

## Hint box!

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b) My handbag held the following items: a blue and green pencil case which my mum bought me from WH Smiths my black leather purse which doesn't have much money in it and my keys which consists of five different keys and many keyrings from around the world.

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ANSWERS MAY VARY.

The café served a wide variety of breakfast foods: a full English breakfast, with all the trimmings;  
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golden syrup and bacon.

