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Chapter One

Junko and Hannah are friends. Junko is from Japan, and Hannah is from Germany. They study English at a language school in London. Now, they are travelling around the UK. They are in Scotland. They are going to climb a mountain today, so they get up early. They are staying in a small hotel near the mountain. The hotel owner, Gwen, is very friendly. Now, they are eating breakfast. Gwen is talking to them.

"Are you going to climb the mountain today?" asks Gwen.

"Yes," says Junko.

"Take care," says Gwen. "The weather is good now, but on the mountain, the weather changes very quickly."

"It's OK," says Hannah. "We have warm clothes, and lots of food and water in our backpacks."

"There is a hiking route on the mountain. Stay on the route. There are forests on the mountain. If you lose the route in the forest, you will get lost. A few years ago, a man climbed the mountain. He left the route in the forest to take some photographs. He got lost, and died on the mountain," says Gwen.

"We will stay on the route," says Junko. 🤇

"Be careful," says Gwen. "What time will you come back?"

"We will come back around three o'clock. We are going to have lunch at the top of the mountain," says Hannah.

Gwen goes into the kitchen. She comes back into the dining room with sandwiches.

"Here are some sandwiches for your lunch. Enjoy your day," says Gwen.

"Thank you!" say Junko and Hannah.

Junko and Hannah walk out of the dining room and go up to their room. They pack the sandwiches in their backpacks.

"Gwen is very kind," says Hannah.

"I think so too," says Junko. "We have sandwiches, meat pies, fruit, snacks and lots of chocolate. We have so much food!"

"And we have four bottles of water. My backpack is heavy!" says Hannah.

Junko and Hannah put their coats on and put their backpacks on their backs.

"OK! Time for an adventure!" says Hannah.

They walk out of their room and go down the stairs.

"See you later Gwen!" says Junko.

Gwen comes out of the dining room. "Have fun, and take care!" says Gwen.

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Chapter Two

Junko and Hannah walk to the mountain. It is a beautiful day. The sky is blue and there are no clouds.

"It is a good day to climb a mountain," says Hannah. "The view from the top of the mountain will be wonderful."

"I think so too," says Junko. "Look, here is a sign."

They read the sign ----Hiking Route----

"The hiking route starts here," says Junko. They start walking on the route. On both sides of the route there are many trees.

"The route goes through the forest," says Hannah. They walk on the route. After a few minutes, the route goes higher.

"We are climbing higher now," says Junko. She looks at her watch. "It is nine am. What time will we get to the top of the mountain?"

"About eleven o'clock," says Hannah. "At the top of the mountain we can take some photographs and relax. Let's eat lunch at around twelve o'clock, and then go back down the mountain."

"OK," says Junko.

It is quiet in the forest. There are no other people. They can hear birds singing. "It is so peaceful here," says Junko.

"Yes, it's beautiful," says Hannah.

After thirty minutes, they come out of the forest. On each side of the route there is grass and there are large and small rocks. There are some rocks on the route.

"It is difficult to see the route," says Hannah. "There are so many rocks."

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