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Subject: History presentation

Dear Sara,

I hope you are doing well. I just wanted to remind you about our history presentation next week. You will first talk about why people began using bicycles in cities, such as the need for cheap and easy transportation. Then, I will explain how bicycles changed city life, including making short trips easier and reducing the number of crowded buses. Finally, you will give some examples of how cities today are trying to make cycling safer for everyone. Our presentation should be about ten minutes long, so we should keep our parts clear and easy to follow.

After our last meeting, I finished writing the notes for my part. I also made three slides to show old pictures of bicycles and city streets. You said you were still choosing examples for your final slide. If you want, I can look at your slides and give you some advice. You can also check my slides and tell me if the pictures are useful for our topic. I think we are making good progress, and there is only a little more work to do.

We should practice one more time before the presentation. Let's meet this Wednesday afternoon in the school library. So, we should send each other our slides by Tuesday evening. Then, we can practice with complete slides on Wednesday. That will help us speak more confidently. Please let me know if that time is not convenient for you. Although I will not be available this weekend, we can meet during lunch time if necessary.

Thank you,

Nathan Reed

(1) What is true about the presentation?

- 1 Nathan will talk about why people began using bicycles.
- 2 Sara will explain how bicycles changed city life.
- 3 The presentation will be about ten minutes long.
- 4 The presentation will be given this weekend.

(2) Nathan Reed thinks that

- 1 Sara has already finished all of her slides.
- 2 there is still a small amount of work left to do.
- 3 he needs to take new pictures of city streets.
- 4 the presentation should be much longer.

(3) What does Nathan suggest to Sara?

- 1 Practicing in the school library on Wednesday
- 2 Sending their slides on Wednesday evening
- 3 Meeting this weekend to ride bicycles
- 4 Asking their teacher to choose old pictures

B

Bicycles in Cities

Bicycles are used in many cities around the world. Some people ride them to school or work, while others use them for exercise or short trips. Because bicycles do not need gasoline, they are often seen as an environmentally friendly way to travel.

There are several benefits to using bicycles in cities. First, bicycles can help reduce air pollution. If more people ride bicycles instead of driving cars, there may be fewer harmful gases in the air. Second, cycling can be good for people's health because it gives them a chance to exercise during daily life.

However, using bicycles in cities can also be difficult. In some places, there are not enough safe bicycle lanes, so riders have to share busy roads with cars and buses. Bad weather can also make cycling uncomfortable or dangerous. For example, riding a bicycle on a rainy day may be difficult because the roads can become slippery.

Even so, many cities are trying to make cycling safer and easier. Some cities are building more bicycle lanes and parking areas for bicycles. By improving these facilities, cities can encourage more people to use bicycles in their daily lives.

(4) Why are bicycles considered environmentally friendly?

- 1 Because they do not need gasoline
- 2 Because they are faster than trains
- 3 Because they are always used indoors
- 4 Because they make roads wider

(5) What is one benefit of cycling?

- 1 It can reduce exercise time
- 2 It can be good for people's health
- 3 It makes cars produce more gas
- 4 It stops people from going outside

(6) Why can cycling in cities be difficult?

- 1 There may not be enough safe bicycle lanes
- 2 Bicycles are not allowed in any cities
- 3 Cars and buses never use roads
- 4 Cycling is always free from danger

(7) What is the main idea of the passage?

- 1 Bicycles are useful in cities, but there are some problems
- 2 Bicycles should only be used for sports
- 3 Cities should stop building bicycle lanes
- 4 Riding bicycles is worse than driving cars