Zadanie 1.

Today in our evening programme at 6 p.m. we are going to meet a very brave woman – Mary Johnson, who earns her living in an unconventional way, carrying passengers across a river in a rowing boat. Let me give you some information about our guest.

For more than a century Mary’s family has made its living carrying passengers across the Stirling River. Miss Johnson took the business over from her father. She has already spent a decade working on the river. Miss Johnson is the eighth member of her family to run the business, but in the past only men were involved in it. Women in Mary’s family usually did the housework and prepared meals for the men who worked on the boat. So with no other women before her it was difficult for Mary to get into the job. But Mary says rowing was part of her childhood. She was brought up by the river, learned to row a boat as a schoolgirl and has always dreamed about doing what her father and grandfather did. And her dream came true.

The journey across the river lasts about four minutes and costs just 80p per adult. The busiest days are in August when families come on holiday. Then, on some days she does 50 to 100 crossings. In May or June she can do a few crossings in the morning and then spend all afternoon peacefully reading a book.

Two years ago Mary decided that the story of her family deserves a book. A publishing company suggested someone else should write it but she decided to do it herself. The book called “The Story of the Stirling Ferry” has just appeared on the market and I’m sure that after watching today’s programme about this amazing woman you will run to the nearest bookshop to get a copy.

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Zadanie 2.

Good afternoon and welcome to our weekly programme “Teenage Forum”. Today a group of secondary school students are presenting their views on their relationships with their parents.

Speaker one: I enjoy the life I’m living. There is a lot of respect between me and my parents. The only thing that worries me is that sometimes my parents pay no attention to what I say. I think that if I have a reasonable opinion, they should listen to me. That might encourage me to turn to them more often instead of sharing my problems only with my schoolmates.

Speaker two: I love the free atmosphere at home. My parents don’t push me into doing things I don’t want to do. They treat me as a close friend and I treat them in the same way. I can always rely on my mum and dad because we are honest with each other. I often talk about my private life with them and I know they will never tell anyone my secrets.

Speaker three: My friends do things which upset their parents, like coming back home late or smoking behind their backs. But I have never wanted to do anything that would hurt my parents’ feelings in any way or cause them any trouble. They give me plenty of freedom, which really works for me. I hope to bring up my children in the same way.

Speaker four: Mum and dad have always motivated me to read a lot so that I can talk about stuff like art or politics. We sometimes exchange views on the news of the day. Though my parents don’t often share my opinion they are proud that I have one. And, the more I know, the more they expect from me. It’s really stimulating.
Speaker five: I respect my parents and they seem to trust me. So, I could consider myself lucky. But if I had one wish, I would like to spend more time with my friends. As an only child I miss company. Sometimes I ask: “Why can’t I go out and see my friends?” And even if my mum lets me go out, she sets a time for me to come back home, which I really hate.

Zadanie 3.

Interviewer: Six thousand bicycles will soon appear on the streets of London. The city is starting its ambitious bike-for-hire project. Today, in our studio, we have with us Tom Ranger responsible for introducing it. Hello Tom. Welcome to our chat show.

Tom: Hello. Thank you for inviting me to the studio.

Interviewer: First of all, can you tell us what the project is about and where the idea came from?

Tom: The project is to increase cycling in the city. Almost 500,000 journeys a day are already made by bike in the British capital. It is a lot, but we want to have more. The project was introduced when the mayor was elected two years ago. Then he sent members of his team to visit cities around the world and see how such projects worked there. They brought back many ideas from different cities and created a scheme perfect for London. At least we hope so.

Interviewer: Are you going to use special bikes?

Tom: Our engineers designed bikes which can spend 24 hours a day and 365 days on the streets whatever the weather. Generally, they are easy to use and difficult to damage. What’s more, there will be special electric vans that will transport bikes if there are too many of them in one place.

Interviewer: Have you tried such a bike out?

Tom: Yes. I have ridden the bikes and they are quite nice. You won’t win a race on them, but they are ideal for cycling around the city. I saw similar bikes used in other cities, too. The earliest program of that kind started in 1965 in Amsterdam but now the majority of people there have their own bikes so renting a bike is not so popular anymore. I also remember a project in Rome, which started 5 years ago. It wasn’t much of a success because Italians prefer scooters. But in Paris the bike sharing project was really a hit. It was popular especially with teenagers who enthusiastically joined it.

Interviewer: Now, the most important thing. What about the price?

Tom: Lessons learned from other cities show the first half hour should be free, then you’ll have to pay a fee of £1 a day or £45 a year.

Interviewer: Not very expensive.

Tom: Yes, you’re right. As a matter of fact, you can’t travel in London any cheaper.

Interviewer: And the last question, Tom. Do you really think people will like the idea of cycling to work?

Tom: I do. Surveys tell us that one in three people are interested in cycling and this is their opportunity to try it out, especially that the system is very easy to use. Bike-for-hire projects are green, great for the environment and people’s health. What’s very important, we hope it will reduce the number of people on crowded buses and the tube.

Interviewer: So, we’ll be looking forward to the project. Tom, thank you very much for talking to us today.