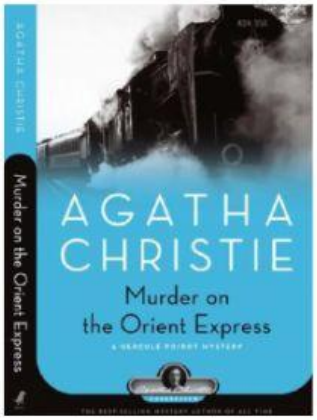
THE ORIENT EXPRESS



Task 1. Read this excerpt adapted from Wikipedia about the Orient Express.

*The **Orient Express** was the name of a long-distance European passenger train service originally operated by the "Compagnie Internationale des Wagons-Lits." It ran from 1883 to 2009. Nowadays there is another train called "The Orient Express" but it is run by another company – "Venice-Simplon Orient Express. The most important city names are Paris, France and Istanbul, Turkey. On the train you would find a baggage car, restaurant car, sleeping cars, etc.*

The route of the Orient Express changed many times. Although the original Orient Express was simply a normal international railway service, many people think of intrigue and luxury when they hear its name. It was the setting for many famous books such as "Dracula", "Murder on the Orient Express", and "From Russian with Love". Some movies were set on the Orient Express as well: "Romance on the Orient Express", "Travels with my Aunt", "102 Dalmatians" and "Around the World in 80 Days."

So pack up your sense of adventure and get on board!

Task 2. Write "True" or "False".

1. The Orient Express has run from 1883 to the present.
2. The original company was "Venice-Simplon".
3. The Orient Express is a very mysterious train.
4. You can sleep and eat on the train.
5. The route of the Orient Express is not the same as it was a long time ago.
6. The train is famous for stopping in Paris and in Istanbul.
7. The train crosses Asia.
8. The train started running in the 19th century.
9. The train's main service is carrying cargo across Europe.