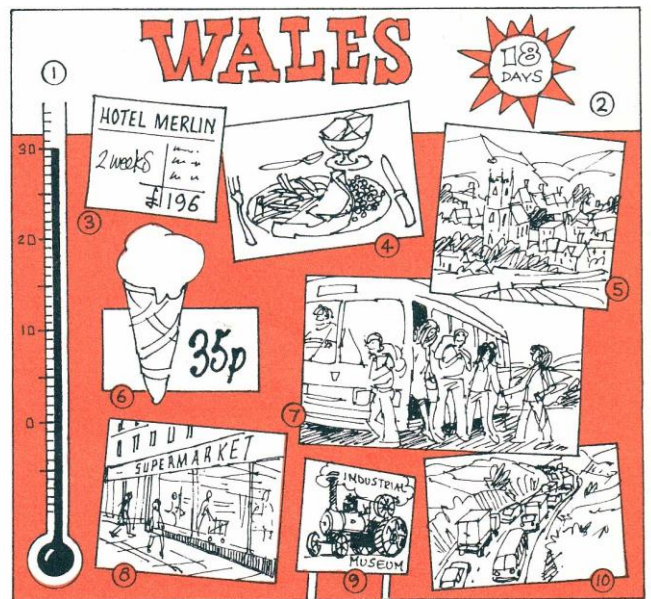


1. Sugar is more expensive this week.
2. Tea _____ this week.
3. Coffee _____ this week.
4. Sugar was _____ last week.
5. Tea _____ last week.
6. Coffee _____ last week.

2. Compare the holidays.



The Whites were on holiday in Scotland.



The Haigs were on holiday in Wales.

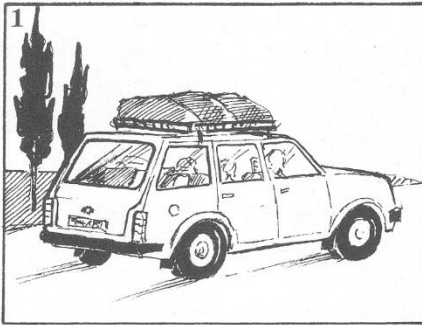
1. The weather was warmer in Wales
2. The days were sunnier in Scotland.
3. The hotel _____ (expensive)
4. The food _____ (nice)
5. The towns _____ (small)
6. The ice-cream _____ (cheap)
7. The tourists _____ (young)
8. The shops _____ (big)
9. The museums _____ (interesting)
10. The roads _____ (busy).

Where do you think was better, Scotland or Wales?

"Camping? No, thank you!"



Can you tell the story? Write it in your exercise books.



1
Last year / holiday / Italy /
long journey / three days



2
camp site / trouble with tent /
father angry



3
youngsters / terrible noise / couldn't
sleep / father angry



4
move / quieter place



5
but . . . / grilled herrings every day /
terrible smell



6
move again / all of us very angry



7
but . . . rain all day long



8
so we went . . .



9
my father