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1.- READING COMPREHENSION TEST.

It was a hot summer day. The sky was blue and there were no clouds. My sister Gail said to me: "Shall we ask Bill to drive us to the lake?." "That's a great idea!" I said.

Our big brother, Bill, had an old car. He loved to take people for rides in his car. Bill worked on his car all the time. The car made a lot of noise, but Bill said it was a great car.

We prepared sandwiches and cold drinks and put them in the car. We took our swimsuits and towels and got into the car. It was a long ride and we sang songs and told jokes the whole way.

Halfway down the hill to the lake, the car started making strange noises. After a few minutes, it stopped moving. We all got out and started to push. We pushed very hard. The car started to roll down the hill. It rolled and rolled, right into the lake! We all went swimming, including the car!

QUESTIONS:

1.- Whose car did they use to go for a ride?

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2.- What does Bill think about his car? What does Bill's brother say about the car?

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3.- What did they do while they were driving to the lake?

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4.- Why did they have an unexpected swim in the river?

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2.- LISTENING COMPREHENSION

1.-Vijay and Seema's story: Why weren't Vijay and Seema happy?

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2.- Why did they have an argument?

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3.- Why wasn't the man at work that day?

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4.- What does Seema do?

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5.- Why isn't he working today?

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LISTENING COMPREHENSION SCRIPT

At first life was great for me and my wife, Seema. We had two young children, and we both had good jobs. I earned a lot of money, so we had a big house.

But we weren't happy because I didn't spend much time with my family. I left home at 7.30 every morning and I didn't get home till eight o'clock in the evening. I travelled a lot in my job, too, so I was often away at weekends.

Then about five years ago, we were on holiday. It was beautiful, but I couldn't relax. I phoned my office every day. My wife wasn't happy about that.

One day we had a big argument about it, so I went for a walk on the beach. I saw a small house. There was a man in front of the house. When he saw me, he said: 'Hey! it's a beautiful day. Smile!' I stopped to talk to him.

He was a carpenter and he made furniture - beds, tables, chairs. So I said; 'Why aren't you working today?' And he said: 'Well, I made a table last week and I sold it this morning, so we've got enough money'

That changed my life. When we got home, I left my job. We sold our big house in the suburbs and we moved to a small village in the country. I spend a lot more time with my family now. We soon knew everybody in the village, because Seema got a job as a teacher in the village school. And me? I make furniture, but I'm not working today. I sold a table yesterday, so today I'm going fishing.