



Extra Training

Reading Task 730

The questions 1-10 are the sentences with blanks. Below there are four variants of the words to be inserted. Choose the one you think best.

- I have never thought that kittens could be so funny. When I came to my granny to the village there were five small kittens. _____. The fifth was usually sleeping.
 - I liked to play with my granny
 - I liked to watch all of them play in their small box.
 - I liked to watch four of them playing in the grass.
 - My parents told me to play with them all day long.
- The pupils in our class are very friendly. They spend much time together and discuss everything of interest to them. _____, because we are interested in many things.
 - We can always find something to talk about
 - But we seldom have a topic to discuss
 - We all study well and sleep after lunch
 - New books can help us to find some facts about History of Music.
- We heard a strange sound from behind the trees and wanted to know what it was. When we came closer, we _____. They were somewhere between the leaves.
 - saw children playing
 - could see two large dogs
 - noticed a big bird in the tree.
 - could hear the parrots, but didn't see them
- When I came home, _____, because it was only three o'clock. But I could hear somebody doing something in the kitchen.
 - my sister was already at home
 - there was nobody in
 - all the family were already there
 - my parents met me with a smile
- When I came to the crossing, the cars were standing. _____ because I saw the traffic light change to yellow.
 - So I crossed the street quickly
 - But I stopped and waited
 - I decided to run to the next crossing
 - And I was very happy

Part Two. Questions 8-10 refer to the following text:

Many years ago, an elephant and a monkey had a quarrel. The elephant was proud because he was strong. "Look how big and strong I am," he said. "I can pull a tree down. Can you?"
Now the monkey was proud because he was so quick. "Look how quickly I can run and climb," he said. "Can you climb a tree?"

At last, they decided to go and speak to the Old Bird. "We cannot agree," they told the Bird, "Tell us what you think about it."

Which is better — to be strong or to be quick?"

The Old Bird said to them: "Do as I tell you and then I'll learn which is better. Do you see that great tree across the river? Go and get the fruit from it and bring it to me."

So they went to the river, but the monkey was afraid of the water. "Get on my back," said the elephant proudly. "I will carry you. I am big and strong and I am not afraid to swim across the river."

There on the bank stood the tree. It was so high that the fruit was above them. The elephant tried to pull the tree down, but it was too strong.

"Wait a minute," said the monkey proudly. "I can climb." He ran quickly up the tree and threw the fruit to the ground. The elephant put it in his great mouth. Then they crossed the river again and gave the fruit to the Old Bird.

"Now," they said, "which is better—to be strong or to be quick?" "Can anybody tell which is better?" asked the Old Bird. "The elephant could not get the fruit alone. The monkey could not get the fruit alone. But you could get it together. One of you crossed the river, the other climbed up the tree."

6. Who did the Elephant and the Monkey go to get the answer?

- to a Wise Man
- to the King
- to a Clever Bird
- to the Wizard of Oz

7. What did the Old bird tell them to do?

- to climb a tree
- to swim across the river
- to get the food
- to bring the fruit

8. Could they do what the Bird asked them to do?

- No, they couldn't.
- God knows, but He won't tell us.
- It wasn't said about.
- Yes, they could.

9. Who won the bet?

- Nobody
- The Monkey
- The elephant
- I don't know

10. What could be the moral of the story?

- Everything is good in its time.
- There's no place like home.
- Think before you leap.
- Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today.