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SARAH: Hi, Bill. How are you?

BILL: I'm okay now, Sarah, but I was so ill last week.

SARAH: Oh dear, what was the problem? Did you eat that dodgy fish in the canteen?

BILL: No. At first I thought it was a cold, but then my head started hurting and my eyes started to go blurry...

SARAH: I'm so sorry... that sounds serious.

BILL: It's okay, actually. I went to the doctor, and he diagnosed me with a migraine. He gave me some medicine, and I'm starting to feel much better.

SARAH: I'm glad to hear that. Well, I'm also glad you're in today because we have to work on a new project together.

BILL: Oh, are we in the same section?

SARAH: No, it's just us - no one else. Mr. Donaldson put us down as B team because we live near each other.

BILL: That could be fun! What do we have to do?

SARAH: Well, the project is partly internet research, then checking reference book for information to prepare a survey, which we have to use with people we know.

BILL: Great, what's the topic?

SARAH: It's to do with shopping over the last ten years. We have to find out how customers have changed their behaviour.

BILL: Okay. So what's the first step?

SARAH: I think the first thing to do is to check the list of references he gave me. But my computer is in for repair, so... if I check in the reference library, would you be willing to look up some references online? Once we're done with the reference checks, we can write the questions together.

BILL: That's fine, I'll do the internet research. So... what sort of shopping are we looking at? Only food, or goods, or clothes shopping?

SARAH: We have to find people who are willing to tell us about personal things like deodorants, cosmetics, soap or vitamin creams. The other groups are doing food, electrical goods and clothes.

BILL: That won't be so easy, Sarah. People might think those things are a bit private.

SARAH: Yes, I thought about that. I'll ask the women and you can ask the men. That should work okay.

BILL: Well, if you think so. Give me the list of references then.

SARAH: Sorry, I left them in my other bag at Joseph's house. I'll get them for you tomorrow.

BILL: Okay. Well, then, this afternoon I think I'll catch up on the notes from last week. Can you help me, or are you busy?

SARAH: I've made you a copy of the notes already, to save you time. Here you are!

BILL: Wow, thanks, Sarah. That's so thoughtful! Well, since there's nothing for us to do right now, shall we go for lunch?

SARAH: Actually, I'll have to catch you later. I have to go to a meeting this afternoon. Can I phone you tonight to arrange when to meet?

BILL: No, sorry, I have a date. Can we meet in the laboratory for the first class tomorrow?

SARAH: I'm not sure because I have to go to the library to collect some books... What about meeting there at lunchtime?

BILL: Do you mean in the lab?

SARAH: Yes.

BILL: Okay, see you in the laboratory tomorrow at noon, then. Sounds like we have a lot of work to do.