

Jen entered the room.  
Doos: hi jen  
Jen: hi  
Doos: oh dear  
Jen: oh dear what  
Doos: the screen went blank again  
Jen: when did gemmology first find its place in the oxford english dictionary  
Jen: no!!!!  
Doos: 1930  
Doos: it seems fine again  
Jen: 1811  
Jen: ok  
Jen: it better be good  
Annie entered the room.  
Doos: hi annie  
Annie: hello  
Jen: ok i brb  
Jen: hello  
Annie: oh i am there and here  
Doos: we'll talk here  
Annie: ok  
Annie: oh and the sounds off too  
Jen: i am back  
Annie: Hi  
Jen: so how are you  
Jen: 10 miutes we will see what kind of response we get  
Annie: good thanks, i tried to get a long nap  
Jen: yeah  
Annie: but could not sleep much  
Jen: gemma may come  
Annie: then I watched a movie on the telli  
Jen: cool  
Jen: so how do we start this study  
Annie: so what have you been doing  
Jen: i have never had a official study session  
Jen: skimming through a book  
Annie: well we take a subject  
Annie: and kill it  
Jen: and kill it  
Doos: poor subject  
Jen: doos is up  
Annie: importance is that if you need any questions to your study papers  
Annie: then ask here and have fun with it  
Annie: Doos what are you doing  
Doos: things that are not clear or of things you want more information  
Jen: oh well ni took the easy fun subject cause i have company so i can be  
distracted and it won't hurt  
Doos: zipping on some coffee  
Annie: cheers  
Doos: cheers mate  
Annie: yeah matie  
Jen: nothing is clear to me in the morning  
Doos: hehe  
Annie: oh, you head should be clear and transparent as a crystal in the  
mornings, you know

Annie: is the best time to study  
Jen: ok well i will just go with the flow  
Jen: flow  
Annie: wwho is your company today  
Jen: my grandma  
Annie: oh, she can jump in too  
Doos: if you two stay logged in on the forum, people will know we are here  
Jen: oh ok  
Annie: we should log in, yes of course  
Jen: i logged in  
Doos: good jen, here is a cookie  
Annie: i was logged in before  
Jen: haha  
Annie: back on now

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Doos: okay, it's time  
Jen: come on ppl  
Jen: do we go ahead and start  
Doos: yes  
Jen: i have no questions  
Doos: make up some  
Jen: i was just reading/skimming and learning stuff  
Annie: well we should start then or wait a few more minutes, what do you think  
Doos: start  
Jen: ok what was a fine one-carat alexandrite worth in 1939 in british pounds  
Jen: no answer  
Jen: fine you start  
Jen: lol  
Doos: since the cullinan came up, let's start with that  
Jen: ok  
Jen: what about it  
Annie: i must have misunderstood  
Doos: how so annie?  
Annie: i thought we are doing gems and formation and the history  
Doos: okay, then we'll start at the origins  
Annie: or are we doing famous diamonds and gems  
Doos: let's start at the origins and formation  
Jen: well famous ones are history of type  
Doos: more interesting  
Annie: is that ok  
Annie: is tht ok for you Jen  
Jen: history of gems the famous ones count  
Jen: what origins  
Annie: you know, we need to know very first thing when we start learning about  
gems  
Annie: geology and formation and move on to other stuff  
Doos: agreed  
Jen: ok well i was following my course and it starts with history  
Annie: which one do you prefer Jen  
Jen: then goes the earth structure  
Annie: if you are doing gemmo then it should have started with earth's structure  
Jen: so it is all in the first llesson  
Annie: i could be wrong

