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1. Comment on the following extract.

Living for ever may be a terrible fate but living a lot longer in good health sounds like a wonderful one. As we reflect on the relation between time and experience, for instance, there is an interesting and important paradox to be observed: the more life is experienced as meaningful, the less we are aware of time. The activities that give us the most satisfaction and happiness are those in which we are totally absorbed. Performing music, doing sports, reading good books, writing texts: there are many examples of activities that demand all our attention. In those activities that constitute human happiness there seem to be no time and space, no subject and object. From this one may infer that what we basically seek as human beings is not more time to live, but meaningful experiences.

If your body could be kept going for a thousand years, in what sense would the you that exists now still be around then? It would be more like a descendant than it would a continuation of you. I sometimes find it hard to identify with my teenage self, and that was less than 40 years ago.

If I change, I eventually become someone else. If I don't, life becomes stagnant and loses its direction.

Even if we could survive for hundreds of years, focusing too much on the future always risks neglecting the present. There is a very real sense in which we only ever exist in the here and now.

Being fully alive requires staying yourself, safe and sound, in that present as fully as possible. Dreams of eternal life interfere with making the most of the reality of temporal life.

The author of the given text emphasizes that living for ever is useless as ~~what~~ people should "exist in the ~~here~~ and now" and get more interesting experience. He/she also admits that people change, their thoughts do not stay the same. ~~A person~~ If it doesn't happen, life loses any sense. So the older we are, the wiser we become. The time passes, we try new things, enlarge our knowledge. Life is interesting as we do not know what will happen with us in the future. ~~Needless to~~ say that it becomes more attractive when we understand that our time is limited. That is why ~~eternal life~~ a perspective of eternal life seems does not seem good. Life will stop being so mysterious and charming. People will have time to try everything. But nowadays ~~our~~ life people do not live forever. ~~That's so~~ Therefore we they find ~~in their lives~~ so unpredictable and adventurous.

2. Read the fable and write down the moral it contains in the space below the fable.

The Lion and the Fox Fable

The Lion and the Fox were hunting together.

8. Insert the required articles where necessary. If no article is required put X.

1. The highest mountain chain, which is called the Himalayas, is situated in X Asia. 2. the dinner was substantial, but she asked to buy an ice after it. 3. Why not go to the Netherlands in - summer to practice the Dutch language. 4. When he left X school, he built houses in the West.

9. These are among the best novels of the English-speaking world. Who are their authors?

	Book	Author
1.	'Othello'	W. Shakespeare
2.	'The Grapes of Wrath'	J. London J. Steinbeck
3.	'The Sea Wolf'	J. London E. Waugh
4.	'A Handful of Dust'	E. Waugh
5.	'Death on the Nile'	Agatha Christie
6.	'Our man in Havana'	Gr. Green
7.	'Sister Carrier'	Th. Dreiser
8.	'Twilight'	W. Faulkner
9.	'The importance of being earnest'	Oscar Wild
10.	'The Pick Papers'	Ch. Dickens

Authors: Ch. Dickens, J. Steinbeck, Oscar Wild, Gr. Green, J. London E. Waugh, W. Shakespeare, Th. Dreiser, Agatha Christie, W. Faulkner

10. Find and underline idioms in the sentences in the left column of the table. Write down your sentences with the same meaning but without the idiom in the right one.

	Sentences with idioms	Sentences without idioms
1.	My washing machine is <u>on its last legs</u> . I've had it twenty-five years ago.	My washing machine is going to break down soon because it's too old.
2.	We had to work hard at our last programmes, and they weren't always successful, but no pains, <u>no games</u> .	We had to work hard at our last programmes, and they weren't always successful, but without hard work you'll never reach anything.
3.	No ifs and buts, just do what I tell you.	Do what I tell you without any objections.
4.	Stop wasting your time and start working at last. <u>Time and tide wait for no man</u> .	Time passes quickly and you won't manage to do things if you don't hurry.
5.	You'll have to <u>mind your Ps and Qs</u> when you meet your girlfriend's mother for the first time.	You'll have to be very careful about your behaviour and speech when you meet your girlfriend's mother for the first time.

6. Answer the question and comment on the statement.

Thinking - the maximum step of human knowledge. Yet the computer solves precisely formulated problems much more quickly the person. However, the computer does not solve indistinctly formulated problems, and the person solves. Do you share the opinion that a computer can think?

I do not share the opinion that a computer can think. In my opinion, the process of thinking includes not only an ability to solve "precisely formulated problems". It is a complex of actions which consists of empathy, making good decisions, finding benefits and disadvantages of something.

Undoubtedly, a computer is a smart invention. Sometimes it is even more intelligent than a qualified mathematician scientist. However, it can understand our commands not our feelings.

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7. Explain the meaning of the following words which reflect peculiarities of British and American cultures.

(1). Shadow Cabinet is a part of the Westminster government system. Besides, it is Labour's top team in Parliament. It is made up of the front bench of MPs and Members of the Lords.

(2). Tory is a member of the British Conservative Party. Tories supported the government of Great Britain during the American Revolution.

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The Lion, on the advice of the Fox, sent a message to the Ass, proposing to make an alliance between their families.

The Ass came to the place of meeting, overjoyed at the prospect of a royal alliance.

