

Read the text below and answer the questions that follow:

Modelul 1

It was already late when we set out for the next town, which according to the map was about fifteen miles away on the other side of the hills. There we felt sure that we would find a bed for the night. Darkness fell soon after we left the village, but luckily we met no one as we drove swiftly along the narrow winding road that led to the hills. As we climbed higher, it became colder and the rain began to fall, making it difficult at times to see the road. I asked John, my companion, to drive more slowly.

After we had traveled for about twenty miles, there was still no sign of the town which was marked on the map. We were beginning to get worried. Then, without warning, the car stopped. A quick examination showed that we had run out of petrol. Although we had little food with us, only a few biscuits and some chocolate, we decided to spend the night in the car.

- 1. What is the text about?**
- 2. What did the travelers expect to find in the next town?**
- 3. Why did John ask his companion to drive more slowly?**
- 4. Do you think that the car is the ideal means of transport? (give arguments to support your opinion)**

Modelul 2

Dr. Chen, a doctor living in Beijing, decided one morning to give her cat away. Dr. Chen thought that it was much better for the animal to live in the country. So she put Wei Wei in the car and drove 100 kilometres out of the city to her brother's house and left the cat with him. A month later she was shocked to hear that Wei Wei was no longer there! Then one night Dr. Chen heard a noise at her bedroom window. Unable to sleep she got out of bed and was surprised to see a thin cat looking in. She chased the cat away and went back to bed. Then, just as she was about to fall asleep, something landed on her bed. "It gave me a real fright and then I realized it was the cat and the cat was Wei Wei!" Now Dr. Chen says she will never give Wei Wei away again.

- 1. What is the text about?**
- 2. Why did Dr. Chen take the cat to the countryside?**
- 3. Why was Dr. Chen unable to recognize the cat in the first place?**
- 4. Do you think that keeping pets is the ideal hobby? (give arguments to support your opinion).**

Modelul 3

Mr. Ndobe left his house one morning and there, as usual, was his cat Zulu, sitting on his car. Mr. Ndobe, a South African businessman, chased the cat away and then got in his car and drove to work. Heavy traffic in the morning meant that Mr. Ndobe was unable to drive very fast so he was surprised to see a police car behind him flashing its lights. As Mr. Ndobe slowed down to pull over, he was surprised to see something large and grey slide down the windscreen. "It gave me a real fright and then I realized it was Zulu and was terrified." The policeman got out of his car and told the owner that he saw the cat and thought it was a toy being carried on the roof as a joke. Now Mr. Ndobe always checks Zulu is not near the car when he drives to work.

- 1. What is the text about?**
- 2. What happened when Mr. Ndobe stopped the car?**
- 3. Why did the policeman stop him?**
- 4. Do you think cats make perfect pets? (give arguments to support your opinion)**