Jen: no it starts with history of the last 160 yrs reads goes back a bit further  
Jen: then we do earth formation  
Annie: ok  
Jen: and such  
Annie: what is your syllabus  
Jen: syllabus  
Jen: ??  
Annie: you don't call it syllabus  
Annie: your index of subjects  
Annie: maybe  
Jen: oh ok  
Annie: yeah, sorry  
Jen: lesson 1 introduction: rocks, minerals, and gemstones  
Jen: but it does highlight of the last 160 yrs  
Jen: then the earth on which we live  
Annie: right  
Jen: then products of nature  
Jen: qualities of gemstones  
Jen: precious versus semi precious  
Annie: yes  
Jen: crystals and glass  
Jen: chemical comp  
Jen: that is all included in lesson 1  
Jen: lesson 2 is crystallography  
Annie: ok so let's concentrate on your lesson 1  
Jen: ok  
Jen: but that is it is today concentration is difficult as i have a house full  
Annie: you should have at least a bit of gems and their occurrence in rocks  
Jen: that is why i thought if we went over the history and fun stuff  
Jen: yes  
Jen: a bit  
Annie: like rock classifications, their growth and the several geological knowledge behind it  
Jen: see this is the intro so it goes into more details later  
Annie: yes, you understand when it's in situ how they are found  
Annie: because it can be helpful in from ranging from microscopic examinations  
Jen: situ??  
Jen: u lost me  
Annie: like deposits  
Annie: in situ mean, the gem when it is found in the rock where they were formed  
Annie: or from the position of origin, driven from original rocks by wearing away  
Jen: chapter 2 of reads book is geological formation and occurrence of gemstones  
Doos: maybe we are going too fast  
Jen: then chapter 3 is the chemical comp  
Doos: since jen is very busy with her company as well, we could find a "lighter" subject  
Jen: which until tues i have not had time to get that far into it again  
Jen: too many kids and too much going on  
Doos: then next week on the formation of rocks etc.  
Annie: ok  
Jen: that is why i thought of gems and history the funner stuff  
Jen: yes cause i am asked questions and have others talking to me as well here  
Jen: ok

Annie: ok, but i have idea and a cronology on the gems history  
Jen: and my hubby keeps calling out 4x4s he is finding that he wants to buy  
Jen: grrrr to him  
Annie: but have no idea on their costs and stuff -  
Jen: what is cronology  
Doos: shall I start with some light facts on the cullinan?  
Jen: oh well that was just info I was trying to give out  
Jen: and see if you knew  
Jen: yes  
Jen: doos yes  
Annie: i did famous diamonds later in diamond tech  
Doos: after the cullinan was found, the south-africans had no idea what to do with such a large rock  
Doos: so they gave it to king edward of England as a thankyou for his support in the boerwar  
Annie: it was as big as a fist  
Doos: Edward send it to Amsterdam to have it cut  
Doos: the cutter studied the stones for ages and one day he wanted to start cleaving  
Doos: the blade broke and the cutter fainted from nerves  
Jen: 3106 carats in rough  
Annie: yep  
Doos: the second blow went better and the stone was the cut and facettted by a large group of diamondcutters  
into almost 100 pieces  
Jen: wow  
Doos: 105 to be exact  
Doos: the famous cutter's name was Asscher  
Annie: yeah, when he cleaved it, he had 1- people present there watching him  
Annie: 10 people  
Annie: 9 pieces were cut from this piece alone  
Annie: the first one Cullinan 1 was the largest one cut - large pear shape  
Annie: which was named star of africa  
Jen: ok well what i have is the cullinan2  
Jen: yes the star of africa  
Jen: is the 4rth largest polished diamond in the world  
Jen: havng 66 facets  
Annie: the second one was called the lessor star of africa  
Jen: weighing 317.40 carats  
Annie: its set in kings crown  
Jen: ok you r right  
Jen: srry  
Jen: i have the picture of the crown in front of me  
Annie: yes  
Annie: good  
Jen: wow could you imagine holding that stone in your hand  
Annie: no 3 was also a pear given as a gift to Queen Mary in her crown  
Annie: yeah, that would be heavy alright  
Jen: lets go to the tower of london  
Jen: that is where the crown is  
Annie: oh yes  
Annie: no 4 was a cushion cut  
Jen: any one know where i can get a small rough diamond  
Jen: are you 2 tyoing  
Annie: i bought once a very small octahedron crystal

