



Extra Training

Reading Task 749

Questions 1-10 are the sentences with blanks. Below there are four variants of the words to be inserted. Choose the one you think correct.

1. The evening was warm and quiet. The sun was going down behind the leaves. There was no wind and it seemed that the trees waited for something to happen. _____ and stood watching the nature.
 1. I really liked the winter
 2. I really enjoyed everything around
 3. My cat was sleeping
 4. My mother was carrying a large bag.
2. The summer that year was bad. The days were cold up to the end of June. _____ and it was unpleasant to go to the forest because there was too much water everywhere.
 1. There were many dogs in the streets
 2. We liked to swim in the river
 3. It was cold and windy
 4. It often rained
3. The time was 7.15 a.m. and there was no sun in the sky. The father was sitting in the armchair reading a magazine. He was at home because he never went out _____ when most of the people were still having a rest after a busy week.
 1. on Sunday morning
 2. after work
 3. after rain on Thursday
 4. without the mother
4. "Please, let me play with you" – "_____ You are too small, and the ice is too cold for you to play on after the illness."
 1. OK, but put on your T-shirt.
 2. I think the weather is too hot
 3. I can't because basketball is for tall.
 4. No, I don't think it's a good idea.
5. When we looked at her we understood that _____ because she was pale, her hands were trembling and she seemed ready to cry.
 1. there was something wrong with my cat
 2. it was her happiest day
 3. she had heard something bad
 4. her mother was a doctor
6. My new job is rather hard. _____ and sometimes it's hard to make people open the door because they don't trust strangers.
 1. I sell hot dogs
 2. I deliver telegrams
 3. I work in KFC
 4. I cut the grass in the park

Questions 7-10 refer to the following reading:

THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON.

The old city of London had narrow, crooked streets with wooden houses. It was a dirty city. In 1665 more than 75,000 people died in London from Plague. But the following year brought one more disaster: on September 2nd, 1666 a bakery in Pudding Lane near the London Bridge caught fire. After a long summer the wooden houses were dry. A wind was blowing from the river. It blew the flames from house to house, and in the narrow streets the fire spread quickly. The fire burnt for four days. It destroyed 80% of the city.

Fortunately, nobody died in the fire and soon the people of London built a new city. The houses were made of brick and stone, not wood. The new streets were straight and they were wider and cleaner too.

7. Where did the fire start?
 1. in a bread shop
 2. in Pudding
 3. on London Bridge
 4. in September
8. What was NOT the reason for spreading the fire?
 1. hot summer
 2. dry wood
 3. the river Thames
 4. the wind
9. How many people died in the fire?
 1. 80%
 2. 1666
 3. none
 4. more than 75,000
10. How did the city change after the fire?
 1. It became larger
 2. It became better
 3. It was built in the other place.
 4. The streets were renamed