



An Indian Adventure

Hannah climbed up the steep step onto the ramshackle old bus and squeezed into the seat between her parents. Across the aisle a small child in a tattered t-shirt laughed and pointed.

"Why is he laughing at us?" whispered Hannah.

"Because Dad is too tall to fit onto the bus seat," said Mum.

The engine of the bus spluttered into life and they were jolted this way and that as the bus wove its way through the crowded streets, occasionally thudding down into the potholes which made them jump out of their seats so much that Dad banged his head on the ceiling several times. Suddenly the bus lurched to a halt and dozens of people poked their heads out of the windows to see what was going on. Hannah stretched as far as she could until she could see two skinny cows lying in the middle of road holding up all the traffic. The bus driver hooted the horn loudly but the cows carried on chewing and refused to move, they even ignored the

motorcycles dodging between the cars. Eventually the driver bumped the bus up onto the pavement and drove around them; passers-by ran in all directions and a lady in a bright blue sari snatched up her child and darted into a shop doorway as the bus rattled past.

The traffic thinned as they reached the outskirts of the city and the bus trundled along, stopping now and again to allow passengers to get on and off.

Hannah spotted a lorry lying on its side in the ditch, its cargo spilling all over the road, just before they got to their stop. As they got off the bus she noticed all the people who were sitting on the roof and she waved to them as the bus pulled away.

"Wow!" shouted Hannah as she saw the hanging rope bridge, which spanned the wide, rushing river, "are we going to cross that bridge? It looks so dangerous!"

"Bet it's not as dangerous as that bus!" said Dad as he rubbed the top of his head.

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Section A

Choose the best word or group of words to fit the passage and put a ring around your choice.

Hannah climbed up the steps into the old

1 **bridge** **train** **plane** **bus**

and sat down. The engine started and they were

2 **rocked** **bounced** **jolted** **thrown**

this way and that. Dad banged his

3 **arm** **head** **knee** **elbow**

several times. Suddenly they stopped because

4 **two skinny cows** **a fat donkey** **a large motorbike**

were holding up the traffic. The driver went on the

5 **gutter** **roundabout** **pavement** **path**

to drive round the problem. They finally stopped at the

6 **lorry in the ditch.** **the people on the roof.**

the hanging rope bridge.

Dad rubbed the top of his head as they got off.

Section B

1 Why did a small child laugh at Dad?

2 Why did the lady with the blue sari snatch up her child?

3 Why did Dad rub the top of his head?

4 What was Hannah's reaction to seeing people sitting on top of the bus?

5 Name three dangerous things that are described in this story.

6 Why was the rope bridge dangerous?

7 What is a 'ramshackle old bus'?

Section C

Describe something you have seen that you thought was really dangerous.

World's Cheapest Car is Launched in India

The Tata Nano, the world's cheapest car, was launched in India in 2009. The Nano went on sale costing just 100,000 rupees (£1,366).

Tata, the manufacturer, hoped the three metre long, five-seater car would be cheap enough to encourage millions of Indians to trade in their motorcycles and buy a new car.

Tata owner, Ratan Tata, described the Nano as a 'milestone'. He also said, "I think we are at the gates of offering a new form of transport to the people of India. I hope it will provide safe, affordable, four-wheel transportation to families who till now have not been able to own a car."

Environmentalists warned that the Nano will add to India's already clogged up roads and pollution levels will soar.

The Nano has a 33bhp, 624cc engine at the rear and four forward gears. It weighs only 600Kg. It has no boot lid so luggage has to be loaded by folding down the back seat. It has only one windscreen wiper and one door mirror. Each wheel is held on with only three nuts instead of four. Engineers from the Tata factory said they have done everything they can to reduce the number of parts used and make the car as cheap as possible to buy.

Gopal Pandurang, a chauffeur for top Indian businessmen was delighted when he heard about the car. "All these years I have spent my life driving wealthy people around in air conditioned



comfort during the week and at the weekends I take my own family out on the bus because I could not fit everyone on my motorcycle."

"I was shocked," said Rakhee, Mr Pandurang's twenty four year old daughter, "when such a cheap car was announced. My father, my brother and myself are working together to save for the deposit. We hope to buy one next year."

World's Cheapest Car is Launched in India

Section A

Choose the best word or group of words to fit the passage and put a ring around your choice.

The world's cheapest car was launched in

1 2007. 2008. 2009. 2010.

It cost just 100,000 rupees

2 (£3,166) (£1,366) (£6,136) (£1,636)

to buy. The manufacturer hoped

3 hundreds thousands millions trillions

of Indians would sell their

4 bicycles canoes rickshaws motorcycles

to buy a new car. Some people warned that the

5 Nono Nano Naughty Nice

would clog up India's roads. So few parts are used to build this car that each wheel is only held on by

6 one nut. two nuts. three nuts. four nuts.

Section B

1 Complete the table below:

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Length in metres: | |
| Number of seats: | |
| Brake horse power (bhp): | |
| Size of engine in cc: | |
| Number of forward gears: | |
| Weight in kg: | |

2 Who did Tata, the manufacturer, think would buy this car?

3 Why is the car company called 'Tata' motors?

4 Why do you think not many Indian people own a car?

5 Why was Gopal Pandurang delighted when he heard about this car?

6 Why do you think Ratan Tata described this car as a 'milestone'?

Section C

Design an advertisement for this car giving as much information about it as you can.



Visit the...

Tandoori Palace

A High Quality Indian Restaurant

- Traditional Indian recipes and unique modern creations
- Triple award winner including best Indian Restaurant in the country
- Genuine Indian wines and beers available
- All curries freshly prepared and can be tailored to your specific tastes
- Plenty of parking
- Conveniently situated at the end of the High Street
- Excellent service
- Complimentary drink at the end of each meal

We specialise in a fantastic range of Indian curries originating from Northern India. Our dishes include tandoori, masala, balti and dhansak in chicken, lamb and king prawn varieties.

Take Away Service Available:

Simply phone through your order and your freshly cooked meal will be ready in thirty minutes at half the normal price.



Early Bird Special Offer

3 Courses for only £10

Available 5.30 - 7.30pm Monday to Thursday only

Telephone 020 7099 3830 to make your booking

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OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK 5.30 TO 11.30pm

Tandoori Palace

Section A

Choose the best word or group of words to fit the passage and put a ring around your choice.

Visit the Tandoori Palace, a high quality

1 **English** **Chinese** **French** **Indian**

restaurant. This is a

2 **single** **double** **triple** **quadruple**

award winning restaurant. Genuine Indian wines and

3 **soft drinks** **ice creams** **beers** **cakes**

are available. We can be found at the end

4 **of the pier.** **of the road.**

of the High Street. **of the lane.**

We specialise in curries from

5 **Northern** **Southern** **Eastern** **Western**

India. Freshly cooked take away meals will be ready in

6 **15 minutes** **30 minutes** **35 minutes** **45 minutes**

at half the normal price.

Section B

1 Fill in the following table:

| | |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Earl Bird Offer – 3 courses for: | |
| Open 7 days a week from: | |
| Booking telephone number: | |
| Website address: | |

2 Name two dishes served in this restaurant.

3 When is the 'Early Bird Special Offer' available?

4 Why do you think the special offer is called 'Early Bird'?

5 What does the phrase 'can be tailored to your specific tastes' mean?

6 What does the phrase 'Triple award winner including best Indian Restaurant in the country' tell you about this restaurant?

Section C

Write a menu for a restaurant which only serves your favourite foods.