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Zadanie 1.

OK. That is all for our visit in London for today. Thank you very much for your attention but before I let you go I'd like to tell you a few words about what we'll be doing tomorrow.

First, you will have the chance to admire London's great buildings from an unusual perspective when we go up in the London Eye. Have you heard about the London Eye? It's a big wheel 135 metres high. It was completed in 1999 to mark the Millennium. Tony Blair officially opened it at the end of the same year. When the weather is good, you can see for 40 kilometres across London. The wheel moves very slowly – it takes about 30 minutes to complete one revolution. The London Eye is open every day, even on Sundays. Although for a week each year it is inspected by mechanics, and at that time it is closed to the public.

Our next attraction for tomorrow will be the Palace of Westminster. On a typical day you cannot go inside the palace to admire its beauty. Luckily for us, the queen is on a trip to the USA so we will be able to visit the queen's rooms.

And for those of you, who are keen on literature and love detective novels, I have a surprise – we will pay a visit to the famous Sherlock Holmes Museum at Baker Street. The house was built in 1815 and in the stories Holmes lives at this address. At the museum you can learn a lot about him. You will even be able to sit in Holmes's chair! Yet, remember it is forbidden to take pictures inside without permission. You have to buy an extra ticket for photographers if you want to take some photos

Well, I think that's all! Quite a lot I suppose, but I'm sure you will all enjoy your stay in London. Thank you for your attention! See you tomorrow! Bye!

Zadanie 2.

Heavy snowfall caused problems for people traveling across Europe just before Christmas this year. We are going to listen to some travelers who called our program to talk about the problems they had.

2.1. Speaker 1

Our flight to South Africa for our honeymoon on Saturday was cancelled so we had to return home. Our airline found us a flight to Cape Town only a day before Christmas. We had bought a package deal of flights within Africa and the contract said that if we missed even one flight, the rest of our trip would be cancelled. So, imagine what happened – because of snow our plane to Africa left a day late. As a result, we were stuck in Africa without a flight or hotel. That's why we had to come back home earlier.

2.2. Speaker 2

My friend and I were stuck in a hotel. This was supposed to be a two-hour stop over for a flight to Heathrow. Since we didn't have visas they took us to the Novotel hotel, held us under guard on the third floor of the hotel. We were not allowed to leave our bedrooms, the windows didn't open and they refused to provide water. They didn't let us make phone calls and we couldn't use the internet. We felt as if we were in prison.

2.3. Speaker 3

Berlin's Tegel airport was terribly disorganized. All the flights were cancelled and the queues were extremely long. At one point we discussed taking a train home but according to the media most of the trains were also cancelled. That's why we decided to re-book our flight for January. We always go to the UK before Christmas to see our family. As it was extremely difficult to leave Germany, we thought it would be best to change the dates of the trip.

2.4. Speaker 4

We had been trying to get back from Germany to the UK for a few days. Our airline sent us information that our flight was cancelled and it was probable that no flight would leave before Christmas so we gave up on air travel. Instead, we arranged to catch a lift with a friend who was being picked up by his parents on Wednesday. After a tiring trip in their car we got back from Germany through Calais.

2.5. Speaker 5

I picked up my wife from her work's Christmas party in Leigh. We got stuck on the motorway on our way back. Since there was a lot of information in the media about problems with travelling I took some food, water and boots. After five hours we managed to get within ten minutes' walk of our house and we had to leave the car there. I left Wigan at 9 at night and got home at 4 in the morning. Such a trip normally takes less than an hour.

Zadanie 3.

Q: Today in our programme we will be talking to Jane Pierson about her job on a ship. How did you become a pianist on a cruise ship?

A: Well, I tried several things. First, I sent my job application over the Net. I even had a video audition to get the job on a ship. Unfortunately, I wasn't successful. After that I finally decided to find someone who would represent me and look for a job for me. He's the one who got me the contract.

Q: What kind of piano-playing experience do you have?

A: I did a master's degree in jazz performance at New York University. Most musicians claim that they have dreamt to become musicians since their childhood. I must say that I didn't always know that I wanted to be a musician, but in college it became clear that I only had a passing interest in everything else. Playing musical instruments gave me a real and lasting pleasure unlike other interests I had.

Q: What's the living situation like on a ship?

A: It's quite good. I am not a high staff member, so I have to share a room with a roommate, who is also a band member. Living quarters are small and rather crowded. My room looks like half a typical room with no windows and two people inside. There aren't many things inside, which is good – if there were, we wouldn't have any free space. There's only one small desk, TV, and a tiny bathroom. I miss having a computer to keep in touch with people. There are some disadvantages to working here – one is that you have to stick to a long list of rules and I personally hate following rules.

Q: Do you ever get seasick?

A: I don't often get seasick. Of course rough waves make everyone a little sick. Especially if you have to work or if the waves last for days. Some people take some tablets or crystallized ginger, but I believe those are all placebos. In most cases they do not work. Some people think fresh fruit juice is helpful but I don't agree. What I do is to make sure I have a full stomach – personally, I think that's the best. Just a full stomach and taking a short nap works for me.

Q: Thank you very much for your conversation.

A. Thank you.