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To: Daniel Kim <daniel.kim@sunrise-school.jp>

Date: June 3

Subject: School project

Dear Daniel,

I hope you are doing well. I just wanted to remind you about our school project presentation next week. You will first explain the causes of plastic waste, such as using too many plastic bags and bottles in daily life. Then, I will talk about the effects of plastic waste on the environment, including ocean pollution and harm to animals. Finally, you will give some examples of what students can do to reduce plastic waste at home and at school. Our presentation should be about ten minutes long, so we should keep our parts simple and easy to understand.

After our last meeting, I finished writing the notes for my part. I also made three slides to explain my ideas more clearly. You said you were still working on your second slide last time. If you want, I can check your slides and give you some suggestions. You can also look at my slides and share your ideas with me. I think we are making good progress, and there is only a little more work to do before the presentation.

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

Thank you,
Emily Carter

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(1) What is true about the presentation?

- 1 Emily will explain ways to reduce plastic waste.
- 2 Daniel will talk about the effects of plastic waste.
- 3 The presentation will be about ten minutes long.
- 4 The presentation will take place this weekend.

(2) Emily Carter thinks that

- 1 Daniel has already finished his slides.
- 2 there is still a small amount of work left.
- 3 she needs to change all of her slides.
- 4 the project is too difficult for them.

(3) What does Emily suggest to Daniel?

- 1 Sending slides on Thursday
- 2 Practicing after school on Thursday
- 3 Meeting over the weekend
- 4 Asking the teacher for help on Wednesday

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The Importance of Public Libraries

In many cities, public libraries play an important role in people's lives. Libraries are places where people can read books, study, and learn new things for free. Because of this, many students and adults visit libraries regularly. They are especially helpful for people who do not have many books at home.

Libraries also offer more than just books. Many libraries provide computers that people can use to search for information or complete their work. Some libraries even hold events such as reading programs
5 for children or workshops for adults. These activities help people learn new skills and connect with others in their community.

However, some people think that libraries are becoming less important because of the Internet. Today, many people can find information online without going to a library. Also, maintaining libraries
10 can cost a lot of money, so some cities have reduced their budgets for them.

Even so, many experts believe that libraries are still necessary. They say that libraries provide a quiet place for study and offer equal learning opportunities to everyone. For this reason, many communities continue
15 to support their local libraries.

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(4) Why do many people use public libraries?

- 1 Because they are always open all day
- 2 Because they offer free learning opportunities
- 3 Because they only have new books
- 4 Because they are more popular than schools

(5) What is one service libraries provide?

- 1 Selling books to visitors
- 2 Providing computers for public use
- 3 Building houses for local people
- 4 Teaching only children

(6) Why do some people think libraries are less important today?

- 1 Because people can get information online
- 2 Because libraries are too small
- 3 Because books are no longer useful
- 4 Because students do not like reading

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

- 1 Libraries should be closed in the future
- 2 Libraries are only useful for children
- 3 Libraries have both advantages and problems
- 4 Libraries are more important than the Internet