



## Reading comprehension



### 1) Read the text and fill in the gaps with the verbs in past tenses (active or passive).

The great painter Sir James Thornhill 1 \_\_\_\_\_ (employ) for decorating the interior of the dome of St. Paul's in London. One day he 2 \_\_\_\_\_ (step back) on the scaffolding x) to see how the work 3 \_\_\_\_\_ (look) at a distance. His servant, who 4 \_\_\_\_\_ (stand) near, was terrified to see his master within some inches of the edge of the scaffolding. At the last moment backwards the painter 5 \_\_\_\_\_ (throw) and 6 \_\_\_\_\_ (dash) to pieces on the pavement. How 7 \_\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_ (can, warn) of this danger? If the servant 8 \_\_\_\_\_ (cry out), he 9 \_\_\_\_\_ probably in his alarm \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a fatal step.

So the man 10 \_\_\_\_\_ (throw) a pot of paint over the piece of work the painter 11 \_\_\_\_\_ just \_\_\_\_\_ (admire). Sir James, in a rage, 12 \_\_\_\_\_ (rush forward) to punish him. Thus his life 13 \_\_\_\_\_ (save). On finding out why the servant 14 \_\_\_\_\_ (spoil) his painting, Sir James 15 \_\_\_\_\_ (be) glad to reward him instead of punishing him.

x) Scaffolding – a raised structure that supports workers and materials during work on a building

#### 2) Complete the sentence with the suitable ending.

The text is about \_\_\_\_\_

- A) the servant who saved the life of his master.
- B) St. Paul's Cathedral and how it was decorated.
- C) the servant who helped his master with decoration.
- D) the servant who spoilt his master's painting.

#### 6) Choose the correct word (A-D) to complete the sentence.

Sir James Thornhill was \_\_\_\_\_

- A) a writer
- B) a painter
- C) an actor
- D) a builder

#### 3) Choose the right answer to the question.

Why did the servant throw the pot of paint over the painting?

- A) He did not like the painting.
- B) He was afraid of his master.
- C) He hated his master.

#### 7) Choose the synonym to this expression.

'had spoilt the painting'

- A) had admired the painting
- B) had made it worse
- C) had made it better
- D) had ruined the painting

D) He wanted to prevent his master's falling down.

4) Which sentence doesn't fit the story?

- A) The master rewarded his servant.
- B) Sir James Thornhill was surprised.
- C) The painter wanted to punish the servant.
- D) Sir James Thornhill got very angry.

5) Choose the sentence which best fits the story.

- A) Sir James Thornhill decorated the interior of St.Paul's Cathedral.
- B) St.Paul's Cathedral is the City's greatest palace.
- C) The painter fell off the scaffolding.
- D) Sir James Thornhill punished his servant.

8) Finish the sentence according to the text.

The servant proved that he was\_\_\_\_\_

- A) polite
- B) stubborn
- C) quick-witted
- D) modest

9) Decide which heading best summarizes the text.

- A) A Fatal Step.
- B) Sir James Thornhill's Masterpiece.
- C) Sir James Thornhill's Mistake.
- D) The Servant Saves His Master.



Listening part.

Listen the song and write the missing word

**93 Million Miles - Jason Mraz**

93 million miles from the \_\_\_\_\_  
People get ready, get ready  
Cause here it \_\_\_\_\_, it's a light  
A beautiful light, over the horizon  
Into your \_\_\_\_\_  
Oh, my my how beautiful  
Oh my beautiful mother  
She \_\_\_\_\_ me, son in life you're gonna go far  
If you do it right, you'll love where you are  
Just know, wherever you go  
You can \_\_\_\_\_ come home

240 thousand miles from the \_\_\_\_\_  
We've come a long way to belong here  
To share this view of the \_\_\_\_\_  
A glorious night  
Over the horizon is another bright sky  
Oh my my how beautiful, oh my irrefutable \_\_\_\_\_  
He told me, son \_\_\_\_\_ it may seem dark  
But the absence of the light is a necessary part  
Just know, you're \_\_\_\_\_ alone, you can always come back home

Home, Home

You can \_\_\_\_\_ come back

Every road is a slippery slope  
But there is always a hand that you can hold on to  
\_\_\_\_\_ deeper through the telescope  
You can \_\_\_\_\_ that your home's inside of you

Just know, that wherever you go, no you're never alone, you will \_\_\_\_\_ get  
back home

Home, Home, Home, Ohhh

93 million miles from the \_\_\_\_\_  
People get ready, get ready  
Cause here it \_\_\_\_\_, it's a light  
A beautiful light, over the horizon  
Into our \_\_\_\_\_