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| A & B: | Good morning Principal, Vice Principals, teachers and fellow schoolmates, we are from class 3B.  |
| A:     | Hey, Marcos, winter is gone and do you know that many shops are having seasonal sale currently?  |
| B:     | Sure, I have already targeted several items and prepared to make use of my red packets.....  |
| A:     | What kind of clothes u want to buy?  |
| B:     | One of my target is a trenchcoat from a famous brand, it's having 50% discount currently....I want to buy it as a birthday present for my mother.  |
| A:     | Wow, a trenchcoat.....it would be a very nice present, but your mother will have to wait until next winter to wear it, haha.<br>Speaking of trenchcoat, do u know its origin?  |
| B:     | Yes, I know that originally it was not designed as a fashion item, but was made for military purpose.  |
| A:     | Yes, the history of trenchcoat could date back to the WWI. Have u heard of trench warfare during the WWI?  |
| B:     | I know, it is a type of land warfare using occupied lines largely comprising military trenches, in which soldiers are well-protected from the enemy's arms fire. But what's the relationship between trench warfare and trenchcoat?  |
| A:     | Let me explain to u. As mentioned, soldiers dug the trenches as a shelter to protect themselves and to safeguard their side from enemy attack, they need to station at the trenches for a long time. Therefore, they had to face different weather conditions, such as heavy rainstorm, strong wind, cold winter. And trenchcoat was a perfect choice for soldiers to wear, because it was water-proof, wind-proof and could keep warm. Also, it was light in weight, which facilitated soldiers to move around. |
| B:     | I see, then I know why trenchcoat is brown in color now, because such color pattern could let the soldiers less noticeable in the trench.  |
| A:     | Exactly, and do u know where was the trenchcoat invented?  |
| B:     | Hmm.....Britain?   |
| A:     | Bingo, why would u know?   |

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| B:     | Haha, because the trenchcoat I want to buy for my mother is from a brand called Burberry, it is a British fashion brand.   |
| A:     | Correct, trenchcoat was invented by Thomas Burberry in 1900. At that time, British War Office wanted someone to design a coat to replace the military's current heavy coats. They approached a British outfitter called Thomas Burberry and he invented the famous trenchcoat as a result. Since then, it became a regular dress item for British army and was widely used during the WWI. |
| B:     | Speaking of the trenchcoat, u know the price is quite high, would u consider to subsidy me a bit?  |
| A:     | Now is morning, please stop day-dreaming.  |
| A & B: | That's the end of our sharing, Thankyou.   |