



Extra Training

Reading Task 8427

1. The following questions are incomplete sentences.

Beneath each sentence you will see four words or phrases, marked (1-4). Choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

1. Molly opened the book she had found in the bookcase and saw _____. At once she remembered that summer two years before when Andrew was staying in their country house.
 1. a dead mouse
 2. a red maple leaf
 3. a dried flower
 4. herself in the mirror.
2. The days they spent at the seaside were hot, but _____. The wind was too strong and the large waves were hitting the coastline with terrible force and the girls couldn't swim.
 1. John and Michael never had a possibility to enjoy the warm water
 2. Liz and Abby were having fun in the water all day long.
 3. The parents didn't let Stephanie and her sister enter the water
 4. Bob and Mary were sitting on the rock and watching the sea.
3. There were three funny kittens in the house, two were black and white with a funny grey spot on the forehead, _____. But the children usually went to the near-by forest to feed the birds.
 1. and Aunt Polly always put on her glasses to see what she was doing
 2. and one was black up to the end of the tail
 3. and they liked to read books about mice.
 4. and their grey paws were always dirty
4. Not so much was seen in the darkness when the lights went suddenly off. John _____. It was the only way in that situation, because he knew that there were some candles in it.
 1. tried to feel his way to the cupboard
 2. touched Mary's hand, because he was sure nobody would see it.
 3. found and opened a new box of chocolates that was standing under the table
 4. sat closer to Angela and put his arms on her T-shirt
5. A sudden cry from the house made them stop and look at the old building behind the trees. _____ and it seemed that it had been deserted long, long ago.
 1. There was some movement behind the new curtains
 2. There was light in nearly all the windows and the soft music was played
 3. Still they couldn't notice anything strange in its usual noisy life
 4. But the broken windows were like the eyes of the ghosts of the past
6. Mary always dreamt of visiting a foreign country and when she was offered to make a business trip to France, _____. She understood that it might be her only chance.
 1. she took her son to the shops.
 2. she was glad to refuse it.
 3. the boss knew she would hesitate
 4. she took the opportunity at once.
7. When Julia opened the window in the morning, she saw that it had rained. And the drops of water were still falling down from the leaves. _____ and she breathed in deeply to let that unbelievable freshness into her soul.
 1. The birds were singing cheerfully
 2. There was something unusually fresh in the air.
 3. The light of the sun was sparkling in the dew
 4. The air was cool, but heavy.

Part Two.

Questions 8-10 refer to the following text:

Read the passage and finish the sentences according to the information given.

Johnny was upset and when he came into the house, he didn't want his mother to see him. It was not because of the mark on History. He had expected to get it after his coming so late the day before. It was because of Alice, the girl who sat next to him in the class. He couldn't say that she was beautiful, but there was something in her eyes that made his heart leap.

During the first break she told him that she would go to the café with him to have an ice-cream and all the day he was thinking about it.

At noon she sent him a note and said that she would meet him near the café in two hours. He came at a quarter to two and was nervously walking near the door.

The time had come, but Alice didn't appear. And then, all of a sudden, he heard a strange noise in the near-by bushes. He came up to see and saw that the girls from his class were watching him and laughing. And Alice was among them!!!

8. Johnny was upset, because ____ .

1. *he was afraid that the mother would find out about the bad mark on History*
2. *he had come so late the day before and didn't sleep well at night*
3. *the girl who sat next to him told her friends about his feelings*
4. *Alice was not very beautiful*

9. Alice wanted to meet Johnny in the café ____ .

1. *at two o'clock*
2. *at noon*
3. *at quarter to two*
4. *at 2.15*

10. The girl ____ .

1. *didn't come*
2. *wanted ice-cream*
3. *made fun of him*
4. *was busy in the class*

