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Date: January 18

Subject: Saturday's Book Sale

5 Hi, Daichi,

Thank you for volunteering to help with our school book sale this Saturday. As you know, the library holds this event every year to sell books that are no longer needed. The money is usually used to buy new books, but this year part of it will also be used to purchase comfortable chairs for the reading area. We hope this will encourage

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more students to spend time in the library. We received far more donated books than last year, so we have decided to use two rooms instead of one. Children's books and novels will be sold in the library, while travel, history, and science books will be available in Room 204. I have already made signs showing visitors where to go. Could you put them up near the school entrance and the stairs when you arrive on Saturday morning?

The sale begins at 10:00, but all volunteers should arrive by 9:00.

We need to put the books on tables and check that the prices are easy to see. You were originally going to work at the payment desk,

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but Ms. Wilson has asked you to help visitors in Room 204 instead. James will take your place at the desk because he helped there last year.

We had planned to finish the sale at 3:00. However, several parents told us that they cannot arrive until later in the afternoon. We have therefore decided to remain open until 4:00. Volunteers who need to leave at the original time may still do so, so please tell me on Saturday morning if you cannot stay.

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Thanks again. I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

Best wishes,

Lisa Chen

Library Committee

(1) Why will the book sale use two rooms this year?

- ① The library has received more books than last year.
- ② The reading area is being filled with new chairs.
- ③ Parents requested separate rooms for different books.
- ④ Room 204 has more tables available for visitors.

(2) What does Lisa ask Daichi to do on Saturday morning?

- ① Check the prices of books in the library.
- ② Help James prepare the payment desk.
- ③ Put direction signs around the school.
- ④ Move science books into the library.

(3) Why will the book sale remain open until 4:00?

- ① Volunteers need more time to organize the books.
- ② Some parents cannot visit earlier in the day.
- ③ More books are expected to arrive that afternoon.
- ④ The library committee wants volunteers to work longer.

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Why Repairing Things Is Becoming Popular Again

For many people, replacing a broken household item has become easier than repairing it. New products can often be bought quickly and at relatively low prices. In recent years, however, interest in repairing everyday objects has grown in some communities. One example is the rise of events where people bring broken items and try to repair them with help from volunteers.

At these events, visitors may bring lamps, small pieces of furniture, toys, or clothing. Volunteers with different skills examine the items and explain what might be wrong. Rather than simply repairing everything for visitors, they often encourage owners to participate. Someone may learn how to sew a torn bag, replace a simple part, or identify why an electrical device has stopped working.

One reason people attend such events is to save money. A small repair may cost much less than buying a replacement. Environmental concerns are another reason. When products are thrown away, they become waste, even though only one small part may be damaged. Repairing an item can allow it to remain useful for several more years and reduce the number of products that need to be replaced.

There are limits, however. Some modern products are difficult to open without special tools, while replacement parts may be expensive or unavailable. In other cases, repairing an old device may not be safe. Volunteers therefore need to recognize when an item should not be repaired and explain the reasons clearly to its owner.

Repair events also provide something less obvious: opportunities for people to share knowledge. Skills that were once commonly learned at home are now unfamiliar to many people. By bringing experienced volunteers and beginners together, these events can help practical knowledge pass from one person to another. For some

participants, learning how an everyday object works can be just as valuable as taking home a repaired item.

(4) What often happens at community repair events?

- ① Visitors learn while helping to repair their own items.
- ② Volunteers replace broken products with inexpensive new ones.
- ③ Visitors receive special tools to use at home.
- ④ Volunteers teach visitors how to make household products.

(5) How can repairing products benefit the environment?

- ① It can reduce the number of items thrown away.
- ② It can make replacement parts easier to produce.
- ③ It can encourage companies to make cheaper products.
- ④ It can reduce the energy used inside older devices.

(6) Why are some modern products difficult to repair?

- ① Their owners often lack information about the products.
- ② Their parts may require special tools or be unavailable.
- ③ Their designs change too frequently for volunteers to learn.
- ④ Their damaged parts are usually expensive to identify.

(7) When might volunteers advise against repairing an item?

- ① When a replacement would take several weeks to arrive.
- ② When the owner has never repaired anything before.
- ③ When repairing the product could create safety problems.
- ④ When the item requires help from several volunteers.

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

- ① Repair events mainly help people avoid buying expensive products.
- ② Repairing is useful because older products are usually stronger.
- ③ Repair events combine practical benefits with shared learning.
- ④ Communities use repair events mainly to reduce local waste.