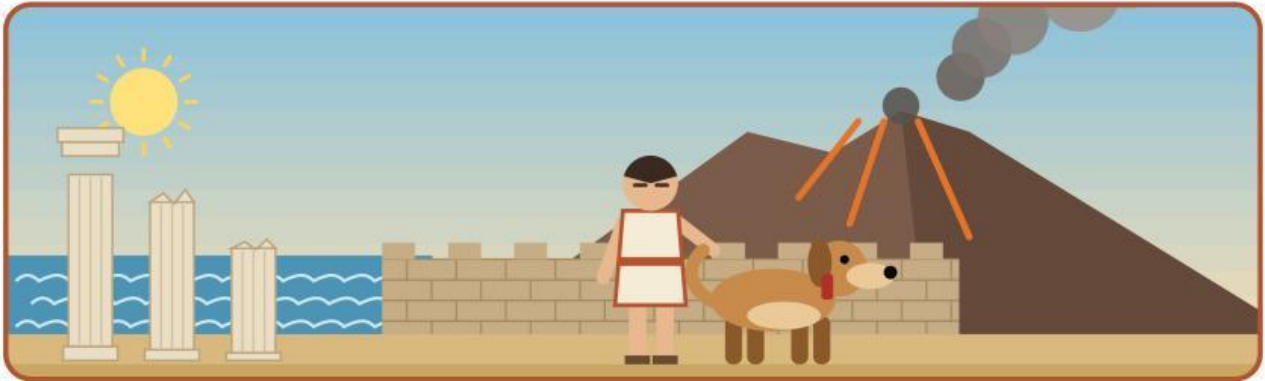


The Dog of Pompeii

Reading · Vocabulary · Speaking | after the story by Louis Untermeyer



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TASK 1

Answer the questions below.



1. Have you ever heard about the town Pompeii? If yes, what do you know about it?

2. Have you ever seen Karl Bryullov's picture 'The Last Day of Pompeii'? If yes, what do you remember about this picture?

If you don't know the answers to the first two questions, ask your teacher 5 questions about the ancient town Pompeii.

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TASK
2

Match the words below with their Russian/Ukrainian equivalents.



Part 1

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| 1. merry | ☐ | ☐ a) подушка / подушка |
| 2. blind | ☐ | ☐ b) горожанин, гражданин /
городянин, громадянин |
| 3. birth | ☐ | ☐ c) по крайней мере / принаймні |
| 4. a mystery | ☐ | ☐ d) товарищ по играм / товариш
по іграх |
| 5. a playmate | ☐ | ☐ e) веселый, жизнерадостный /
веселий, життєрадісний |
| 6. a nurse | ☐ | ☐ f) особый / особливий |
| 7. a pillow | ☐ | ☐ g) землетрясение / землетрус |
| 8. exactly | ☐ | ☐ h) площадь / площа |
| 9. dry | ☐ | ☐ i) рождение / народження |
| 10. thirsty | ☐ | ☐ j) няня / нянька |
| 11. a square | ☐ | ☐ k) сухой / сухий |
| 12. a citizen | ☐ | ☐ l) слепой / сліпий |
| 13. at least | ☐ | ☐ m) точно / точно |
| 14. particular | ☐ | ☐ n) тайна / таємниця |
| 15. an earthquake | ☐ | ☐ o) испытывающий жажду / той,
що відчуває спрагу |

Part 2

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| 16. to destroy | ☐ | ☐ a) взрыв / вибух |
| 17. a loss | ☐ | ☐ b) булочная / булочна |
| 18. thick | ☐ | ☐ c) тянуть / тягти |
| 19. a throat | ☐ | ☐ d) вперед / уперед |
| 20. to cough | ☐ | ☐ e) дышать / дихати |
| 21. to pull | ☐ | ☐ f) боль / біль |
| 22. to push | ☐ | ☐ g) удивлять, поражать / дивувати, вражати |
| 23. except | ☐ | ☐ h) потеря / втрата |
| 24. to breathe | ☐ | ☐ i) густой, плотный / густий, щільний |
| 25. forward | ☐ | ☐ j) горло / горло |
| 26. an explosion | ☐ | ☐ k) руины / руїни |
| 27. pain | ☐ | ☐ l) кроме / крім |
| 28. a bakery | ☐ | ☐ m) уничтожать / знищувати |
| 29. to astonish | ☐ | ☐ n) толкать / штовхати |
| 30. ruins | ☐ | ☐ o) кашлять / кашляти |

TASK
3**Read the story and decide if the statements after it are true or false.**

Tito and his dog Bimbo lived under the town wall in Pompeii. It was one of the biggest and busiest Roman towns, but Tito had no home there and wasn't its merriest citizen. Tito had been blind from his birth, and nobody knew his parents or where he was from.

Bimbo was another mystery. As long as people could remember seeing Tito, they had seen Bimbo. He was his playmate, his nurse, his pillow, his father and mother. The dog left Tito alone exactly three times a day as it had to get food for them both. Bimbo never returned without a piece of dry bread or a bit of meat in his teeth. But sometimes, if Bimbo was lucky, it came back with a sweet cake that Tito liked so much. Besides there was plenty of rain water, so they were never thirsty.

Most afternoons Tito spent in the Forum¹, the central square of Pompeii, to which every citizen came at least once a day. On that particular day people were talking about the earthquake that had happened 12 years before. It was a light one. It destroyed only some weaker houses and a part of the town wall, but there was little loss of life. That day people began to talk about the earthquake because they saw a column of smoke above the volcano Vesuvius².

