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Vladimir and Helena have one more day of sightseeing in London. They are sitting on a park bench with a map.

“Let’s speak English even now,” says Helena, “we need to practise before we meet Mike’s parents. You read the map – my eyes are getting worse.”

“This map is not as good as the map in our guidebook,” says Vladimir.

“The guidebook has got more pubs than this map. I’m thirsty. Do you think Mike’s father likes a beer as much as I do?”

“Mike says yes, he does,” says Helena. “So our daughter can marry Mike – the fathers agree on beer. Maybe it’s the only English word you need!”

“Okay, okay. Now here’s my plan – we can go shopping again, or go to Hyde Park. Then we can take the tube to the British Museum.”

“Alright,” says Helena, “but I want to go shopping more than go to the park. I want to look at the shoes, and buy a new scarf.”

“Now she’s in heaven,” says Vladimir to himself. “But culture in London is less expensive than the clothes they wear.”

Vladimir and Helena walk along the high street to buy some souvenirs. Then they want to go to the museum. They ask an old woman for the way. “Excuse me,” says Vladimir. “Can you tell us the way to the British Museum?”



“Oh yes,” says the old woman, and she points with her walking stick.

“You can walk straight ahead to the first bus stop. Then take a number 32 bus, and get off at Oxford Street.”

“Is it better to go by the tube?” says Helena.

“You can catch the tube train from the nearest station,” says the woman.

“It’s on the opposite side of the street, next to the cinema, but it takes longer to walk there.”

“In that case, I need shoes more than I need culture,” says Helena.

English Practice

Doplňte do textu následující výrazy.

straight – better – nearest – turn – line – less – more – know – across – opposite

Helena and Vladimir want to have lunch. They ask a young couple the way to a good English pub. They are at London Zoo.

Helena: “Excuse me, can you tell us the way to the (1) pub with good food? We want to have lunch.”

Girl: “Let me see. I know a pub near here. Just go out of the zoo, (2) right and then walk (3) ahead. The pub’s called The King’s Head.”

Boy: “No! That’s not a good place to eat. There’s a pub called The White Deer, and it has got (4) food than The King’s Head. The beer is also (5) expensive than in The King’s Head.”

Vladimir: “That sounds good. How far is it from here?”

Boy: “Just walk (6) the park. The pub is big, and it’s on the (7) side of the street. Then, you can walk along the road and go to The Sherlock Holmes Museum.”