

EIKEN PRE 1st SPEAKING
LESSON 12

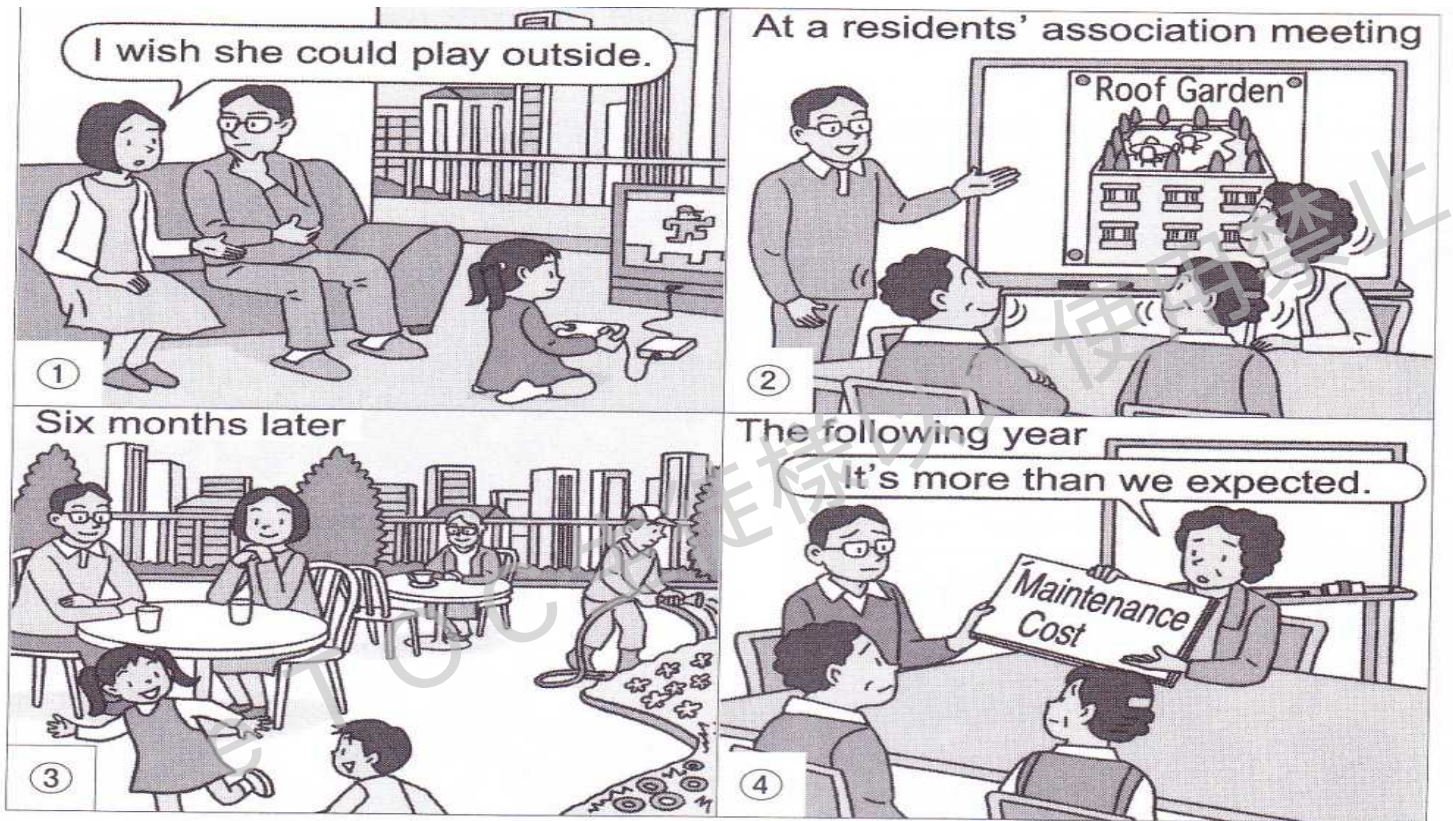
You have one minute to prepare.

This is a story about man who live in a condominium with no park nearby.

You have two minutes to narrate the story.

Your story should begin with the following sentence.

One day, a man was at home with his family.



- No. 1 Please look at the fourth picture. If you were the man wearing glasses, what would you be thinking?
- No. 2 Do you think that people today have good relations with their neighbors?
- No. 3 Should more be done to deal with the low birth rates in Japan?
- No. 4 Do you think that companies are making enough effort to produce environmentally friendly products?

SAMPLE ANSWERS

One day, a man was at home with his family. The man's wife was concerned because their daughter could play indoors. She said it would be nice if their daughter could play outside. At a residents' association meeting, the man talked about the problem with other members, and he suggested building a garden on the roof their condominium. The other residents thought it was a good idea. Six months later, the roof garden was complete. While their daughter ran around and played with another child, the man and his wife sat at a table and relaxed. They all seemed to be enjoying themselves. The following year, the man was at another residents' association meeting. One of the other members gave him a report showing how much the roof garden cost to maintain. She explained that it was more than they had expected.

- No. 1 I'd be thinking that I may have to ask residents if they'd be willing to volunteer to maintain the roof garden to keep costs down.
- No. 2 Yes. In my town, neighbors often exchange greetings, and they rely on each other in times of need, such as when someone gets sick or when there's an emergency.
- No. 3 Definitely. Unless people are encouraged to have more children, there won't be enough working people in the future to support the growing elderly population.
- No. 4 Yes. Many Japanese companies now realize that there's a growing market for eco-friendly goods, and that selling them will improve their company's image with consumers.