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*A:* Good morning, Pamela. Nice to meet you.

*B:* Thank you. It's nice to meet you too.

*A:* We seem to have a good connection. I can see and hear you fine. How about you?

*B:* You sound a bit faint. Let me just adjust the volume ...

*A:* Can you hear me now?

*B:* Yes, that's much better thanks.

*A:* OK then, I think we're ready to start. I see from your letter of application that you're interested in applying for one of the hotel animator jobs we have on offer here at 'Holiday Fun'. Could you tell me why you think you'd be suited for a position like this?

*B:* Well, I believe a job which involves entertaining tourists would give me the opportunity to enjoy my two favourite pursuits - dancing and foreign travel.

*A:* I see. It says on your CV that you studied contemporary dance. Hotels are always glad to employ dancers. Have you actually done any dancing professionally?

*B:* I did belong to a dance company, yes, and we used to put on shows regularly. Unfortunately, I had to stop as they started touring all over the country. I couldn't go with them. It was a shame, but I was determined to finish my degree in foreign languages.

*A:* Ah yes, a knowledge of foreign languages is highly desirable for this position. I see you studied Spanish and Italian. Which one do you think you're better at?

*B:* My Spanish is fluent, and I can get by quite comfortably in Italian as well.

*A:* Hmn ... at the moment you're working in a travel agent's, correct? How long have you been there?

*B:* Six months. I deal with customers phoning in with enquiries.

*A:* And didn't you think you might like to rejoin the dance company after you graduated?

*B:* Well, it did cross my mind. But frankly, it would have been difficult to make ends meet on the salary the dance company was offering.

*A:* As a hotel animator, you'd be working with the hotel guests, not only to entertain them, but also to get them involved in activities too: sports, quiz nights, song and dance competitions, that sort of thing. Public relations is a very important part of the job, in fact.

*B:* Oh, I'm told I have good people skills. In the third year of my degree, I went to Spain to work as a teaching assistant. I got on extremely well with the children. My role was to motivate them to do their lessons, but I also learnt to be a sympathetic listener, which helped me deal with their individual needs.

*A:* Well, as you're interested in travel, I could offer you a job in Italy at a five-star seaside hotel from June until early September. You'd be part of a team of eight working under an experienced animator.

*B:* That sounds great. I'm good at water sports, too, if that would be a help!

*A:* Very possibly. Now, all our animators are very hardworking. It's an eight-hour-a-day job, six days a week. Would that be a problem for you?

*B:* No, I don't mind at all. What about accommodation?

*A:* The hotel provides it free, and three meals a day are included. The salary is 800 euros a month.

*B:* That sounds very reasonable. When exactly would I need to be available to start?

*A:* The hotel contract is from the 1st of June. However, we would need to see you here at the agency for two weeks of practice sessions beforehand. That would mean being here on the 15th May.

*B:* That's fine with me. Is there a fee for the sessions?

*A:* No, they're free of charge. We'll look forward to seeing you then, Pamela, shall we?

*B:* Yes, thank you very much.

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Adam: Oh, no!

Lisa: What's the matter?

Adam: I just can't get to grips with this new computer. Every time I use it it goes wrong.

Lisa: Well, perhaps you are not using it properly.

Adam: Hm. Maybe not. I'm just not cut out for all this new technology.

Lisa: Oh dear. Well, you'll have to get used to it. It's not going to go away.

Adam: I know. It's just going to get worse. What will I do when everything is controlled by computers? I won't survive!

Lisa: You will! Don't forget that a lot of things already are run by computers, and you don't even notice. In the future, everything will be much more convenient and you'll wonder how you ever survived without computers.

Adam: Hm. I don't know. I'll have to upgrade my skills every year. The only people who will be getting jobs will be the people who can use all the new technology, and that certainly won't be me!

Lisa: Oh, don't be so negative. You'll get a job. And you'll be able to work from home using your computer. There'll be no more 9 to 5 days, because you'll be able to work to your own timetable. You'll even be able to do several different jobs at the same time, so you'll earn more money.

Adam: Huh! You make it sound so easy.

Lisa: Well, I think it will be. All our appliances will be more user-friendly and things like TVs and videos will have voice recognitions, so you can just tell them what to show or record and you won't have to press any buttons.

Adam: Good. I hate buttons. But I think I'll feel a bit daft talking to my video.

Lisa: I don't see why. You are always shouting at it when you can't programme it properly. Honestly, Adam, I don't understand why you're so negative about the future.

Adam: Well, I suppose it scares me. When I read about how we'll be wearing clothes which can monitor our heartbeats and call an ambulance if anything happens to us, or how space travel will become as common as air travel, I just panic. I can't imagine how I will fit into a world like a science fiction film.

Lisa: Oh, Adam. It'll still be the same world, and people will never really change. We'll just have to learn to do things differently and our lives will be better in so many ways. You'll see.

Adam: Hm. I suppose I'll just have to make the best of a scary situation.

Lisa: That's more like it.

Adam: Lisa... will you show me how to use this awful computer?

Lisa: Haha! Of course I will!

