



1. Вы услышите диалог. Для каждого вопроса А–Е выберите один правильный вариант ответа из трёх предложенных (1, 2 или 3). Вы услышите запись дважды.

**A. Who created funny names for constellations while camping?**

1) Alex      2) Jane      3) Both

**B. Who had the best moment in life in sports competition?**

1) Alex      2) Jane      3) Neither

**C. Who was at the victory party after the competition?**

1) Alex      2) Jane      3) Both

**D. Who used to buy ice-cream after school?**

1) Alex      2) Jane      3) Both

**E. Who liked topping in ice-cream?**

1) Alex      2) Jane      3) Both

A	B	C	D	E

2. Установите соответствие между текстами А–Е и рубриками 1–6. Используйте каждую рубрику только один раз. В задании одна рубрика лишняя.

1. The wonders of adaptation
2. A landscape of extremes
3. Echoes of the past
4. Tough conditions
5. Exploration methods
6. Sculptural landscape

**A.** Death Valley, located in eastern California, is an example of natural extremes and one of the hottest places on Earth. Stretching over 5,200 square miles, it is the largest national park in the United States, attracting adventurers, scientists and photographers. The rugged terrain of the valley, characterized by extensive salt marshes, high sand dunes and steep mountains, creates impressive conditions for exploration. Visitors often come to admire its breathtaking scenery and experience the unparalleled serenity of the environment where absolute silence reigns.

**B.** The climate in Death Valley is known for its severity: in summer temperatures rise above 49°C. In contrast, in winter daytime temperatures average around 16°C. Rainfall is rare and dry conditions contribute to its unique geological features. Despite these extreme weather conditions, the harsh beauty of the valley captivates those who dare to visit such an inhospitable environment.

**C.** Geological wonders of Death Valley tell a story of intense heat and erosion. The valley floor is dominated by salt marshes, known as the Badwater Basin, which is the lowest point in North America at 282 feet below sea level. Nearby the mesquite flat sand dunes rise majestically, with their soft, wind-sculpted sands inviting exploration and photography. Other formations, like Zabriskie Point and Dante's View, provide stunning views of the landscape with the dramatic elevation changes, attracting geologists and tourists.

**D.** Despite its reputation for desolation, Death Valley has an astonishing variety of flora and fauna. Life here has adapted to the extreme conditions, with hardy plants like the creosote bush and various cacti. Seasonal rains can transform the valley into a lush oasis of wildflowers, creating a vibrant tapestry that attracts nature enthusiasts during a short blooming period. Similarly, wildlife such as the elusive desert bighorn sheep, coyotes and a variety of reptiles thrive in this challenging environment, showcasing the delicate balance of life in Death Valley.

**E.** Death Valley also has a rich cultural history. The valley was inhabited by native peoples, primarily the Timbisha Shoshones, who lived in the region for thousands of years. Their knowledge of the land and its resources proves human resilience and adaptability. Furthermore, the ghost towns and mining operations that arose during the Gold Rush era offer a glimpse into the valley's past, where fortunes were sought and often lost in the relentless desert. Today these remnants serve as historical landmarks that tell the story about human efforts in the face of great adversity.

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3. Прочтайте текст и заполните пропуски А-Е частями предложений, обозначенными цифрами 1-6. Одна из частей в списке 1-6 лишняя.

### Origin of Chips

The origin of chips, especially potato chips, can be traced back to 1853, **A**\_\_\_\_\_ created them at Moon's Lake House in Saratoga Springs, New York.

Legend has it that a displeased customer repeatedly **B**\_\_\_\_\_, claiming they were too thick. **C**\_\_\_\_\_, Krum sliced potatoes into paper-thin slices, fried them until golden brown and salted them - a culinary innovation that soon won the hearts of snack lovers all over the world.

Initially, chips were considered a simple side dish, **D**\_\_\_\_\_ and became a usual snack in the United States and beyond. Over time, advances in mass production and packaging have made chips available to a wider audience. Today there are many variations, **E**\_\_\_\_\_ to various flavors such as barbecue, sour cream and even exotic spices.

- 1) but quickly gained popularity
- 2) sent back his fried potatoes
- 3) to calm him down
- 4) ranging from classic salty options
- 5) when a chef named George Cram
- 6) to become famous

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4. Прочтайте текст и вставьте вместо каждого пропуска, обозначенного буквами А-Е, подходящее слово, выбрав его из списка. Каждое из этих слов может быть использовано только один раз. Два слова в списке 1-8 лишние.

