

Narrator:

Part 1

Ben, Susan's classmate, is talking to his mum.

Listen to the conversation. The conversation will be played two times. When you hear a beep (*beep*), answer the question. You now have 15 seconds to read the questions (*15-second music*). The conversation will begin now.

Mum: **【**Hurry up, it's very late! Get out of bed! You're not yet ready for school! You need to wash, have breakfast, pack your bag and get on the school bus! *//(beep) (8-second pause)*

Ben: Ok, Mum. (sleepy voice) Just a few more minutes.

Mum: No, wake up now! The school bus will be here very soon. Did you go to sleep early last night?

Ben: No, I slept late last night because I had many books to read for my homework. *//(beep) (8-second pause)*

Mum: I've told you to finish your homework first before you use the computer. Did you play computer games for one or two hours? Your father says you can only play for 30 minutes a day.

Ben: Ok Mum, I'm coming now. Don't worry. *//(beep) (8-second pause)*  
*(5-second music)*

Ben: Ok, I'm here now, Mum. What's for breakfast? Can I have bread and jam?

Mum: We have some cake, bread, but no jam. Ah, but you can have bread and ham.

Ben: Ham is okay, if there's no jam. *//(beep) (8-second pause)*

Ben: Mum, I also need some money for my lunch at school.

Mum: How much do you need? I think I only have \$50.

Ben: It's only \$15 for lunch.

Mum: Ok, here is \$50. Please give me \$35 back when you come home.

Ben: Thanks, Mum. *//(beep) (8-second pause)*

- Mum: Hurry up and finish your breakfast.
- Ben: I'll be home a little late today. I have choir practice after school.
- Mum: How long is the practice?
- Ben: Forty-five minutes. We start at half past three, right after school.
- Mum: OK, I'll come to pick you up right after you've finished your choir practice at about 4:15. *//(beep) (8-second pause)* We can go to visit your cousin and have afternoon tea at Café Lara.
- Ben: Café Lara! Great! I love those little triangle-shaped sandwiches. *//(beep) (8-second pause)*
- Mum: Ohhhh. Hurry up, hurry up! Have you packed your schoolbag? What lessons do you have today? *(nervous tone)//(beep) (8-second pause)*
- Ben: Yes, I've packed everything. I have English, Chinese, P.E., Music. No, hold on, P.E. is on Monday, not today.
- Mum: Today is Monday.
- Ben: Oh! Wait. Monday? What date is it today?
- Mum: 12<sup>th</sup> of May.
- Ben: Oh! Today is Teachers' Day. It's a school holiday. I don't need to go to school! *(excited tone)*
- Mum: How could we forget this?
- Ben: No school for today! Hurray! **】** *//(beep) (8-second pause)*
- Narrator: Listen to the conversation again and check your answers. The conversation will begin now.

**Repeat 【】 without pauses.**

This is the end of Part 1. (5-second pause)