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**Interviewer:** Robot surgeons may sound like something out of a science fiction movie, but in fact they are beginning to operate at a hospital near you. Here in the studio is Dr Stuart Huntley to tell us all about the operating rooms of the future. Dr Huntley, thanks for joining us.

**Dr Huntley:** It's a pleasure to be here.

**Interviewer:** Is it true that robot surgeons are already being used in some hospitals?

**Dr Huntley:** Yes, a handful of surgeons here and in the United States are making use of these machines. They are the latest advance in medical technology.

**Interviewer:** And what exactly are they used for?

**Dr Huntley:** Well, they enable doctors to carry out very complicated surgery accurately and safely, by using remote control.

**Interviewer:** So, the robots don't actually operate on patients on their own?

**Dr Huntley:** Oh, no, no, of course, not. No, artificial intelligence hasn't developed that far yet! The surgeon uses a computer to tell the robots exactly what to do. The fact that the robots carry out the actual tasks just means that very precise movements can be made much more quickly than if they were made by hand.

**Interviewer:** I see. So, what do the robots look like?

**Dr Huntley:** Well, they look a bit like cranes, but they are actually robotic arms which hang over the operating table. On the ends of these arms are tools to grip small objects, needles for stitching up wounds, and a camera with a light which shows the surgeon the area being operated on inside the body.

**Interviewer:** And what kind of surgery are these devices used for?

**Dr Huntley:** Oh, all kinds, but mainly complicated operations such as heart or brain surgery.

**Interviewer:** And how exactly do they make the surgeons' job easier?

**Dr Huntley:** I suppose the main advantage of these machines is that they can scale down movements made by the surgeon. For example, if he wants the robotic arm to move half a centimetre, he can move the remote control joystick five centimetres, and the computer will scale the movement down. This means that very precise movements can be made easily and, more importantly, quickly, which makes the operation much safer.

**Int.:** Amazing. So, apart from making it safer, how else will robot surgeons affect surgery in the future?

**Dr Huntley:** Well, they will allow doctors to perform much more complicated surgery, because they make it possible to operate on a microscopic scale. There is a chance that one day, we will be able to operate on individual cells, and that would be wonderful.

**Int.:** Goodness! They sound like fantastic machines, but are there any drawbacks we should know about?

**Dr Huntley:** No, I don't think so. The only problem is that surgeons have to learn new skills and new movements in order to work with the robots, but that shouldn't be too difficult.

**Interviewer:** Dr Huntley, it's been wonderful to have you on the show, but I'm afraid we've run out of time. Thank you for joining us today.

**Dr Huntley:** It was great to be here.

**Interviewer:** And next week we will be talking to... (fade)

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**Bill:** Hi, Laura. Did you hear the good news? Our application for funding was accepted by the school board. They've decided to give the club £500 to spend this year!

**Laura:** Are you serious, Bill? I never imagined we would receive so much. I was expecting we would just get £250 like last year.

**Bill:** Me too. It's wonderful! You know, I think Mr Lewis must have said something at the board meeting. He's always said how unfair it is that sports clubs get far more funding than academic clubs, so I imagine the extra money might have something to do with him.

**Laura:** Yeah, we've got a lot to thank him for; he's been behind the science club from the beginning. I'll have to speak to him when I have biology with him on Tuesday. Anyway, now we've got to decide what to spend the money on.

**Bill:** Well, obviously we'll have to discuss it with the other members the next time we get together on Wednesday, but why don't the two of us brainstorm for a few minutes now? I've got around 15 minutes before I catch the school bus at the front gates.

**Laura:** OK, great idea. My mum's collecting me in half an hour, so I've got a few minutes to spare, too. So, what do you think? To be honest, I've always thought the club could do with a desktop computer.

**Bill:** You're right. It would really help members who wanted to look up scientific topics online while they're at the club. And it would be especially useful for members who don't have the Internet at home. The school computer rooms are often extremely busy, so it would be nice for them to have somewhere else to go.

**Laura:** Of course. But don't forget that would involve installing an Internet connection too, and the bills would have to be paid monthly.

**Bill:** You're right. But I feel the cost would be worth it. If we get a second-hand computer and look out for the best deals for Internet providers, I'm sure we'll be fine. And don't forget we've also got the membership fees to spend, too. They should total around £100, so I'm sure we'd have enough for everything.

**Laura:** OK, well, let's put that idea to one side for now. What else? How about using some of the money to go on excursions?

**Bill:** Good idea. For instance, we could hire a bus and organise a trip to the Science Museum in the city centre. I went there with my cousins last April and it was absolutely amazing. The interactive exhibits really bring science to life!

**Laura:** I think that's a definite, then. It would make for a great end-of-term day out for us all. What else? Well, how about buying a few science-related books for members to look through while they're hanging out in the club room.

**Bill:** Not a bad idea at all. We could even start a small science library. And how about asking the school librarian if we could take some books from the library to get things started?

**Laura:** Great idea. And Kate's dad is a carpenter, so I'm sure he would help out with installing some shelving.

**Bill:** It all sounds very exciting. Well, let's think of other ideas over the weekend. I can't wait till the next meeting. Everyone's going to be delighted to hear the news.

**Laura:** See you then!