



Extra Training

Reading Task 739

The following questions are incomplete sentences. Beneath each sentence you will see four words or phrases, marked (1-4). Choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

- The soup that the mother gave to Polly when she came from school, smelled wonderful and the girl began to eat it with appetite. _____, because there was too much salt in it.
 1. She even asked for the second plate
 2. She didn't eat all the soup.
 3. She asked for the bread then
 4. It was the kind of soup she liked most
- Alice invited her friends to her house after school. They came there together _____ because she forgot to take the key.
 1. and played till the evening
 2. but Alice's mother began to cry
 3. but couldn't come into the house
 4. and the mother was very glad
- Mary knew that she should come back home before nine o'clock. _____ and Mary was a very good granddaughter.
 1. Her mother didn't let her walk late
 2. Her father asked her to come at nine
 3. She wanted to see a new film on TV-3
 4. Her granny never let her walk later
- Uncle George came into the room. There was something small in his hands. Bob always wanted one more pet. But _____ and Bob was afraid that his cat might eat it.
 1. it was a puppy
 2. his uncle brought him a parrot
 3. he didn't want a kitten
 4. a turtle was not what he wanted
- The door opened and my younger sister Olga _____. It was hard for me to make her talk, but finally I found out that her friend spilt a cup of coffee over her favourite dress.
 1. came to me and kissed me
 2. came into the room smiling happily
 3. ran into the room crying
 4. asked me to kill the old dog next door
- The weather was cold and windy _____ because there were a lot of clouds in the sky and I thought it was going to rain.
 1. and I decided to put on my new bathing suit
 2. but I didn't take my raincoat
 3. so I stayed in the yard
 4. and I took the umbrella
- The floor in the hall was full of water. _____. I thought they were playing snowballs and came in without brushing the snow off.
 1. It was raining outside and nobody came to us.
 2. The children were having lunch.
 3. My grandfather had just come from the yard with the dog
 4. My mother came from the walk with my baby-sister.

Questions 8-10 are based on the following text.

Carrying an Umbrella

The umbrella was brought to England from the East in the eighteenth century. It was used in the East as a protection against the sun. In England it was used more as a protection against the rain. The English people liked the umbrella very much. Later they put up a monument to the first man who appeared in the streets of London with an umbrella.

Of course, you can go out without an umbrella in rainy weather if you put on a raincoat, but our story today is about an umbrella. Here it is.

One day a man was walking in the street when he saw a little boy carrying an umbrella.

"Little boy," said the man, "why do you carry that umbrella over your head? It is not raining and the sun isn't shining."

"When it rains," answered the boy, "dad wants it. I can use it only when the weather is good."

- Did the people use an umbrella for the same purpose in the east and in England?
 1. Yes.
 2. No
 3. I don't know
 4. It was not in the text
- What surprised the man when he saw the boy in the street with an umbrella?
 1. The umbrella was old
 2. The umbrella was in holes
 3. The man wanted such an umbrella too
 4. It was not raining
- Why was the boy carrying the umbrella in such weather?
 1. There was only one umbrella in the family.
 2. His father made him take it
 3. The boy didn't like his father.
 4. The umbrella brought him luck.