

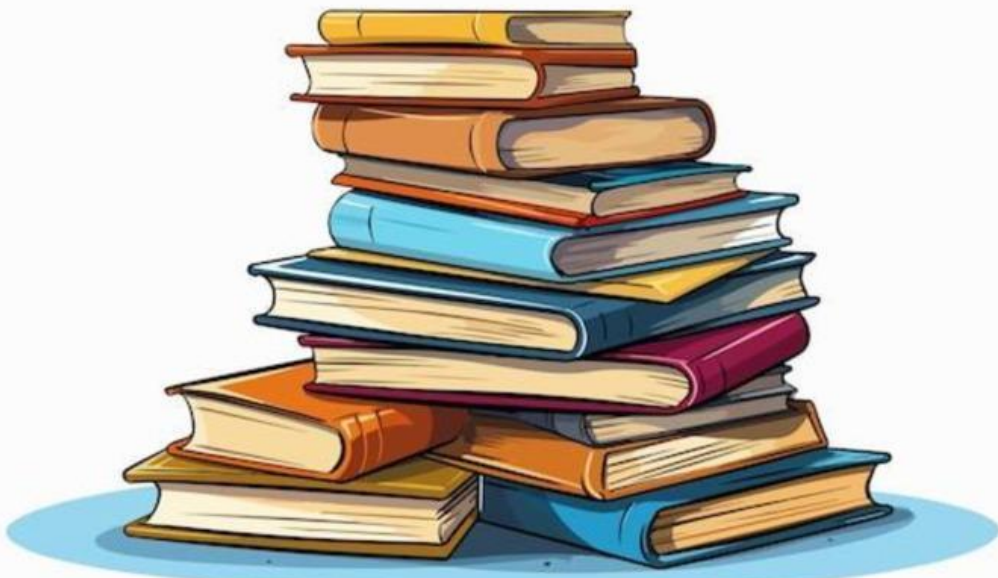
You have received an email message from your English-speaking pen-friend Kate:

From: Kate@mail.uk
To: Russian_friend@oge.ru
Subject: <i>Books</i>
... I'm now reading an amazing book about Thomas Edison, one of the greatest inventors of all time. ... What kind of books do you enjoy? Would you like to write a book, and why or why not? What qualities are necessary for a good writer?...

Write a message to Kate and answer her 3 questions.

Write 100–120 words.

Remember the rules of email writing.



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Заполните пропуски полученными словами. Каждый пропуск соответствует отдельному заданию 29—34.

29	The festival of Halloween has its roots in Celtic traditions. Over 2,000 years ago the Celts in Britain had a special holiday in late October to mark the _____ of winter.	BEGIN
30	Another autumn _____ was connected with the passing of the dead. These two events later became Halloween.	CELEBRATE
31	On Halloween children often dress up as ghosts, witches and monsters and go around people's houses, asking for sweets. In most cases the ghosts and witches are not frightening at all, they are even _____!	FUN
32	But remember that if the children don't get the sweets, they may play some _____ joke, for example splash some water on you.	PLEASANT
33	Pumpkins also _____ Halloween.	TRADITIONAL
34	People _____ make lanterns from them.	USUAL

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29	Kelly's family loved to watch football together. Sometimes they watched college games, but normally they watched _____ teams play. This evening was special.	PROFESSION
30	Two teams were playing in the final match of the _____.	CHAMPION
31	Kelly's favourite team had actually got to the final this year, which _____ happened.	RARE
32	"They're going to win for sure! It will be _____ if they lose!" Kelly thought.	FAIR
33	Watching the football game needed the presence of the whole family and lots of tasty food. So Kelly's mum had made barbecue meatballs. Uncle Jolyon had brought a _____ cheese sauce and chips. Aunt Katie brought some cakes.	SPICE
34	When the game started, everyone cheered. It seemed to Kelly that every _____ of her team was doing their best to win-win-win! And they did!	PLAY

## More than just animals

The man-horse relationship dates back to ancient times. In the age of speed and technology, it's difficult to imagine how important these animals were to our ancestors. "We wouldn't have gone far without horses," John Parker, a professional rider and riding coach, says when showing his stables to the local reporters. "Civilisations developed on their backs. Centuries ago, people wouldn't have been able to move house 10 kilometres up the hill, let alone travel long distances. Horses carried food and supplies for common people and warriors." John Parker may exaggerate the role of horses, but it's difficult to disagree with him - in the past, the animals were very important for people!

The world has changed. Now, few people use horses as transport, but they are still with us. "Equestrian activities' are getting more and more popular." John Parker points to the stables where a few teenagers are cleaning horses' equipment. "Those are my students. They learn not only how to ride horses but also how to take care of them. That's why these kids come here, not only on the days when they have lessons but whenever they have a moment to spare. Which means every day, with rare exceptions."

Indisputably, riding is an exciting activity, and most teenagers would be happy to do it. But is equestrian sport only for the young? John smiles at the question, "No. Of course not. You can ride as long as you want. Some of my students are adults. In their thirties, forties, and fifties. And I know people who do not give up riding till a really old age."

Now, there is no exaggeration in John's words. There are amazing stories of senior riders like Elizabeth Breton, for instance, who has celebrated her 100th birthday and still rides regularly. This lady enjoys riding and considers it the best way to exercise. She claims she has no plans to give it up. It is not all about sport and exercising, of course. Horses are super-sensitive animals and can establish strong bonds with people. They are loyal friends, great companions, and natural healers. The sports horse, Peyo, is a real legend in France.

He used to be quite a difficult and temperamental horse, but after the sports competitions, he often behaved unexpectedly. He approached strangers to show them his affection and even tried to guard and protect them. As it was found later, most of those people suffered from cancer.

Soon Peyo became a certified carer and a member of the staff of Calais Hospital, France. Now, his job is to visit patients in the hospital rooms. He chooses the people who need him most and stays with them for hours. The hospital doctors admit that Peyo's regular visits relieve the patients' pain and reduce the need for heavy pain-killing medication. The doctors and patients affectionately call the horse *Doctor Peyo*.

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### 13. John Parker is a historian who studies ancient civilisations.

- True
- False
- Not stated

### 14. According to John Parker, ancient people were able to ride horses from the age of ten.

- True
- False
- Not stated

### 15. John Parker's students come to the stable three times a week.

- True
- False
- Not stated

### 16. John Parker's students are people of different ages.

- True
- False

Not stated

**17. Elizabeth Breton is often invited to the local radio studio to share her stories about horses and riders.**

True

False

Not stated

**18. Peyo used to take part in sports events.**

True

False

Not stated

**19. Peyo is allowed to stay next to the patients inside the hospital building.**

True

False

Not stated

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