

WORD FORMATION

Каждый пропуск соответствует отдельному заданию 29—34.		
29	Piranhas are South American fish. There are lots of scary stories about them. Most people think that piranhas are very _____ creatures.	DANGER
30	However, a _____ from St Andrews University, Anne Magurran, has recently announced that to call piranhas cruel killers is not fair.	SCIENCE
31	They _____ eat fish, plants and insects.	USUAL
32	According to Professor Anne Magurran, piranhas attack people and animals only when they want to defend themselves. However, most travellers strongly _____ with this point of view.	AGREE
33	They recommend keeping away from the water where piranhas live. When the fish attack in groups, it is practically _____ to survive.	POSSIBLE
34	Whatever your opinion of piranhas, this is a _____ piece of advice one should follow.	USE



Alfred Nobel

The name of the most well-known Swede of all time — Alfred Nobel — is famous all over the world due to the prize he established. Despite hundreds of publications about the Nobel Prize, most people know very little about the man behind it.

Alfred Nobel was born in 1833, in Stockholm, Sweden. When he was four, the family moved to St. Petersburg, Russia. Alfred studied at home with the best private tutors and quickly mastered chemistry and became fluent in English, French, German and Russian as well as his native language, Swedish. In Russia, Alfred attended neither school nor university.

Alfred left Russia at the age of 18 to take a two-year trip around Europe and to the USA. When he returned to Russia, he began working at his father's arms factory where he experimented with chemistry and explosives.

Later, Alfred Nobel expanded the business to Europe and America. He had homes in six countries complete with laboratories as he was also a workaholic. He said himself that “my home is where I work and I work everywhere”. Alfred Nobel had 93 profitable factories around the world when he died. Many of the leading industries in the chemical field today like ICI (Imperial Chemical Industries) came from companies established by Nobel. His 355 registered patents showed that Alfred Nobel had a wide range of interests in many fields of technology. There were experiments with imitation leather, artificial rubber and synthetic silk. Nobel tried to improve the electrical battery, the light bulb and the phonograph. He also took photographs from the air, using rockets and parachutes. Alfred Nobel was also a big letter writer, sometimes writing as many as 30 letters a day. It was not only letters that Alfred Nobel wrote. A year before his death, he published his sad novel “Nemesis” that was performed as a play in Stockholm. Nobel was full of paradoxes. He was successful yet felt hopeless. He made a fortune out of war but fought for peace. He was a faithful patriot, yet spent little time in Sweden. He was an outstanding scientist and inventor, yet had only one year of formal schooling and no university degree. He loved family life but had none of his own. His dream of a wife and children never came true.

In 1864, a deadly explosion killed his younger brother. Deeply affected, Nobel developed a safer explosive: dynamite. Soon the newspapers accused Alfred Nobel of being the “salesman of death”, even though 90 % of dynamite use was for non-violent purposes. However, Alfred Nobel himself knew that “there was nothing that could not be abused”. He never tried to defend his revolutionary invention. But Nobel was disappointed with how he might be remembered and decided to establish the Nobel Prizes to honour men and women for outstanding achievements in physics, chemistry, medicine, literature, and for working towards peace. . A prize in economics “in memory of Alfred Nobel” was added in 1969.

13. All the categories of the modern Nobel Prize were established by Alfred Nobel himself.

- 1) True
- 2) False
- 3) Not stated

14. Alfred Nobel spoke several foreign languages.

- 1) True
- 2) False
- 3) Not stated

15. Alfred Nobel graduated from St. Petersburg University.

- 1) True
- 2) False
- 3) Not stated

16. Alfred Nobel was a successful businessman.

- 1) True
- 2) False
- 3) Not stated

17. Alfred Nobel's novel was an enormous success.

- 1) True
- 2) False
- 3) Not stated

18. Alfred Nobel was happily married.

- 1) True
- 2) False
- 3) Not stated

19. Alfred Nobel's dynamite was used only for military needs.

- 1) True
- 2) False
- 3) Not stated

20. Alfred Nobel was awarded a special prize for creating artificial materials.

- 1) True
- 2) False
- 3) Not stated



You have received an email message from your English-speaking pen-friend Ann:

From: Ann@mail.uk
To: Russian_friend@oge.ru
Subject: <i>Diet</i>
... My friend has decided to become a model and has just gone on a diet. I told her that it could be dangerous but she wouldn't listen. Besides, she is a vegetarian, so there are not many products she can let herself eat now. ... Why do people become vegetarians? What do you do to keep fit? What food do you try to avoid?...

Write a message to Ann and answer her 3 questions.

Write 100–120 words.

Remember the rules of email writing.

