

### **Level I. Forms 3-4**

On the phone:

- Hello, I want to speak to Tony, please. Is he there?
- No, he isn't. He is playing football at the moment. He always plays football on Saturday afternoons.
- Well, can I speak to his mother, please?
- I'm sorry, but she went shopping with some friends. They usually go shopping once a week.
- What about Mary? What's she doing?
- She is swimming in the pool with her school friends now.
- Okay then, it seems that today isn't my lucky day at all. Can you just tell Tony to telephone me when he comes back home? Thank you.

### **Level II. Forms 5-6**

- Hi, Mum!
- Joe, you're home late. It's 4 o'clock.
- The bus was 15 minutes late. We only left at a quarter to 4.
- How was school today?
- Football practice was great. We used the sports hall because it was too wet to play on the school field or in the park.
- Do your football clothes need washing?
- My shorts are fine, but the t-shirt is dirty and the socks too.
- Give them to me then. Is your next match soon?
- Yes, it was on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March but I've changed it to the 15<sup>th</sup>. Oh, and I have to pay the teacher by the 12<sup>th</sup>.
- More money, I've already given you £4.50.
- That was just for the bus. I also want to get the photo of my team and that's £2.25.
- OK, but that's £6.75 for everything. It's quite a lot.
- Not really, Mum. Anyhow, can I go and do my homework now?
- You've got History to do, haven't you?
- I did that yesterday but I have to do Maths homework by tomorrow.
- What about Science?
- That's OK, that's next week.

### **Level III. Forms 7-8**

The first national park to be established in the United States was Yellowstone National Park in 1872. Hundreds of species of mammals, birds, fish and reptiles inhabit the park, including several that are either endangered or threatened. In the 1990s, wolves, imported from Canada, were re-introduced into the park, and by 2005 there were 13 packs of wolves in the park, made up of 326 individual wolves. The park is also home to about 600 grizzly bears and 30,000 elk. Other less commonly seen mammals in the park are mountain lions and wolverines.

Forest fires are frequent in Yellowstone Park. About 35 natural forest fires are started by lightning every year. Well, another 6 to 10 fires are started by people, usually by accident. However, forest fires are not always a bad thing as the trees in the park have adapted to fire in various ways. Lodgepole pine trees need the heat of fire to scatter their seeds. Aspen trees sprout new growth from their roots. Douglas fir trees are protected by the very thick bark and White Park pine trees grow best in colder and moister areas.

### **Level IV. Forms 9-11**

Yellowstone National Park stretches over 3 states (Wyoming, Montana and Idaho) and is well known for its wild life and geothermal features. In fact half of the Earth's geothermal features are in Yellowstone Park. The park covers an area of almost 9,000 square kilometres, made up of lakes, canyons, rivers and mountain ranges.

Yellowstone Lake, at 2,357 metres above sea level and 122 metres deep, is one of the largest high-altitude lakes in North America and is centred over the Yellowstone Caldera, the largest super volcano on the continent. The Caldera is considered to be an active volcano as it has erupted with tremendous force several times in the last 2 million years. Lava flows and rocks from volcanic eruptions cover most of the land area of Yellowstone.

Yellowstone Park is famous for its geysers, which are springs that throw jets of hot water or steam into the air at intervals. It is home to the most famous geyser in the world, – 'Old Faithful', – so called because it erupts at regular intervals, and the largest active geyser in the world which is called – 'The Steam Boat Geyser', one of the total of 450 geysers in the world, 2/3 of them are in Yellowstone park, 300 in all.