



Extra Training

Reading Task 399

The following questions are incomplete sentences or forms. Beneath each sentence you will see four words or phrases, marked (1-4). Choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence or the form.

1. Polly opened her bag and began to put the things she will need at school today. She put the books and the pencil-case, her favourite pink calculator with Mickey Mouse on it. Then she decided to take ____ too, because she was always hungry after Maths and could eat then.
 1. her new eraser
 2. a longer ruler
 3. two apples and a pear
 4. her younger brother
2. Ann looked at her dress and began to cry. ____ . Maxim, who was sitting next to her at the lesson of painting, touched it with his dirty hands.
 1. There was some blue paint on it.
 2. She saw a piece of cheese on it.
 3. Her hands were clean
 4. It was still new and she liked it.
3. The table was full of plates and dishes. There was a large pig in the middle, meat and spicy fish, salads all around ____ He wanted only one thing: ice-cream.
 1. but Bob didn't like anything
 2. and Mary sitting on the corner
 3. but Alice waited for the end of the dinner
 4. Mike began to eat the chicken, because
4. The wind was strong, the rain was hard and, standing at the bus-stop ____ . But the bus didn't come and they thought that they might get ill.
 1. the old lady was waiting long
 2. Nick and Mike were already cold and wet
 3. the girls were hot and took off the coats
 4. the cats were playing in the rain
5. "My new book," he began, "is a story about a small boy, who lived in the forest far away from the big cities and roads with his elder sister and once ____ when she was away from home."
 1. decided to gather mushrooms
 2. found a bird killed by a car
 3. wanted to eat potatoes
 4. tried to make a spaceship
6. Nearly all the children ran to the sports ground to see what was happening there. ____ and understood that their team began to win.
 1. They saw that the girl broke her leg
 2. They heard the happy cries of the children watching the match
 3. They looked at the sky
 4. They took the stones and began to throw them on the field
7. The school looked really beautiful after the summer holidays. In a week the lessons should begin. The walls were shining with fresh paint, but ____ and the director asked two boys to hang them on the walls.
 1. the girls didn't like the colour
 2. the classes were full of mice
 3. the teachers didn't come
 4. the pictures were still on the floor
8. "Where is your sister?" asked Mrs. Herbert coming into the room.
"____ , she usually does it when she is very tired." answered Victor.
 1. She is listening to music
 2. She is running in the garden
 3. She is eating the third chicken
 4. She plays tennis till midnight
9. We are going to visit our friends in Kolomna and ____ . We always bring something for them as a present.
 1. want to cut down a few trees in the garden
 2. trying to buy some milk
 3. are looking for something interesting in the shops
 4. want to catch a butterfly or a grasshopper
10. Boris never helped anyone in the class. He was the best pupil and it was always easy for him to do the tasks. ____ and nobody wanted to be his friend.
 1. But he always brought sweets to the pupils
 2. He didn't like to speak to other children
 3. He loved ice-cream and juice
 4. Olga tried to open her textbook, but couldn't