Jen: typing  
Annie: they said it was a canadian crystal  
Jen: a diamond placed overnight in water  
Doos: I was thinking which vendor sells rough on the internet  
Jen: and then drank in the morning  
Annie: you wana drink diamond water  
Jen: is an excellent fortifying remedy for combating stress, during convalescence and periods of exhaustion  
Annie: ok  
Jen: placed as a third eye between the eyebrows a diamond will help combat mental illness  
Annie: you know which one is my favourite  
Jen: the water also removes blockages and impurities  
Jen: tanzanite  
Annie: yes that too,  
Annie: in famous diamonds  
Annie: i mean  
Jen: know  
Jen: tiffany is very pretty  
Doos: koh-i-noor?  
Annie: no  
Jen: where did doos go  
Doos: I'm here  
Jen: oh there you are  
Jen: what one  
Annie: whats wrong guys  
Annie: aren't you having fun  
Jen: which one  
Jen: youve got me  
Annie: well, its the orloff  
Doos: tell which is your favourite annie  
Jen: i have never heard of it  
Annie: sorry, no one wants to join us today  
Jen: hmm have to look that one up  
Annie: 189.60 cct  
Annie: indian mogul rose cut  
Annie: its the story i like  
Doos: tell the story  
Annie: well this country gregory orloff was in love with this girl catherine  
Annie: she was catherine, the great of russia  
Jen: hey  
Jen: i just got interrupted  
Jen: i guess hubby is ready to head to the city  
Jen: so i need to shower  
Jen: damn i was enjoying this  
Doos: ah okay jen  
Annie: and he wanted to give her the diamond to win her favour  
Annie: oh you have to go  
Jen: sorry guys  
Jen: and grls  
Doos: it's okay jen, if you gotta go, you gotta go  
Jen: ok  
Jen: we should do one on healing properties of stones  
Annie: ok bye Jen, take care of yourself  
Doos: next week on the formation of rocks and minerals

Jen: i know it isn't a course subject  
Jen: but interesting and helpfu;  
Jen: or maybe just on a visit day  
Jen: ok formation of rocks and minerals  
Annie: alright  
Jen: i will have studdied and have my questions ready  
Jen: ok talk to you all later  
Doos )  
Jen: take care  
Doos: till soon jen  
Jen: bye all  
Jen has left the room.  
Annie: bye  
Doos: finish your story annie  
Annie: ok  
Annie: he paid some large amount of something like \$3.5 million today's terms  
Annie: for Catherine thinking she could fall in love with him  
Annie: and then wehn he presented it to her  
Annie: it did not wind over his love,  
Annie: instead he got rewarded with a marble palace  
Annie: The diamond was named after him "Orloff"  
Doos: hehe, I was expecting something like his head was cut of or something  
Annie: oh you are funny  
Annie: no he died alone in an insane asylum  
Doos: poor guy, atleast it made him famous  
Annie: yes  
Annie: i also like the story of Jacob  
Doos: from the bible?  
Annie: no the very first diamond  
Doos: tell (I don't know that sory)  
Doos: story  
Annie: ok  
Annie: his name was erasmus jacob  
Annie: he was only 15 in 1866  
Annie: the young guy who found the very first diamond which got a name of Eureka  
Annie: when he was sent by his father to find a stick and clean the drain  
Annie: he saw a glittering pebble on the ground  
Annie: and brought it home  
Annie: and gave to his mum  
Annie: Then this other guy came to vist them and saw the pebble on the floor  
with the childrens toys  
Annie: he picked it up  
Annie: and looked at it  
Annie: it was sparkling  
Annie: and offered money to mrs Jabobs  
Annie: so he could get it checked out  
Annie: The mother didn't accept the money and told him he could have it  
Annie: I think he had a dutch name  
Doos: oppenheimer?  
Annie: no  
Doos: de beers?  
Annie: Schalk Van Neikerk  
Doos: ah yes  
Annie: remember him  
Annie )

Doos: it's a dutch name  
Annie:  
Annie: then Neikerk met Mr. O'Reiley  
Annie: a travelling salesman  
Annie: then O'Reiley was the one who got it examined and it was found to be the very first diamond  
Doos: are you talking Australia?  
Annie: They also had to send the stone to Lond to determine how they would cut it  
Annie: no this is the one they found in 1866  
Annie: it was cut about 3 years later 10.70 carats  
Doos: not bad for a gift  
Annie: and placed on exhibition in paris  
Annie: yeah  
Annie:  
Doos: lol  
Doos: in what country was that?  
Annie: only in 1967 DeBeers then through oppenheimer presented to the parliament of South africa  
Annie: and now it is still on display today in kimberley in South Africa  
Annie: it was a yellow diamond  
MorningDove entered the room.  
Doos: Hi morningDove  
MorningDove: Good Morning  
Annie: Good morning Morning Dove  
MorningDove: Is this where we're suppose to be?  
Doos: lol, an hour ago morningdove  
Annie: yes this is the place  
MorningDove: I thought it was 11 a.m. EST  
Doos: uhm  
MorningDove: Well, was it interesting?  
Doos: slow start  
MorningDove: I was planning to "lurk"  
Doos: some nice stories about famous diamonds  
Annie: we've been telling stories  
MorningDove: Ooooooo, one of my favorite subjects!  
Doos: poor morningdove  
Doos: I can log it for you so you can read it later  
MorningDove: That would be nice, thank you.  
Doos: okay, will do  
Doos: holdon, need some soda  
MorningDove: Either of you interested in a nice diamond info site?  
Annie: which one  
MorningDove: <http://www.diamondcuttersintl.com>  
Annie: let me write down  
MorningDove: It's by Fred Cuellar  
Annie: ok thanks  
Doos: thanks  
MorningDove: Seems like a nice guy  
MorningDove: I talked to him for about 20 minutes yesterday  
Doos: yes I am  
Doos: on the phone?  
MorningDove: Yes  
Annie: you talked on the phone with him  
MorningDove: I bought his book Diamonds for Profit