But when he came there the Lion simply pounced on the Ass, and said to the Fox:

"here is our dinner for to-day. Watch you here while I go and have a nap. Woe betide you if you touch my prey."

The Lion went away and the Fox waited; but finding that his master did not return, ventured to take out the brains of the Ass and ate them up.

When the Lion came back he soon noticed the absence of the brains, and asked the Fox in a terrible voice:

"What have you done with the brains?"

"Brains, your Majesty! It had none, or it would never have fallen into your trap."

You should always be careful before doing something. It is ~~also~~ better to think twice.

In order not to be deceived.

The situation that happened with Ass illustrates ~~how~~ the most attractive

~~people~~ suggestions may turn into.

~~People~~ may ~~me~~ treat with others as sly

as the Lion and the Fox. So it is

very important to be prudent so

as not to be on the end of a line.

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3. Find and underline ten mistakes (lexical and grammar) and write the wrong variant in the left and the correct variant in the right column of the table below the text.

When the old lady had returned to her flat she saw at once that burglars broke in during her absence, because the front door was open and everything in the flat was upside down. The burglars themselves were no longer there, but they probably just left because a cigarette still burnt on an ornamental table. She wondered if they found her jewellery and was rather hoping that they did. It was given to her by her late husband, yet she didn't like it and if it was stolen she would have get the insurance money.

	The wrong variant	The correct variant
1	had returned	returned

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2	Broke in	had broken in	+
3	left	had left	+
4	burnt	was burning	+
5	found	had found	+
6	did	had	+
7	was given	had been given	
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9	Late	previous	
10	would have get	would have got	

4. Comment on the following quotation:

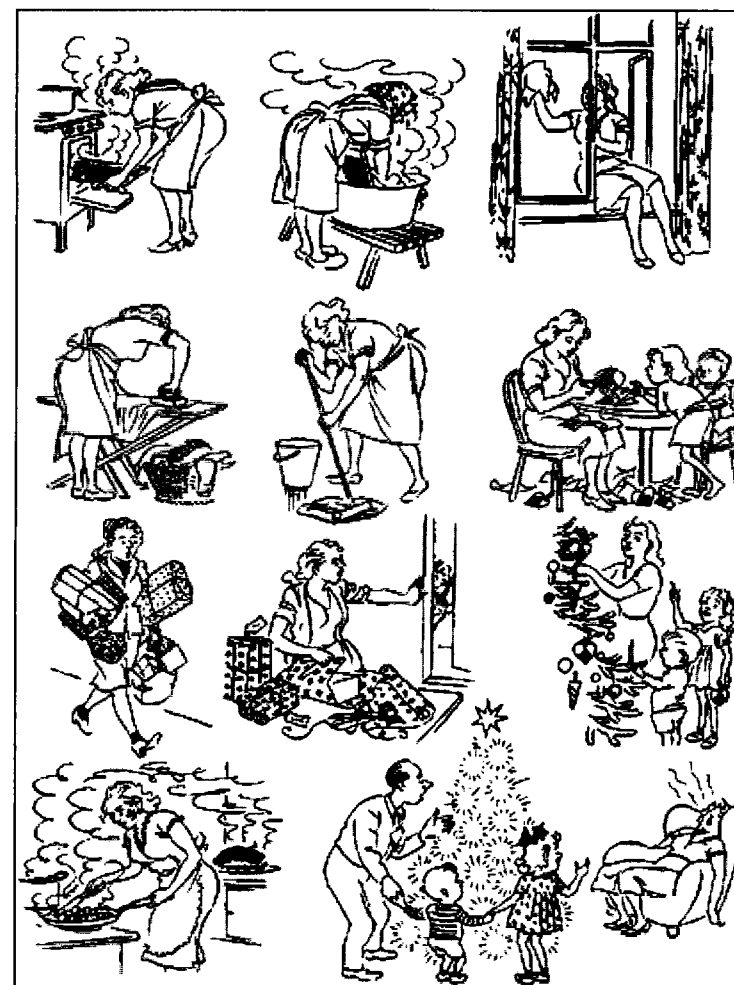
There is only one way to avoid criticism: do nothing, say nothing, and be nothing.

This wise saying can be interpreted in ^(Aristotle) the other words: "It is impossible to avoid criticism".

There are millions of people in the world. Each of them has his/her own vision on life. Moreover, every person tastes differ. What is liked by one is abhorred by another. That is why there will always be people who support you and so-called "haters" no matter what you do or what you are interested in.

For example, even LeBron James, one of the most outstanding basketball players, is said to be a bad sportsman by those who dislike him. However, this criticism is not so the criticism cannot be evaded. The question is, "Is it really essential to be liked and admired by everyone?" If the answer is "yes", this race will never be won.

5. Comment on the story in pictures.



It is normal for people to forget some days of their life. ~~xx~~ Virtually the same situation happened to our heroine, Jane. She was so exhausted that ~~she~~ ~~at~~ during the New Year that she ~~felt~~ fell asleep when the party started...

That day was really hard for her. She woke up at 8 a.m. and started cooking delicious dishes immediately. Then she did the washing-up, cleaned the windows, and the floor, ~~she~~ bought presents for the members of her family. Besides, she made a New Year tree ~~look~~ amazing that night, her children helped her. However, Jane became so tired that she took a nap when her family was ready to celebrate the start of the new year.