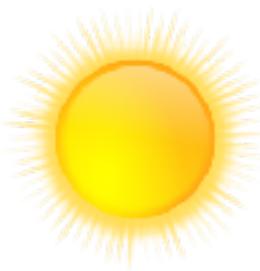


A WEEKEND TRIP TO LONDON! (1)

When Linda woke up on Saturday morning, she smelled the scent of a cake in the oven, the fresh coffee in the coffee machine and the scent of something she couldn't really identify, something that smelled absolutely delicious. She got up from her bed, stretched her arms and yawned. She loved those Saturday mornings because her parents would let her sleep as long as she wanted to. No alarm sounds in the morning, no hurry to catch the bus to school, no annoying maths lessons... Linda smiled, wiped the sleep out of her eyes and opened the curtains. The sun was shining bright. She opened the



window and shivered for a second because a wind gust had made its way into her room. She stared out of the window and looked at the cherry tree that was full of dark red cherries. Her dad was standing on a ladder trying to grasp the best cherries. Her little brother Samuel was collecting the ones that dad had put in a little basket. When he glanced at Linda's window, he smiled and shouted, "Look, dad, who is awake!" Linda smiled, too, waved to her little brother and grabbed her clothes to get dressed in the bathroom.

When Linda came into the kitchen, they were all there. Her little brother Sam, her dad and her mom. "Happy Birthday to you!" they sang. Linda was really happy. Her mom was the first to give her a present. "This is for you, honey," she said. Linda opened the little box and found a little golden necklace in it. She had always dreamed about a necklace like this. "I love it, mom! Thank you so much!" She hugged her mom and kissed her on the cheek. "I have a special present for you", her little ten-year-old brother said. "Me and dad collected cherries from our tree. I'm going to make waffles with cherries for you in the afternoon!" Linda was really touched. Her brother had never had done much cooking, but making waffles was one of his favourite hobbies and he knew that she loved his waffles. Especially with hot cherries. Then it was her dad's turn. He gave her a very tiny present and the box was even smaller than the one with the bracelet in it. She opened the box carefully. A pendant¹ for her necklace which was shaped like the Big Ben. "You know what that means", Dad said. "We're going to London!" Linda couldn't believe what she heard. "Are you serious?" she asked. "In two week's time, you are going to see the real Big Ben." "All of us!" Sam added. "We're all going to London for a weekend!"

¹ pendant: Schmuckanhänger

Linda was so happy that she didn't know what to say. She had always dreamed of going to London. Since they had talked about the great sights of London at school, she had always told her parents that she really wanted to pay the city a visit.

Linda's grandparents and her aunt came for a birthday visit in the afternoon. They had waffles with cherries, the fantastic cake her mom had prepared in the morning and lots of cacao and coffee. Linda sat with her aunt and talked about her trip to London- she was so excited! "We are going to see the Tower Bridge and the Big Ben!" Linda said. "Don't forget the Buckingham Palace", her aunt said. "Oh dear, do you think we might see the Queen?" Linda asked. "Maybe. She might invite you for a cup of tea." Her aunt joked. "If I meet her, I will ask her whether she could make me a princess - I'd be wearing nice dresses and a lot of jewellery!" Linda already dreamed about her life as an English princess. "You should definitely go on a river cruise tour on the river Thames, go to Covent Garden- there you can see fantastic artists! And for some shopping to Oxford Street", her aunt advised. She had been to England twice. "And we will have cupcakes and tea!" Linda added. "And some of these little beans on toast for breakfast and fish and chips for lunch." Now Linda was getting really excited. "There is so much to do in London!"

Linda's birthday surprise (multiple choice)

Read the questions and the possible answers carefully and tick the right one. There is only one possibility.



1. When does Linda wake up?

- Monday evening
- Saturday morning
- Sunday afternoon

2. Linda likes these mornings on that day, because...

- her parents would let her sleep as long as she wanted to
- she would watch her favourite TV show then
- she has to go to school

3. What is the weather like on that day?

- foggy
- sunny
- rainy

4. What can Linda see from her window?

- an apple tree
- nothing- it's too foggy
- a cherry tree full of cherries

5. Why is this day obviously a special day to Linda?

- because they are leaving for a holiday trip
- because it's her birthday
- because her aunt is getting married

6. What is mom's present?

- a necklace
- a bracelet
- a pair of pretty earrings

7. What is so special about her brother's present?

Sam is unexperienced in cooking and baking but wants to bake waffles for her

- Sam doesn't have any present for his sister
- Sam wants to order a big pizza for dinner

8. What does the pendant her father gives to her stand for?

- A two weeks trip to London
- A weekend trip to London
- A one day trip to London

9. Why has Linda always wanted to go to London?

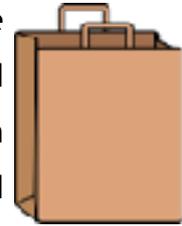
- because she wants to go shopping there
- because she has heard about the great sights at school
- because she wants to visit her aunt

