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From: Henry Robbins <h-g-robbins@oldmail.com>  
 To: Peter Robbins <peter1512@whichmail.com>  
 Date: October 8  
 Subject: My visit

Dear Peter,

I'm really excited to see you again next week. I had such a great week the last time that I visited. I can't believe it's been 12 months already. I'm glad I can stay for a whole month this time. I'm planning lots of fun things for us to do together. Please tell your little sister that I'm looking forward to playing with her again, too.

I thought we could go camping by Mirror Lake. We could try fishing in the lake, too. Have you ever been fishing before? I took your dad fishing many times when he was a boy. It's very relaxing, but you have to be ready and move quickly if you want to catch anything! I can teach you lots of tricks to help you become a good fisher.

I also thought that we could go to watch a baseball game together. I haven't been to any big baseball games for a long time because there aren't any professional teams near my house. Your dad told me that you joined a baseball team in your town a few months ago. How is that going? If you want to, we can go to a park to practice throwing, catching, and hitting.

Anyway, I'll see you very soon.

Love,  
 Grandpa

- (31) What is one thing that Grandpa says to Peter?
- 1 It is not possible for him to stay for longer than a week.
  - 2 It has been a year since he last visited Peter.
  - 3 He cannot wait to meet Peter's sister for the first time.
  - 4 He will visit Peter's house in about one month.

- (32) Grandpa asks Peter
- 1 whether he can run quickly.
  - 2 whether he has ever gone fishing.
  - 3 if he knows how to do any magic tricks.
  - 4 if he has gone camping before.

- (33) What did Peter start doing recently?
- 1 Playing for a local sports team.
  - 2 Going to professional baseball games.
  - 3 Taking his sister to play in the park.
  - 4 Learning about history at school.

## *Drive-in Movie Theaters*

Richard Hollingshead was an American businessman. His mother loved movies, but she did not like the hard seats in movie theaters. Hollingshead thought that she might be more comfortable if she could watch movies while sitting on the soft seats of her own car. He put a screen and some speakers in his yard and invited his family and neighbors to try his new business idea: a drive-in movie theater.

Hollingshead opened a bigger drive-in movie theater in 1933, but he did not make much money from it. Other people copied his idea, though, and drive-in movie theaters soon became popular, especially with people with small children. One reason was that the children could run around and shout without bothering other people. Some drive-in movie theaters even had playgrounds, so children could enjoy themselves while they waited for the movies to start.

At first, these theaters had large speakers near the screen. The sound was not good, so some theaters put a speaker by every car. However, there were other problems for drive-in movie theaters. One was that drive-in movie theaters could only show movies in the evening after it became dark. Also, movie companies got more money from indoor theaters, so many of them did not let drive-in movie theaters show their best movies. Drive-in movie theaters often had to show movies that were older or less popular.

In the 1970s, many drive-in movie theaters closed because people could rent videos to watch at home. Also, many drive-in movie theaters were just outside large towns and cities. Companies wanted the theaters so that they could build new homes on the land. They offered the owners a lot of money, and many owners decided to sell their theaters. Although there were over 4,000 drive-in movie theaters in the United States around 1960, today, there are just a few hundred left.

(34) What is one thing that we learn about Richard Hollingshead's mother?

- 1 She made a drive-in movie theater in her yard.
- 2 She learned how to drive a car by watching movies.
- 3 She often held parties for her family and neighbors.
- 4 She thought movie theater seats were not comfortable.

(35) One reason that drive-in movie theaters became popular was

- 1 they offered special discounts to families with children.
- 2 parents did not have to worry if their children were noisy.
- 3 most indoor movie theaters did not show movies for children.
- 4 many of them were built near parks with children's playgrounds.

(36) Some movies were not shown in drive-in movie theaters because

- 1 it was too dark in the evening to see the movies easily.
- 2 the sound in the movies was not good enough.
- 3 movie companies made more money from indoor theaters.
- 4 they had not been popular in indoor theaters.

(37) Why did many drive-in movie theater owners sell their theaters?

- 1 Companies offered to pay them a lot of money for their land.
- 2 The theaters were too far away from large towns and cities.
- 3 They wanted to open stores so that people could rent videos.
- 4 People started making drive-in theaters in their own yards.