

**Tapescript**

Narrator: **Part 1**

*Paul is listening to a play about John and Mary.*

You now have 40 seconds to study the questions below. *(40-second music)*

Now, listen to the conversation between John and Mary. When you hear a beep *(beep)*, answer the question. The conversation will be played two times. The conversation will begin now.

[Mary: Hey John, what are you doing?

John: *(quietly)*...Hold on...alright! *(splash)* I've just thrown a coin into this fountain and made a wish. I hope my wish will come true!

Mary: What is your wish?

John: I hope that my father will buy me a computer game for my birthday!

Mary: Oh, I like computer games too!

Narrator: Question 1: John and Mary are in a \_\_\_\_\_. // *(beep)* *(5-second pause)*

Question 2: Why does John make a wish? // *(beep)* *(5-second pause)*

Mary: John, you just made a wish by throwing a coin into the fountain. But did you know people in the past threw coins into their wells to make a wish?

John: No, why was that?

Mary: Long ago, most people were farmers, so water was very important to them. They believed throwing coins into the wells would keep the wells full of water.

John: Farmers nowadays don't need to do that because it's very easy to get water from taps.

Mary: You're right. Besides throwing coins into a fountain, are there other ways you make a wish?

John: Ha ha... I always make a wish before I blow out the candles on my birthday cake!

Mary: So do I!

Narrator: Question 3: Why did farmers in the past throw coins into the wells? // *(beep)* *(5-second pause)*

Question 4: What does John do to make a wish on his birthday? // *(beep)* *(5-second pause)*

Mary: John, I know of some other ways to make a wish as well.

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- John: Really? What are they?
- Mary: You can make a wish when you see the first star at night.
- John: The first star?
- Mary: Yes, it's just like the moon at mid-Autumn festival, full of light and lucky too!
- John: How interesting!
- Mary: You can also put a watermelon seed on your face and make a wish before it falls off.
- John: Like this?
- Mary: No, not there! On the forehead, just above your eyes.
- Narrator: Question 5: How is the first star like the moon? // *(beep)* (5-second pause)  
 Question 6: Where should John put a watermelon seed when he makes a wish? // *(beep)* (5-second pause)
- Mary: Oh, and do you know that 'shoes' can also help you make wishes?
- John: You mean the shoes on your feet?
- Mary: Yeah! Before you wear a new pair of shoes, put a coin in your left shoe and make a wish. Your wish will come true!
- John: *(surprised)* Really? I'd do that too if I had a new pair of shoes! I really want a computer game.
- Mary: But you can't just make wishes without doing any work. For example, you need to work hard to get good results in school. If you simply wish for an 'A' without studying, your wish won't come true!
- John: Alright... *(excited)* but I really hope my father will buy me a computer game!]
- Narrator: Question 7: Which shoe does Mary suggest putting a coin in to make a wish come true? // *(beep)* (5-second pause)  
 Question 8: What does Mary suggest John do to get good results in school? // *(beep)* (5-second pause)
- Listen to the conversation again and check your answers. The conversation will begin now.
- Repeat [ ] without the questions.**
- This is the end of Part 1. *(5-second pause)*

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