The next morning Bimbo was unusually active and Tito couldn't understand whether the dog wanted to play or was trying to tell him something. Tito suddenly felt sleepy. Besides there was a thick fog in the air that got into his throat and made him cough. He lay down under the town wall and fell asleep. But some time later he felt Bimbo pulling him to his feet and pushing him forward. Tito was still half asleep and could notice nothing except that it was hard to breathe. Then he began to hear strange sounds, like animals under the earth. The earth seemed to breathe. Suddenly there was an explosion that tore the earth and the sky. The houses around began to fall down. To walk was not enough, they had to run, but the boy was too weak to go on and he fell on the side of the road. The dog pushed Tito but there was no answer. Then Bimbo did the last thing he could – he bit his comrade! With a cry of pain Tito jumped to his feet and ran as fast as he could till he reached the sea and felt soft sand under his feet. When he came around³ he was on a fisherman's boat far from the burning town. "Bimbo!" cried the boy, but got no answer. The dog had disappeared.

Eighteen hundred years passed. Archaeologists were restoring the old town of Pompeii. One day they found the skeleton of a dog in one of the houses that looked like a bakery. "Astonishing!" said one of them. "It is the only dog we have found in the ruins; all the others had enough sense to run away in time!" For a long time they looked at the dog with a piece of a stone cake in its teeth.

¹ Forum ['fɔːrəm] – Римський форум ² Vesuvius [vi'suːviəs] – Везувій ³ to come around – приходит в себе, отяменеть



Task 3 • True or False?

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Tito and Bimbo lived under the town wall in Rome.	☐	☐
2. Tito couldn't see and hear since he was born.	☐	☐
3. People of Pompeii had no idea where the boy and the dog came from.	☐	☐
4. The dog Bimbo took care of Tito.	☐	☐
5. The dog never left Tito alone.	☐	☐
6. The boy had to feed himself and the dog.	☐	☐
7. Every day Bimbo brought the boy bread, meat and sweet cakes.	☐	☐
8. The Forum was the usual meeting place of Pompeii citizens.	☐	☐
9. A column of smoke above Vesuvius reminded people of a tragic event.	☐	☐
10. The earthquake that happened 12 years before did not take any people's lives.	☐	☐
11. The next morning the boy and the dog were unusually active.	☐	☐
12. Some time later the boy fell ill and started coughing.	☐	☐
13. The dog made the boy run by hurting him.	☐	☐
14. Tito did not know that the dog had run away.	☐	☐
15. Archeologists thought that the dog with a stone cake in its teeth was stupid.	☐	☐

TASK
4**Answer the questions about the story.**

1. Where was the town of Pompeii situated?

2. What was it like?

3. Where did Tito and Bimbo live?

4. What did people know about them?

5. What did Bimbo do for the boy?

6. What food did the dog bring to his companion?

7. What role did the Forum play in the life of Pompeii people?

8. What did people speak about in the Forum on that particular day?

9. What reminded them of the earthquake?

10. What kind of earthquake happened 12 years before?

11. How did Bimbo behave the next morning?

12. How did Tito feel?

13. What could Tito hear?

14. What suddenly happened?

15. How did the dog make the boy get up and run?

16. Why couldn't the boy run for a long time?

17. Where did the dog bring the boy?

18. Where did the boy find himself when he came around?

19. Who did Tito call when he came around?

20. What did archaeologists restore eighteen hundred years later?

21. What did they find in the ruins of one building?

22. Why were they surprised?

23. What did the dog have in its mouth?

TASK
6

Match the two halves of the expressions from the story. Some numbers have two options.

**Part 1**

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| 1. a town | ☐ | ☐ a) a day |
| 2. to be blind | ☐ | ☐ b) active |
| 3. to get | ☐ | ☐ c) of smoke |
| 4. a piece of | ☐ | ☐ d) fog |
| 5. a bit of | ☐ | ☐ e) day |
| 6. a sweet | ☐ | ☐ f) of life |
| 7. plenty of | ☐ | ☐ g) sleepy |
| 8. at least once | ☐ | ☐ h) wall |
| 9. on that particular | ☐ | ☐ i) meat |
| 10. little loss | ☐ | ☐ j) cake |
| 11. a column | ☐ | ☐ k) food |
| 12. to be unusually | ☐ | ☐ l) from birth |
| 13. to feel | ☐ | ☐ m) rain water |
| 14. a thick | ☐ | ☐ n) dry bread |

Part 2

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| 15. to make someone | ☐ | ☐ a) of pain |
| 16. to fall | ☐ | ☐ b) on one's feet |
| 17. to pull someone | ☐ | ☐ c) the sea |
| 18. to push someone | ☐ | ☐ d) sense |
| 19. to be half | ☐ | ☐ e) one's feet |
| 20. on the side | ☐ | ☐ f) in time |
| 21. a cry | ☐ | ☐ g) cough |
| 22. to jump | ☐ | ☐ h) asleep |
| 23. to reach | ☐ | ☐ i) boat |
| 24. under | ☐ | ☐ j) asleep |
| 25. to come | ☐ | ☐ k) of a dog |
| 26. a fisherman's | ☐ | ☐ l) on one's feet |
| 27. the skeleton | ☐ | ☐ m) of the road |
| 28. to have enough | ☐ | ☐ n) forward |
| 29. to run away | ☐ | ☐ o) around |

