

ΘΕΜΑ 1. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ

Read the text and choose the correct option (A, B or C) for items 1-10.

It was morning, and the new sun sparkled gold across the tiny waves of a gentle sea. A mile from shore a fishing boat upset the sea and the word for Breakfast Flock flashed through the air, till a crowd of a thousand seagulls flew close to the boat to fight for bits of food. It was another busy day beginning.

But way off alone, out by himself beyond boat and shore, Jonathan Livingston Seagull was practising. A hundred feet in the sky he lowered his feet, lifted his beak, and tried hard to hold a painful twisting curve through his wings. The curve meant that he would fly slowly, and now he slowed until the wind was a whisper in his face, until the ocean stood still beneath him. He narrowed his eyes in fierce concentration, held his breath, forced one... single... more... inch... of... curve... Then his feathers trembled, he stopped and fell. Seagulls, as you know, never stop. To stop in the air is for them disgrace and it is dishonour. But Jonathan Livingston Seagull, unashamed, stretching his wings again in that trembling hard curve - slowing, slowing, and stopping once more - was no ordinary bird.



Most seagulls don't **bother** to learn more than the simplest facts of flight -how to get from shore to food and back again. For most seagulls, it is not flying that matters, but eating. For this seagull, though, it was not eating that mattered, but flight. More than anything else. Jonathan Livingston Seagull loved to fly. This kind of thinking, he found, is not the way to make one's self popular with other birds. Even his parents were disappointed as Jonathan spent whole days alone, making hundreds of attempts to fly low, near the surface of the sea, experimenting.

(300 words)

1. This text comes from
A. a literary book. B. a scientific article. C. a tourist magazine.
2. A suitable title for this text could be:
A. "Fighting for breakfast" B. "A different seagull" C. "Birds & People"
3. That morning the sea was
A. calm. B. rough. C. wavy.
4. 'Breakfast Flock' is the name of
A. a group of birds B. a fishing boat. C. a type of birds.
5. According to the text, Jonathan
A. was always hungry in the morning. B. liked to spend time on his own. C. was afraid of fishing boats.
6. Jonathan tried very hard to
A. hunt for his food. B. avoid the fishing boat. C. practise a special way of flying.
7. Jonathan was not afraid of
A. other ordinary birds. B. flying over the beach. C. stopping in the air while flying.
8. Jonathan believed that
A. the goal of flying is survival. B. it is important to enjoy flying. C. eating matters more than flying.
9. Jonathan's parents would prefer their son to
A. be an ordinary bird. B. fly higher than other birds. C. be less popular with other birds.
10. In the text, the underlined word '**bother**' means
A. annoy B. try C. upset

ΘΕΜΑ 2^α. ΛΕΞΙΚΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΗ

Fill each gap in sentences 11-20 with the correct word from the box below (A-J). Use each word only once.

A. fought	B. popular	C. learned	D. practise	E. stretch
F. crowd	G. flew	H. tiny	I. busy	J. disappointed

11. Look at this kitten! Look at its _____ feet! They are so small! Aren't they sweet?
12. If Philip really wants to become a professional pianist, he must _____ for five or six hours every day!
13. Please take into consideration that Christmastime is a _____ time of year for our store and your goods may not be shipped in time.
14. I really need to _____ my body for four or five minutes after spending so many hours in front of a computer screen!
15. The politician greeted the enthusiastic _____ and thanked them for coming to the event.
16. I'm rather _____ with my new laptop. The battery does not last for long and the screen is not very bright.
17. Our team _____ hard to win the game and everyone praised them afterwards.
18. This rapper is very _____ among young people but older people seem to enjoy his songs, too.
19. Jimmy _____ Spanish at school but he doesn't feel very confident about speaking the language when meeting people from Spain.
20. They _____ to London despite the fact that Peter was afraid of aeroplanes. In fact, when they got back, Peter seemed to have overcome his fear!