

Read the text and mark the following statements «True» or «False».

There was a blind girl who hated herself just because she was blind. She hated everyone, except her loving boyfriend. He was always there for her. She said that if she could only see the world, she would marry her boyfriend. It was close to Christmas, and she secretly dreamed to herself that it would be the perfect time to get married.

One day, someone donated a pair of eyes to her. When the bandages came off, she was able to see everything, including her boyfriend.

He asked her, «Now that you can see the world, will you marry me?»

The girl looked at her boyfriend and saw that he was blind. The sight of his closed eyelids shocked her. She hadn't expected that. The thought of looking at them the rest of her life led her to refuse to marry him. Besides he was not as handsome as some other strong, muscular, pretty guys she could now see all around her.

So she said she wouldn't marry him.

Her boyfriend left her in tears and days later wrote a note to her saying, «Take good care of your eyes, my dear, for before they were yours, they were mine.»

1. The story took place in summer. _____
2. The girl in the story didn't feel positive about herself. _____
3. Nobody loved the girl. _____
4. The girl told her boyfriend that Christmas would be the perfect time to get married. _____
5. The girl promised to marry the boy as soon as she could see. _____
6. The girl didn't know who donated the pair of eyes to her. _____
7. When she saw her boyfriend, she was disappointed as he was not tall enough. _____
8. She didn't want to marry the boy. _____
9. The boy was crying when he left her. _____
10. From his letter she found out who had given his eyes to her. _____

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The date was the 28th of April. It was the early morning. Callao harbour was very busy. The Minister of Marine had ordered a boat to row us out of the harbour.

When I arrived, only Herman was there. Fruit baskets and boxes lay in a heap on the deck. In the middle of the heap sat Herman. He was holding a cage; and in the cage there was a green parrot. The bird was a present from a friend in Peru.

«Take care of the parrot for a minute,» said Herman. «I want to go ashore and the boat won't be here for a long time.»

Herman left, and a few minutes later the boat arrived. It was a large motor boat full of officers and sailors. The officers called out some orders; and the sailors then fixed a strong rope to the raft.

«One moment!» I shouted. «It's too early! We must wait for the other men.» I pointed towards the city.

But nobody understood. The officers only smiled politely. I untied the rope and threw it into the water. I waved my arms and made signs to the officers. This excited the parrot. The bird opened its cage and escaped. It walked about on the bamboo deck. I tried to catch the parrot. But it called out rude words in Spanish and flew into the cabin. At last, I caught the bird and put it back into its cage.

11. From the text we can say when the story takes place. _____
12. Callao harbour was deserted. _____
13. There was a large pile of fruit baskets and boxes on the deck of the raft. _____
14. Herman was sitting on the heap. _____
15. There was a red parrot in the cage. _____
16. Herman wanted to go ashore, but was afraid the boat would arrive soon. _____
17. The motorboat that arrived was full of officers and sailors. _____
18. The officers didn't speak English. _____
19. The parrot opened its cage and got out. _____
20. The parrot said some words in Spanish. _____

Complete the text with the words from the table.**THE ESCALATOR**

An American, Charles D. Seeberger, invented moving stairs to transport people (21) ____ the 1890s. He (22) ____ this invention an 'escalator', taking the name from the Latin word 'scala', which means 'ladder'. Escalators move people up and down. Lifts do the same, but only move (23) ____ small number of people. If an escalator breaks down, it can still be (24) ____ as ordinary stairs. An escalator can move (25) ____ 8,000 and 9,600 people an hour, and it does not need a person to operate it.

At the end of the nineteenth century, cities were (26) ____ more crowded and the first escalators were built at railway stations and in big department (27) ___, so that people could move about more quickly. Today we see escalators everywhere.

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| 21. A in | B at | C by | D on |
| 22. A announced | B called | C translated | D explained |
| 23. A the | B a | C some | D any |
| 24. A walked | B made | C used | D changed |
| 25. A from | B above | C to | D between |
| 26. A coming | B becoming | C continuing | D developing |
| 27. A stores | B shops | C places | D houses |

Choose and underline the correct item to complete the sentences.

28. Come about 11 o'clock; I'll have ***little / a little*** time then.
29. There was ***little / a little*** water on the mountain, and we all got very thirsty.
30. Foreign languages are difficult, and ***few / a few*** people learn them perfectly.
31. I'm going to the USA with ***few / a few*** friends next week.
32. I've brought you ***few / a few*** sweets.
33. I have ***little / a little*** time to read news on the Internet and no time at all to read books.
34. Have you got any money? '***Little / A little***. I can't buy this thing.'
35. 'Did you buy any furniture?' '***A little / A few***.

Complete the text with the words from the table.

One of my favourite actors is Colin Farrell. He always plays very interesting (36) ____ in films. His (37) ____ famous films are Ordinary Decent Criminals, Minority Report and Alexander The Great.

Colin was born in Dublin in 1976. He is quite young and handsome. He is tall and well-built with short brown hair and (38) ____ eyes. He often has a (39) ____ and a goatee beard. He also has tattoos on his arms. He usually wears (40) ____ clothes. Colin has a very (41) ____ personality and is a very talented and hardworking actor. His friends say he is very kind and generous. Colin loves football and wanted to become a professional footballer like his father. All in all, I think Colin Farrell is one of the most (42) ____ actors. I love all his films and can't wait to see his next one.

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| 36. A games | B characters | C scores | D music |
| 37. A much | B more | C rather | D most |
| 38. A dark | B fair | C black | D open |
| 39. A moustache | B dimple | C wrinkle | D smile |
| 40. A relaxed | B casual | C calm | D bright |
| 41. A easy | B light | C strong | D plain |
| 42. A young | B big | C strong | D talented |

Mark the correct variant (A-D) to fill in the blanks (17-24) as in the example.

43. Have you got any money _____ you can lend me?
A who B whose C which D when
44. This is Jane _____ father donated lots of money to charity.
A who B whose C which D where
45. Do you remember the time _____ we got lost up in the mountains?
A when B whose C why D where
46. I spoke to a woman _____ I had met before.
A who's B whose C who D why
47. That is the girl _____ has just sold her bike to me.

A why B when C where D who

48. A bee is an insect _____ makes honey.
A who B where C when D which

49. That is the man _____ son is a professional footballer.
A whose B where C why D which

50. Rachel didn't explain _____ she didn't attend the meeting.
A why B where C which D who

