

GRADE 8

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- A.** John meets a new person at the bus stop.
- B.** John's daily routine at the bus stop is disrupted.
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Q2: Why does the new woman seem nervous?

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The internet has revolutionized the way we communicate with others. Social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter have made it easier to stay in touch with friends and family no matter where they are in the world. However, there are also drawbacks to constant online interaction. People often lose face-to-face communication skills and become overly reliant on digital devices. It is important to find a balance between staying connected online and engaging with people in person.

Q3: What is the main idea of this passage?

- A.** Social media is the best way to communicate with others.
- B.** The internet has both positive and negative effects on communication.
- C.** People should avoid using the internet altogether.
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Q4: What is one drawback of constant online interaction mentioned in the passage?

- A.** People become more sociable.
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Many animals have unique ways of adapting to their environment. For instance, the Arctic fox has a thick coat of fur that keeps it warm in freezing temperatures. The giraffe, on the other hand, has a long neck to reach leaves high in trees. These adaptations help animals survive and thrive in their natural habitats. Evolution has played a crucial role in shaping the characteristics of animals over time, allowing them to better suit their surroundings.

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