

I етап Всеукраїнської учнівської олімпіади з англійської мови

9 клас

Task I. - READING

Benjamin Franklin was a very talented man. He invented many useful things. We still use some of them nowadays. In the 1740s Franklin invented the Pennsylvania Fireplace. It worked like a normal fireplace but it created more heat than a normal fireplace. People liked the Franklin Stove, as it is also called, but they only used it as a heater and not to cook hot food and drinks.

Franklin was also very popular for his bifocals – a wonderful type of glasses. He needed glasses to help him see things far away and close to him. One pair of glasses only helped one of these problems, so Franklin needed to carry two pairs of glasses. One day, he got tired of always changing glasses, so he decided to put two lenses into one pair of glasses. The top lens helped him to see far away, and the bottom lens helped him to see things which were close to him. He called this new type of glasses ‘bifocals’

Franklin also invented the lightning rod. This was a metal stick put on houses, barns or other buildings. During heavy storms, lightning hit this rod and not the building. This invention saved many buildings from fire. Unfortunately, Franklin got an electric shock when he was doing this experiment. He did not patent any of the items he invented. Franklin thought his ideas should be used to improve the lives of everyone.

Read the text about Benjamin Franklin and his inventions. Decide if the statements are True or False.

1 People used the Franklin Stove for cooking.....	<input type="button" value="TRUE"/>	<input type="button" value="FALSE"/>
2 Fireplaces produced more heat than the Franklin Stove.....	<input type="button" value="TRUE"/>	<input type="button" value="FALSE"/>
3 Franklin invented bifocals because he was tired of changing his glasses.....	<input type="button" value="TRUE"/>	<input type="button" value="FALSE"/>
4 There were two lenses in the bifocals.....	<input type="button" value="TRUE"/>	<input type="button" value="FALSE"/>
5 The lightning rod was always on the ground.....	<input type="button" value="TRUE"/>	<input type="button" value="FALSE"/>
6 The lightning rod helped buildings not catch fire.....	<input type="button" value="TRUE"/>	<input type="button" value="FALSE"/>
7 Franklin patented all his inventions.....	<input type="button" value="TRUE"/>	<input type="button" value="FALSE"/>
8 Franklin didn't want anybody to use his ideas.....	<input type="button" value="TRUE"/>	<input type="button" value="FALSE"/>

Task II - LISTENING

Press the button and listen to people talking about a Mexican festival. Decide if the statements are True or False.

1. Tom spent his holiday in Oaxaca.....	<input type="button" value="TRUE"/>	<input type="button" value="FALSE"/>
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2. The festival is celebrated throughout Mexico.....	TRUE	FALSE
3. The festival lasts only for two days.....	TRUE	FALSE
4. Mexicans decorate their houses with candles and flowers.....	TRUE	FALSE
5. People wear special costumes.....	TRUE	FALSE
6. They don't eat sweets during the day.....	TRUE	FALSE
7. Mexicans find the festival depressing.....	TRUE	FALSE
8. In the end, Julia wants to go to the festival with Tom.....	TRUE	FALSE

Task III - WRITING

Choose one of the two suggested topics. Write your answer in an appropriate style.

1. You find a magical mirror that can show you anything in the world. What do you want to see? Why do you want to see it? What will you do with this information?
2. You have just celebrated an important event with your family. Write a letter to your friend telling him/her all about it. Include this information:
 - what the celebration/occasion was;
 - where you were;
 - what you did;
 - who you were with.