

Unit 1 Test

1. LISTENING

You will hear British teenagers answering the question “What book do you think all kids should read?” Which genres do they prefer? Listen to the recording. Mark the appropriate box in the table. The genres may be chosen more than once.

The genres: romance, historical novel, detective story, non-fiction, (auto)biography

	romance	Historical novel	Detective story	Non-fiction	(auto) biography
Speaker 1					
Speaker 2					
Speaker 3					
Speaker 4					
Speaker 5					
Speaker 6					
Speaker 7					

2. READING

Прочитайте текст. Определите, какие из приведённых утверждений 10–17 соответствуют содержанию текста (1 – True), какие не соответствуют (2 – False) и о чём в тексте не сказано, то есть на основании текста нельзя дать ни положительного, ни отрицательного ответа (3 – Not stated). В поле ответа запишите одну цифру, которая соответствует номеру правильного ответа.

Books from all over the world

Ann Morgan, a modern British writer, had not read a book translated from another language before 2012. Her literature collection consisted mainly of stories and novels by British and American authors, and they were all in English of course. This was not enough to be called a cosmopolitan reader!

At the start of the New Year, Ann made a resolution to read a book from every country in the world, written by a national writer. She wanted to complete the task by the end of the coming year. She made a catalogue of the countries, the members of the United Nations. When her list came to one hundred and ninety-six items, she realized it would be practically impossible to find a book from each of these countries.

The first idea was to check the local bookshop but they only had a small range of books. So, Ann decided to ask the world's readers for help. She created a blog called “A Year of Reading the World” and asked all the readers to suggest her titles of books from their country available in English. The responses came very fast.

Ann was greatly surprised to find out how many people wanted to share their ideas and opinions about books. Some of them posted her the books. Others spent hours looking for references and resources for her. In addition, two writers from Turkmenistan and Panama sent her unpublished English versions of their novels.

But, even with such a great team of helpers, finding foreign books translated into English was not easy. The biggest problem was the small states in Africa. They had very few written books, and instead had mostly manuscripts or even traditional performances by local storytellers. But Ann did not give up and managed to get some absolutely brilliant literary samples from the African continent.

In addition to language problems, politics disturbed her plans too. In 2011 the new country of South Sudan was founded in Africa. Ann began panicking as the half-a-year-old country had produced no books since its creation! The only chance of getting a literary sample from this country was to fly there and find a storyteller.

Fortunately, a local Internet contact put Ann in touch with a Sudanese writer, who sent her a precious copy of their book.

Ann spent the whole year collecting the books, reading them and writing her blog. According to her plan, she had to read a new book in two days. As she had a job, this was not easy to do. She had to sit up at night reading until her eyes became tired.

But it was worth it! During the year of her imaginary literary journey, Ann discovered a lot about the people of the world, their lives and mentalities. She has changed her perception of the world and made lots of new friends. In her blog, Ann confessed that it had been the most interesting year of her life.

1) Before 2012 Ann's personal library contained only books by British and American writers.

1. TRUE 2. FALSE 3. NOT STATED

12) For her project, Ann needed books written in their original languages, not their English versions.

1. TRUE 2. FALSE 3. NOT STATED

3) People from different countries became interested in Ann's project.

1. TRUE 2. FALSE 3. NOT STATED

4) For her project, Ann needed books written in their original languages, not their English versions.

1. TRUE 2. FALSE 3. NOT STATED

5) Due to various reasons, Ann excluded some countries from her project.

1. TRUE 2. FALSE 3. NOT STATED

6) Ann had to fly to South Sudan to get a book from there.

1. TRUE 2. FALSE 3. NOT STATED

7) To do the project, Ann gave up her job.

1. TRUE 2. FALSE 3. NOT STATED

8) Ann did not regret that she had spent so much time on the project.

1. TRUE 2. FALSE 3. NOT STATED

3. USE OF ENGLISH

Read the humorous stories about the famous writers below. For questions 1-19, fill in the gaps with the correct forms of the verbs and pronouns given in capital letters.

A) One day Robert Burns (0) was walking near the sea. Suddenly he (1) _____ a cry for help. He (2) _____ towards the water. Just then a sailor (3) _____ off a boat, and began to swim towards the man who (4) _____ for help and saved him. The man who (5) _____ was very rich. He thanked the brave sailor and gave (6) _____ a shilling. By this time a lot of people (7) _____ round them. They called the sailor a hero but the rich man (8) _____ him only a shilling. Burns stopped (9) _____ and said, "Let him alone. The gentleman (10) _____ better how much his life costs". B) The famous author of detective stories, Arthur Conan Doyle, once (11) _____ to Paris. He took a cab at the railway station to go to the hotel. "What hotel would you like to go to, Mr Conan Doyle?" asked the cabman. The writer (12) _____. :How (13) _____ you _____ my name?" he asked. "Well, it is simple. Yesterday I (14) _____ in the newspaper that you would visit Paris. Then I noticed that your suit (15) _____ of good English wool," the cabman said. "Wonderful! You (16) _____ a born detective!" said Conan Doyle. "Thank you, Sir," the cabman said. :But another fact also (17) _____ me." "What is it?" asked the writer. "You see, (18) _____ name (19) _____ on your luggage."	0- WALK 1 HEAR 2 RUN 3 JUMP 4 CALL 5 SAVE 6 HE 7 STAND 8 GIVE 9 THEY 10 KNOW 11 COME 12 SURPRISE 13 KNOW 14 READ 15 MAKE 16 BE 17 HELP 18 YOU 19 WRITE
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