Spotlight 7	Reading Task 7102

Read the text and mark the statements
True (1), False (2), Not Stated (3).

The Prince and the Pauper (принц и нищий)

Tom Canty and Edward Tudor were born on the same day. Tom belongs to a family of beggars and thieves. His family is very poor. Tom sleeps on a dirty floor in the corner of the room. His father doesn't love him and often punishes him. On the other hand, Edward belongs to a very wealthy family; he is destined to be the King of England. His mother died when he was young. Like Tom, Edward has two sisters. His family and the whole kingdom love him.

Once Tom walks past the palace and through the gate he sees the boy wearing elegant clothes. It's Edward, the prince. The guards seize him but Edward orders them to let him go. Edward is surprised because Tom looks like his twin. He gives Tom some food and Tom tells him the story of his life. The prince becomes interested in his life and they swap their clothes.

From that moment, the people around them treat them according to their changed identities. The people from the streets and the guards from the palace laugh at Edward. He wanders the streets of London by himself without servants and friends. Tom's father finds him and brings home, the family thinks he is crazy. Tom, posing as the prince, tries to cope with the court customs and manners. His nobles and palace staff think "the prince" has an illness because he lost his memory. They are afraid he will go mad. They repeatedly ask him about the missing "Great Seal" (печать), but he knows nothing about it. Meanwhile, news reaches Edward that King Henry VIII has died and Edward is now the king. After a series of adventures Edward interrupts the coronation. Tom is eager to give up the throne. Edward and Tom switch back to their original places. They find the Seal which Edward hid in the suit of armor (доспехи) and Tom, when he found it, used it to crack nuts. Edward rewards everybody who helped him and names Tom the "king's ward" (a privileged position he holds for the rest of his life). Edward promises to reign with kindness and change unjust laws (несправедливые законы).

1. Tom and Edward are twins.
2. Tom is naughty and Edward is a very good boy.
3. When the boys swap clothes people take Tom for the prince.
4. When Edward finds himself at Tom's home, he is shocked.
5. Tom's family is sure the boy is mad.
6. Tom is eager to keep the throne and become the king.
7. Edward can't prove he is the real prince.
8. Now Edward knows what life of poor people is like and promises to be a good king.

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