### House Of Tomorrow

The houses of tomorrow represent a harmonious **A**\_\_\_\_\_ of technology, eco-friendliness and innovative design, creating spaces meet our needs and enrich our lives. Thanks to **B**\_\_\_\_\_ in smart home technology, AI will be integrated into these residential buildings to **C**\_\_\_\_\_ comfort and safety, and environmentally **D**\_\_\_\_\_ materials and energy-efficient systems will minimize carbon dioxide emissions.

In **E**\_\_\_\_\_, vertical gardens and solar panels will transform urban spaces, turning roofs into lush green reserves. This visionary approach to architecture **F**\_\_\_\_\_ to ensure that as society evolves, our homes adapt and thrive in harmony with the environment.

1. increase
2. blend
3. wants
4. addition
5. aims
6. advances
7. conclusion
8. friendly

A	B	C	D	E	F

### Часть 2

5. Прочтайте приведённый ниже текст. Преобразуйте, если необходимо, слова, напечатанные заглавными буквами в конце строк с пропусками, обозначенными номерами 1-6, так, чтобы они грамматически соответствовали содержанию текста. Впишите полученные слова на места пропусков разборчивым почерком.

In 2008, the BBC captivated audiences around the world with an unusual video report **1**\_\_\_\_\_ an amazing story about flying penguins discovered in Antarctica. According to the story, these wonderful birds, which have the ability to fly, make a seasonal migration to the lush tropical forests of South America, escaping from the harsh winter cold.

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<p>The idea of penguins taking off delighted the audience, turning the video clip into one of the <b>2</b> _____ on YouTube.</p>	<p>POPULAR</p>
<p>However, it turned out to be a British prank for the first of April. In another case, when the media played a joke, the British public <b>3</b> _____ furious in response to the BBC announcement of the replacement of the iconic clock face on Big Ben. The proposal to replace the historical clock with a modern one with an electronic dial, which <b>4</b> _____ "fully in line with the spirit of the times," caused universal resentment about a precious national symbol. The hype, however, was short-lived, as it soon became clear that this announcement was a prank.</p>	<p>BECOME</p>
<p>Once a special report by the Soldier magazine detailed an amazing discovery regarding bear fur worn by Buckingham Palace guards. The article said that the fur on their iconic hats continued to grow despite being cut from the animals, which required periodic haircuts. This strange statement attracted the attention of the scientific community, which <b>5</b> _____ to use the unique properties of bear fur in the development of <b>6</b> _____ for baldness.</p>	<p>BELIEVE</p>
<p>However, the story was unmasked by the London Daily Express newspaper in a humorous tone.</p>	<p>GO REMEDY</p>

#### ЛИНГВОСТРАНОВЕДЧЕСКИЙ ТЕСТ

**6. Для каждого предложения А–Е выберите один правильный вариант ответа из четырёх предложенных (1, 2, 3 или 4).**

**A. The name of the park in London known for its Speaker's Corner is ...**

- 1) Hyde Park
- 2) Regent's Park
- 3) Green Park
- 4) St James's Park

**B. New Year celebration in Scotland is called ...**

- 1) Notting Hill Carnival
- 2) Bonfire Night
- 3) Hogmanay
- 4) Eisteddfod

**C. What animals are depicted on the coat of arms of Australia?**

- 1) the kangaroo and the koala
- 2) the kangaroo and the emu
- 3) the koala and the emu
- 4) the echidna and the dingo

**D. What state in the USA has the nickname "The Golden State"?**

- 1) Washington
- 2) New York
- 3) Texas
- 4) California

**E. The traditional place of coronation for English monarchs is ...**

- 1) St. Paul's Cathedral
- 2) Westminster Cathedral
- 3) Westminster Abbey
- 4) the Tower of London

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#### 7. WRITING.

You have received an email message from your English-speaking pen-friend Lauren:

**From:** Lauren@mail.uk

**To:** Russian\_friend@mail.ru

**Subject: Arguments**

... Recently I have quarrelled with my best friend Lisa because she doesn't keep her promises. We still don't talk. I'm very upset.

Do you often quarrel with friends? What do you usually argue about? What can you advise me to do to make peace with my friend?

... You know, tomorrow I will make a presentation of my project...

Write a message in response to Lauren. In your message:

- answer her questions;
- ask **2 questions** about her project.

Write **100-130 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing

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**To:** Lauren@mail.uk

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