MorningDove: Had a question, so I called  
Doos: aha  
MorningDove: Asked him about Rapaport  
Doos: what was his answer?  
MorningDove: Although others tried to start diamond pricing guides, they failed, and at least Rapaport makes it so there's consistency in pricing  
MorningDove: Sort of like GIA and their grading system  
Annie: the pricing varies a lot, do they know that  
MorningDove: Yes, but at least with the guide there's something to start with  
Doos: rapaport has a big influence on the diamond market  
MorningDove: It's what the industry uses  
Annie: yes i understand they have a big influence, some are advertising as 30% cheeep than Rapaport pricing  
Doos: those are often poor cuts  
Annie: no its a marketing strategy and gimmicks on the market these days  
Doos: (did you mean retailers annie)  
Annie: no merchants  
Doos: ah okay, then I take it back  
Annie: retailers are suffering because of that  
Annie: these things are very bad subjective matters as same as clarity and colours  
Annie: everyone has different ideas  
MorningDove: His book is good; if you go to his site you can also sign up to receive free his book How to Buy a Diamond  
Doos: you can add some 10% premium for a certified stone (which is what rapaport is based on)  
Annie: and is always inconsistent  
Annie: yes certified stones are more  
Doos: ah nice morningdove  
YourGemologist entered the room.  
YourGemologist: Hey Folks  
Doos: Hi yourgemologist  
MorningDove: Uh-oh, everyone behave  
YourGemologist: Though I would pop in....yeah right MD>  
Annie: hi Robert  
MorningDove: Hey  
YourGemologist: I am working on a new section of inclusions....Hi Annie...good to see you here  
Annie: good to see you too, how are you  
YourGemologist: Getting ready for the DVD but doing some test shots  
YourGemologist: So I thought I would post them up today and let you all see  
Doos: got enough pictures made already?  
YourGemologist: I have about 50...but am going to Dallas in a week or two and get the rest  
YourGemologist: Have to use 35mm and not digital for this  
Doos: 50 will keep us watching for a few hours atleast  
YourGemologist: The stuff I am posting today is digital so the quality is not as good as it will be  
MorningDove: Using slide  
YourGemologist: Yes  
MorningDove: They should be great  
Annie: it sounds fantastic Robert  
Doos: slide as in a slideshow?

YourGemologist: I am having a great time with it. ITs fun being back to gemology  
YourGemologist: No as in a 35mm slide that is scanned in  
MorningDove: No, Doos, slide reproduce better than print  
Doos: ah okay  
YourGemologist: Some of the inclusions are hard to capture on digital  
Doos: we call that dia  
YourGemologist: Anyway, I just wanted to pop in and see how you all are doing. I  
got lots to do so I am going  
to excuse myself and get back to it  
MorningDove: Okay, thanks for stopping in!  
Doos: have a great day  
Annie: was nice to talk with you  
Doos: and thanks again for setting this up  
mstanley entered the room.  
MorningDove: Hi  
Doos: hi mstanley  
Annie: Hi  
YourGemologist: We will have more of these in the future. Nice to see you all.  
Hoo Roo, Annie. I will have  
the Study of Inclusions up later today. (at least the first part)  
Annie: how is it going  
MorningDove: Shall we continue discussing Rapaport, or go to something else  
YourGemologist has left the room.  
Annie: Thanks Robert  
Doos: keep on going morningdove  
mstanley has left the room.  
MorningDove: Oops, guess we were boring  
Doos: lol  
Doos: your fault  
MorningDove: Yes, I guess I have that affect on people  
Mstanley entered the room.  
Doos: yes you are very affectious  
Annie: hi mstanley  
MorningDove: Anyway, you've got to have someplace to start for pricing  
Doos: mstanley: did you shut down the browser?  
Annie: guys do you mind giving us your names  
Doos: Alain here  
Annie: thanks Alain  
MorningDove: Barbara  
Annie: Hi Barbara  
Mstanley has left the room.  
Doos: lol  
Annie: oh my gosh  
MorningDove: (although Morning Dove is my Cherokee name)  
Annie: what are you doing Barb  
Doos: now it was your fault annie  
MorningDove: lol  
Annie:  
Annie:  
MorningDove: Next time he comes in we'll have to start talking thermodynamics  
Doos: you drive a cherokee morningdove?  
Doos: hehe  
MorningDove: Smart\*  
Annie:  
Doos (

