

Practice Test 12

Listening Comprehension and Summary:

Please listen carefully and summarize the following passage.

When I get a cold or flu, I prefer using home remedies than going to a hospital. The thought of getting out of the house and waiting at the hospital for up to an hour or more seems like too much work. Instead I eat a hot bowl of chicken noodle soup, drink a glass of hot honey lemon tea, and if things get really bad, garlic soup. There are debates among health experts and doctors on whether home remedies really work or if it just has a placebo effect. If they ask me, I know my answer will be, "Yes, it really works!"

Discussion Questions:

Please answer the following questions.

1. When was the last time you felt happy?
2. If you could fly, where would you go?
3. Would you trust the government if there were an outbreak of a deadly disease?

Picture Description:

Which vacation would you rather go on?



Practice Test 12 Answers

Summary

The speaker says he would rather use home remedies rather than go to the hospital. Getting dressed and going outside to the hospital seems like too much work for him. He prefers to eat chicken soup, lemon tea, or garlic soup to treat his sickness. Doctors have argued about the usefulness of home remedies but this speaker seems to support them.

Discussion Questions

1. The last time I felt happy was when it was a few days before the summer vacation last year. The anticipation of taking my trip to Europe was intense. I packed my bags a week in advance and all I thought about during that week was what I was going to do on vacation. All of the conversations I had with my coworkers and friends were about my vacation. I think the time right before we take a long planned vacation is the happiest time. That was the last time I felt truly happy.
2. If I could fly, I would visit all of the highest peaks in the world. I would first go to the tallest building in the world, I think it's in Dubai, I don't remember the name. Anyway, next I would fly to the Swiss Alps because I hear the views are spectacular. Then I would fly up to Mt Everest. I think I would never be bored if I were able to fly.
3. I would absolutely not trust the government if a deadly disease broke out. With the MERS virus behind us, I think the government handled the virus poorly. I think there were a lot of mistakes made by the government during that time. I would take my own precautions and stay indoors as much as possible. I would also try to limit my contact with other people and stay closely updated with the news via the internet and television.

Picture Description

I would much rather go on the backpacking trip to Italy rather than go to a sunny beach for a vacation. Although I really enjoy the beach, I would rather do something more active on my vacation. I have always wanted to go backpacking but I was too busy during college and I had no money to do it. I always regret it when I don't go out and hike around the place I am visiting. I would really enjoy trekking through various cities with nothing except my backpack.