



Extra Training

Reading Task 622

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

1. We came into the class and saw the new teacher – an elderly woman who was dressed in a dark costume. And we understood that _____ because there were large glasses on the table.

1. he liked to drink coffee
2. she was very good
3. he liked children very much
4. couldn't see well

2. – Help me with the hometask, please! – _____. I have to do some shopping.

1. Just a moment, please
2. With great pleasure
3. Sorry, I can't.
4. I can't do it tomorrow.

3. Mary arrived at school in the middle of September, when the class had already got all the textbooks. The librarian _____ and Mary's parents had to buy it in the shop.

1. had no book in Maths
2. gave her everything
3. had no textbooks for her
4. tried to kill a roach on the table

4. When Mike got the letter, he was rather surprised. It was an unusual one and he thought that _____ because he could see foreign letters on the stamp.

1. it was from his friend in Minsk
2. it came from his granny
3. it could be from another country
4. it was a joke

5. When John came back from school, he was very hungry, but when he opened the fridge, he could see _____. The mother didn't go shopping that day.

1. a large steak with fried potatoes
2. nothing but two eggs
3. a lot of food there.
4. only some new kinds of sausage

Part Two: Questions 6-10 refer to the following text:

The Little Pine-Tree

A little pine-tree stands in the forest. It has no leaves, it only has needles. The little tree says, "I don't like needles I want leaves. The other trees in the forest have nice green leaves. I want to be like other trees."

When night comes, the little pine-tree goes to sleep. Then a fair comes and gives it nice green leaves. In the morning the little tree sees the green leaves and says "thank you" to the fairy.

In the afternoon a brown horse comes into the forest and eats all the leaves off the little tree. Then the pine-tree says, "I don't like green leaves, I want glass leaves."

At night the fairy comes and gives the pine-tree glass leaves. In the morning when the little tree sees its glass leaves, it is very glad.

But that day the weather is bad and soon there are no glass leaves on the tree. There are only a lot of pieces of glass under it. Then the little tree says, "I don't want to be like other trees, I'm happy with my needles."

Now we see pine-trees with needles, but not with leaves.

6. Why doesn't the little pine-tree like its needles?
 1. The needles are too long
 2. The needles aren't beautiful
 3. The leaves are greener
 4. The weather is bad
7. Who helped the pine tree with the wishes to come true?
 1. A brown horse
 2. An old pine tree
 3. It was not mentioned in the text
 4. A fairy
8. Why did the pine tree live in the forest?
 1. The tree liked the place
 2. The trees live only there
 3. The squirrels liked it
 4. It was not mentioned in the text
9. The last wish of changes was ...
 1. to have glass leaves
 2. to have nice green leaves
 3. to be a brown horse
 4. to be the fairy's friend
10. Is the pine tree happy with the needles?
 1. It was not mentioned in the text
 2. Yes, it is.
 3. No, it isn't
 4. Who said so?