Annie '(  
MorningDove: Okay, what's that?  
Doos: you are being mean  
Annie: which  
MorningDove: Your names appeared in blue  
Doos: oh that, we did : ( and this chat doesn't like that  
Annie (  
Annie:  
MorningDove - (  
MorningDove: the eyes didn't show up  
Annie: wrong one  
Annie:  
MorningDove: RJ has some nice emoticons  
MorningDove:  
Doos:  
Annie:  
MorningDove:  
Doos: so, what else did fred say morningdove?  
MorningDove: Oh, my gosh, can you imagine this coming at you?!  
Doos: you look like miss piggy  
MorningDove:  
Annie:  
Annie:  
Doos: can you imagine what kermit must have went through  
MorningDove: Okay, back to grown-up  
Doos: so, what else did fred say morningdove?  
MorningDove: I told Fred how some people felt about Rapaport...  
MorningDove: As he said, there has to be a starting point for pricing that everyone can follow  
MorningDove: What someone actually charges for a diamond is, of course, variable  
Doos: just a shame that the guide gets misused so often  
MorningDove: I wasn't going to subscribe, but Fred said I might as well, and in the larger picture, the price isn't really that much  
Doos: you don't need it yet morningdove  
MorningDove: Only if I want diamond prices  
Annie: i guess if you are in business, you need that  
MorningDove: I'm searching for a 2ct RB for my father. I'd like to know what pricing I'm looking at.  
Annie: well i had one for customer the other day  
Annie: but princess cut though  
Annie: not RBC  
Annie: what clarity and colour you searching for Barb  
Doos: morningdove, you gotta realize that what annie said is right, you can get them at a 30% discount anywhere  
MorningDove: above J and SI-1 at least  
Annie: ok  
MorningDove: I'd like to find out the wholesale so I can figure out the dump price and know how much over I'm paying  
Annie: you'd be looking at least \$20,000  
Doos: that will be about \$10,000  
MorningDove: Okay, I'd buy from Doos  
Doos )

Doos: I'm talking wholesale  
Annie: yes there is a difference  
MorningDove: I have a resale number, I don't plan on paying retail.  
Doos: this is a G Si-2  
Annie: is that like a business number  
Guest3113 entered the room.  
Doos: hi guest  
MorningDove: An SI-2 is acceptable if the cut is right. Yes, Annie, I have a business license  
Guest3113: hi  
Annie: hi Guest  
MorningDove: Hello, Guest3113  
MorningDove: We're talking diamonds, if you'd like to join in  
Guest3113 has left the room.  
MorningDove: I did it again!  
Annie: oops  
Doos: lol  
MorningDove: Maybe Guest3113 doesn't like diamonds  
Annie: yeah  
Doos: I think that was africanuck  
MorningDove: How can you tell?  
Doos: she is on the forum  
MorningDove: Ah  
Doos: just guessing  
MorningDove: Anyway, I need to get this diamond before December  
Doos: well, did you ask Fred about a price?  
MorningDove: No, that wasn't on my mind at the time  
Annie: is it for a special occassion  
MorningDove: His Diamons for Profit book came out in 1989, so I called to find out how I would get up-dated prices  
MorningDove: Yes, Annie, my parents' 50th anniversary  
Annie: oh thats nice  
Doos: well well  
MorningDove: I don't know how they did it!  
Doos: kept on breathing I think  
Annie: well done  
MorningDove: I don't think anyone else would put up with either of them, so they had to stay together!  
Doos: lol  
Doos: that would make a nice speech

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After this there was some more fun chitchat, I goofed while logging so the rest was lost.