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**TI = Tourist information, T = Tourist**

**TI:** Bonjour Monsieur.

**T:** Ah, bonjour. Sorry, do you speak English?

**TI:** Yes, I do. How can I help?

**T:** I’m interested in the catacombs museum. Can you tell me if it’s open today?

**TI:** Err, let me check. I don’t think so. A lot of places are closed on a Monday in Paris. No. Every day except Monday.

**T:** Oh well. That’s OK. What time does it open?

**TI:** At ten and it closes at five … Would you like to book a ticket for tomorrow? I can do it for you here. There’s usually a long queue for the catacombs but if you book it here you don’t need to queue.

**T:** Oh right. That sounds like a good idea. But err … I’d like to know how long it lasts?

**TI:** The tour through the tunnels is forty-five minutes long and you might have to wait a few minutes at the beginning. So, about an hour in total.

**T:** Fine. Is there much walking? I can’t walk very far you see.

**TI:** Well, the tour is about two kilometres long. And there are some steps down under the ground at the beginning and then at the end.

**T:** Do you have any idea how many steps there are? Is it far?

**TI:** Over a hundred I think. Yes, a hundred and thirty.

**T:** Oh dear. Perhaps I’d better choose something else.

**TI:** Have you been on the sightseeing bus? It takes you all round Paris …

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