10. Who is going to go to London?

- only Linda
- Linda and Sam
- Linda, her parents and Sam

A LONG JOURNEY (2)

The next days Linda was really nervous. The only thing she could think about was the trip to London and everything she had planned to do there. And then, finally, the day was coming closer and closer. On Thursday, one day before their trip, her father asked Linda to accompany him to the supermarket. “I will need your help- there is so much we have to think of when we travel as a family!” When they arrived at the supermarket and her dad had finally found a parking lot, he groaned loudly “Oh no! I forgot the shopping list! We will have to go shopping in the supermarket without it.” Entering the supermarket, Linda’s dad suddenly remembered some items. “We will definitely need some bread for the lunchbox,” he said and went to the baker. “Is there anything you and your brother would particularly like tomorrow?” Linda grinned. This seemed like a dream- dad had forgotten the shopping list and now it was up to her to decide what she wanted for tomorrow!



“Yes dad, let’s pick some pretzels, too. Sam and I love them.” The next items her father remembered were vegetables. “A slice of peppers or cucumbers can be very refreshing when you sit in the hot car for a couple of hours. Which peppers do you prefer? The red ones, the yellow ones or the green ones?” “I think I like the red ones best- they are the sweetest,” Linda said and put two red peppers and one cucumber into the shopping cart. “What we also need for our sandwiches is cheese and cold meat. I know mom

loves Gouda and I love salami. Could you go to the fridges and bring one package of gouda and salami each?” Linda went to the fridges and found the salami, but she couldn’t find any gouda. “Dad, there is a problem,” she said. “The supermarket has run out of gouda. We will have to find an alternative!” They decided on Edam cheese. So they put a package of salami and Edam cheese into the shopping cart. While Linda was figuring out what kind of candies she and her brother would like, her dad put a six-pack of fizzy water into the cart and agreed with Linda that the whole family would like a chocolate bar and some smarties the most. “That’s it,” Linda’s dad said happily. “We made it without a shopping list!”

And finally Friday was there. The family waited for Linda and Sam to come home from school and then they drove to Calais, in France. This is the harbour in which the ferry from Dover, England, would arrive and take them to the island. Linda and Sam had been really tired. They had eaten their pretzels and half of their sandwiches and then they had fallen into a long, deep sleep (mom and dad enjoyed this time because they were not asked about the destination of the journey). But when the ferry arrived, the kids had to wake up and get on the ferry. The car was parked below deck.

Linda and Sam had never been on a ferry before and enjoyed the cold breeze on deck. Soon their mom asked them to go inside and have some sandwiches. But when Sam saw an ice cream parlour and plenty of kids licking their ice cream, he refused to eat his sandwiches. "I want some ice cream," he insisted. Mom and dad did not want to argue, so they suggested a compromise: If the sandwiches were eaten up before they arrived in Dover, Sam and Linda would get some ice cream. Sam and Linda did their best to eat up their stocks². They ate the sandwiches and some slices of the red peppers and a few bits of cucumber. But when they decided to get up from the cosy armchairs they had been sitting in, they suddenly realized that they were now way to full to have some more ice cream. "Mom, dad", Linda said angrily. "You knew that this would happen! You fooled us!" Linda's mom laughed. "Well, honey, it's not my fault your stomach³ is full already. But I tell you something: When we arrive in London, we will have some of the best chocolate muffins you have ever eaten. I promise! And if you're not full after one, I might even buy you another one." Linda smiled and even Sam was satisfied.⁴ They didn't know that those chocolate muffins were famous, because one could hardly⁵ eat one of them. But this detail was of course left out by their mom.



² stock: Vorrat

³ stomach: Magen

⁴ satisfied: zufrieden

⁵ hardly: kaum

Dad's lunchbox for the journey (listing up)

Linda's dad forgot the shopping list. Can you help him and rewrite the list for him? Mention everything that has been put into the shopping cart. Try and classify the items into different categories.



A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, designed for writing a shopping list. The top-right corner of the box is cut off at a 45-degree angle. A horizontal line extends from the left side of the box to the left edge of the page.



On the ferry (true or false statements)



The following statements are either true or false. If they are false, correct them on the lines provided.

TRUE

FALSE

1. Linda and Sam were awake the whole journey.

2. Linda and Sam have never been on a ferry before.

3. Linda and Sam enjoy the cold breeze outside,
but their mom wants them to come inside and
have some ice cream.

4. When Sam sees the adults eating their ice cream,
he refuses to eat his sandwich.

5. Mom and dad forbid Sam to have any ice cream.

6. Linda and Sam eat everything up to finally have
some of the desired ice cream.

7. But after the whole stock is eaten up, they feel so
hungry that they can't eat any ice cream.

8. Linda thinks their mom has played a trick on them.

9. Mum promises that they will have some delicious
chocolate muffins in England.

10. Linda and Sam don't know that the vanilla muffins
are famous because they can be hardly eaten up.
