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## Warm-Up Discussion

1. How often do you find yourself waiting for something?
2. What do you usually wait for?
3. When you know you will have to wait for something, how do you pass the time?

## 1. Topic Reading

### Making a Fast Elevator



Sometimes when we go into tall buildings, there are mirrors inside all of the elevators. Why are mirrors **installed** in elevators?

When buildings became taller and more people started using elevators, people began to **complain** about how slow they were and how long it took to get to the top floors. Engineers could not make their elevators much faster. It was **expensive** to make faster elevators. They also said that if elevators got too fast, they would not be safe.

One engineer suggested an idea. Instead of making faster elevator motors, he suggested they think about the **passengers** who ride the elevators. His idea was that by having mirrors put inside elevators, people would have something to do while riding and waiting. While standing in the elevator, people would think, "Did I comb my hair **properly**?" or, "Does my make-up look okay?" Often people look at themselves when they are alone in an elevator.

By spending time while waiting, far fewer people complained about the slow **rides**. The mirrors gave people something to do. People became less bored on the ride up.

### A Reading Comprehension

» Circle the best words.

- 1 Faster elevators are expensive and **unsafe** / slow / boring .
- 2 Mirrors in elevators gave the **buildings / mirrors / passengers** something to do.
- 3 Mirrors in elevators made the **ride / motor / comb** to the top less boring.

## B Vocabulary Practice

>> Match the words with the right definitions.

1 \_\_\_ install

2 \_\_\_ complain

3 a expensive

4 \_\_\_ passenger

5 \_\_\_ properly

6 \_\_\_ ride

a costing a lot of money

b correctly doing something

c to move from one place to another on a vehicle or animal

d to say you are not happy with or about something

e a person who is riding on a vehicle

f to put something somewhere and ready it for use

>> Complete the sentences with the words above. Change the form if necessary.

- 1 Can you install my new computer for me?
- 2 My new backpack was a little \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 There is a new \_\_\_\_\_ at the amusement park!
- 4 She \_\_\_\_\_ about the lunch menu everyday.
- 5 The strange \_\_\_\_\_ boarded the plane.
- 6 Susan answered the difficult question \_\_\_\_\_.

## C Summary

>> Complete the summary with the words below.

safety      comb      solve      installed  
 enjoy      passengers      complain      alone

People used to complain that elevators in tall buildings were too slow. Engineers tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the problem, but could not make elevators faster without expense and risk to \_\_\_\_\_. Instead of making the ride shorter, thought one engineer, why not make it so passengers could do something while waiting and riding? Mirrors were \_\_\_\_\_ in elevators, and passengers began to find ways to \_\_\_\_\_ the ride.

## 2. Personal Reading

### Waiting Fun

I made an appointment with my friend to see a movie. I got to the movie theater on time.

I waited for ten minutes. Then my friend called me. She said she would be about 50 minutes late because she took the wrong bus. When I heard that, I was annoyed. We were going to miss the movie, but I had to wait.

I looked around for something to do. There was a book store.

I found a funny book inside, so I sat on the floor to read. By the time I had finished reading, 40 minutes had gone by. I stood up

and went to the bathroom to freshen up. I looked in the mirror to check that I looked nice and clean, and I started singing a song. While I was singing, someone suddenly came out from the toilet. I was so embarrassed. I quickly walked out of the bathroom.

Still, even though I was embarrassed and had to wait a while, I did have a good time reading.



Linda

### A Reading Comprehension

#### >> Circle the best words.

- Linda's best friend took the wrong .
- When Linda had to , she went to the book store.
- Linda waited  minutes before her friend called.
- Linda looked in the  to check how she looked.

**B Picture Description**

» Complete the sentences with the expressions below.

on time

a few minutes late

miss the train

found a great deal

by the time

freshen up

1



If he's not quick, he's going to  
\_\_\_\_\_ *miss the train* \_\_\_\_\_.

2



I got in trouble because I was  
\_\_\_\_\_ for class.

3



I want to \_\_\_\_\_ after  
exercising.

4



We \_\_\_\_\_  
on notebooks.

**C Sentence Practice**

» Unscramble the words to write the correct sentences.

1 a movie / an appointment / to see / I made / friend / with my / .

*I made an appointment with my friend to see a movie.*

2 movie / on time / I got / theater / to the / .

\_\_\_\_\_

3 50 / she would / She said / minutes late / be about / .

\_\_\_\_\_

4 going to / We / the movie / miss / were / .

\_\_\_\_\_

5 to wait / embarrassed / and had / I was / a while / .

\_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Practice Writing

#### A Writing Starter

» Let's plan our writing for "Unexpected Free Time."

**Q:** When you meet your friends, where do you usually meet?  
**A:** *We usually meet* \_\_\_\_\_.



**Q:** Why do you meet there?  
**A:** *We meet there because* \_\_\_\_\_.



**Q:** If your friend calls to postpone for an hour, would you wait?  
**A:** *If my friend asks me to wait for one hour, I would* \_\_\_\_\_.

**YES**

**NO**

**Q:** What would you do while you were waiting?  
**A:** *I would* \_\_\_\_\_.

**Q:** Would you arrange to meet another time?  
**A:** *I would* \_\_\_\_\_.



**Q:** How would you feel while you were waiting?  
**A:** *I would feel* \_\_\_\_\_.

**Q:** When would you cancel a meeting with your friend?  
**A:** *I would cancel a meeting if* \_\_\_\_\_.



**Q:** When you have unexpected free time, what do you usually do?  
**A:** *I usually like to* \_\_\_\_\_.

**B My Writing**

» **Draft Copy:** Let's write for "Unexpected Free Time."

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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 **Peer Check:** Exchange drafts with a partner. Check for and correct any mistakes.

» **Revised Copy:** Write your revision.

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Teacher's Comment

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