READING COMPREHENSION

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Read the text carefully. Then answer the questions on Page 2.

A Different Way to Work

Ruby works in a clothes shop in the town centre. She usually goes to work by bus. The **journey** takes thirty minutes. Last Tuesday, she waited at the bus stop for a long time. Then a driver told her that the road was closed.

Ruby called her **manager**. She explained the problem and said she was going to walk. She had comfortable shoes, and the weather was sunny. She followed a **path** beside the river instead of walking along the main road.

On the way, she saw a small garden and a cafe. She did not know about these places before. She arrived at work after forty minutes. She was a little late, but her manager was not angry.

The next morning, Ruby left home fifteen minutes earlier. She walked along the same path. Now she walks to work twice a week. She still takes the bus when it rains, but she enjoys her new **route**.

Key vocabulary

journey - a trip from one place to another
manager - a person who is in charge of a shop or team
path - a narrow way that people can walk along
route - the way you take to get from one place to another

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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Answer in complete sentences. Use the text to help you.

1. Where does Ruby work?

2. Why could Ruby not take her usual bus last Tuesday?

3. Who did Ruby call before walking to work?

4. Where was the path Ruby followed?

5. How long did the walk take?

6. When does Ruby still take the bus?

Discuss with a partner

- How do you usually get to work or school?
- Do you have a favourite place to walk?

ANSWER KEY

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Suggested full-sentence answers. Accept equivalent answers with the same meaning.

1. Where does Ruby work?
Ruby works in a clothes shop in the town centre.

2. Why could Ruby not take her usual bus last Tuesday?
Ruby could not take her usual bus because the road was closed.

3. Who did Ruby call before walking to work?
Ruby called her manager before walking to work.

4. Where was the path Ruby followed?
The path was beside the river.

5. How long did the walk take?
The walk took forty minutes.

6. When does Ruby still take the bus?
Ruby still takes the bus when it rains.

Teaching notes

Read once for the main idea, then reread for evidence. Compare answers before discussing the two open questions.

Language and reading focus: Present and past simple; transport and frequency expressions.

Text: Original fiction. Discussion questions have no fixed answers.