

7. Here is the list of subway stations. Seven of them are in London and three are located in other cities. Find them and cross out.

Green Park, Cannon Street, Franklin Street, Penn Station, Piccadilly Circus, Barbican, Bond Street, Moorgate, Christopher Street, Tottenham Court Road

8. Below is the list of some of the funniest English idioms, most of which came from British English. Match them with the situations given both lexically and grammatically.

- 1. She was nervous about her driving test, but it ended up being a piece of cake
- 2. I loved the first film but the sequel is a different kettle of fish
- 3. I forgot to water my flowers, and now they're as dead as a doornail
- 4. I was almost ready to go out but losing one of my shoes really threw a spanner in the works
- 5. We had just trying to bath the dog
- 6. She was as cool as a cucumber during her job interview.
- 7. You're calling me stupid? Talk about the pot calling the kettle black
- 8. You can do better, Mary. This essay has wrote it than Swiss cheese does
- 9. That child is a real pain in the neck
- 10. He has his head in the clouds, piece of cake, dead a doornail, more holes than Swiss cheese, a different kettle of fish, throw a spanner in the works, pot calling the kettle black, a pain in the neck, have fun and games.

Idioms: cool as a cucumber, head in the clouds, piece of cake, dead a doornail, more holes than Swiss cheese, a different kettle of fish, throw a spanner in the works, pot calling the kettle black, a pain in the neck, have fun and games.

9 (1). Explain the origin and name the principal ingredients of the traditional British dish:

Cornish pasty

(a). The origin

From XVII - XVIII century England.

(b). The ingredients

corn, flour, salt, sugar, pepper,

(2). Explain the meaning of the following words(word) which reflect peculiarities of British or American cultures:

The Capitol is the main building where the government of the USA usually meets.

10. Read the titles of some of the best novels in English. Who were these novels written by?

Book	Author
1. Kim	Jane Austen



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.

Why are traffic lights green, yellow, and red?

Red for stop has the most simple explanation: Red has the longest wavelength of any color on spectrum of visible light, and as such its easier to see from far away than others colors. Railroad's systems used red as a stop signal long before the automobiles were on the roads. Trains originally used a white light to mean "go," but engineers probably had a harder time telling it a part from the light of stars and other lanterns, so green took its place. Yellow was the original choice for stopping signs because it was easier to see than red at the night, but as reflective paint, streetlights, and headlights proliferated, the signs were changed over to red. Yellow is the second-easy color to see from a distance, so it was added as the "caution" signal in traffic lights.

	The wrong variant	The correct variant
1	on spectrum	on the spectrum +
2	its	it is +
3	others	other +
4	Railroad's	Railroad +
5	used	had been using -
6	had	was having -
7	harder	hard -
8	a part	apart from +
9	at the night	at night +
10	as reflective paint	as a reflective paint -

4. Below is a number of famous colourful quotes that came down to us from time immemorial. They are all based on logic and common sense, so can you possibly make a full phrase, adding some words.

Example: All roads LEAD TO ROME

- + 1. Haste makes waste.
- 2. Love is the world.
- 3. Money has the power.
- 4. Hell.
- + 5. Every cloud has a silver lining.
- + 6. First impressions are the strongest.
- + 7. Don't count your chickens until you catch them.

48. A cat has nine lives.

49. Still waters easily get spoiled.

10. Among the blind I was the one with sight.

5. Comment on the story in pictures:



It all started when three friends were Harry, John and Mary, were sitting in Harry's kitchen. Two men were too busy talking that didn't notice that John had made a mess with his cigarette on the floor. Unfortunately, Mary noticed and started yelling at John. He was also an emotional person, so he started yelling too, until Mary slapped him, with that their fight began. They were too aggressive, thus Harry got scared for them and his

own life. ~~He~~ He ran away from the flat to find a policeman and brought him to the flat. However, when they entered it they found out that there already was no sign. However Harry and John were hugging happily. It was the beginning of their hard but romantic relationship. The end.

6. Write the appropriate ending to the story given below

A Good Start

Bill liked painting more than anything in life. He started painting when he was 15 and people said that as a painter he had quite a lot of talent and had mastered most of the technical requirements. At 22 he had his first one-man show when he was discovered by the critics and his pictures were all sold out. With the money he could afford to marry Leila, rent a studio and stop being a student. To complete his education he went to Italy but after 5 months all the money was spent and he had to return.

Bill never had another show like the first one, though he became a better painter. The critics did not think him modern enough and said he was too academic. From time to time he managed to sell some of his paintings but eventually things had got very tight and he was obliged to look for a job.

The day before he went for an interview with his uncle Bill was especially gloomy. In the morning he went up to one of his unfinished pictures in the studio but he felt he couldn't paint. He threw down his brush and a bright red spot appeared on the board already covered with black and yellow paint from his previous work. The board had been used to protect the floor and was at that moment a mixture of bright colours.

When Bill left, Leila got down to cleaning the studio. She took up the board and put it against the wall to clean the floor. At that moment Garrad, Bill's dealer, came in. Bill had asked him to come, look at his work and arrange a show but the dealer had for some time been uncertain on the matter. So he was looking around the studio, explaining how the gallery was booked up for a year and how he could not really promise Bill a show yet for two years or so. Suddenly the board attracted his attention.

Think of the ending to the story and write it in the space below.

It was exactly what the gallery needed. An absolutely new interesting style. So ~~he~~ asked Leila about the board and it's cost. She decided not to disappoint Bill and told him that it was ~~the~~ been the experimentally painting and only Bill knew its price. The dealer got ~~excited~~ with the idea of something modern, so he asked Leila to tell Bill to paint more in that style and sell it to the gallery. However, when Bill returned and was given the offer he refused it saying that he would better become an ordinary worker than change his usual style. That way he was loyal to himself.

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ВАРИАНТ 8

1. Comment on the following extract.

What is biodiversity?

The air you breathe, the water you drink and the food you eat all rely on biodiversity, but right now it is in crisis – because of us. Biodiversity is the most complex feature of our planet and it is the most vital. It is the variety of life on Earth, in all its forms and all its interactions.

The huge global biodiversity losses now becoming apparent represent a crisis equalling climate change. Biological species are becoming extinct due to the changing weather patterns, extensive fires and man-made disasters, such as oil-spills.

Biodiversity is comprised of several levels, starting with genes, then individual species, then communities of creatures and finally entire ecosystems, such as forests or coral reefs, where life interplays with the physical environment. These myriad interactions that have been making Earth habitable for billions of years are now being threatened.

For many people living in towns and cities, wildlife is often something you watch on television. But the reality is that the air you breathe, the water you drink and the food you eat all ultimately rely on biodiversity.

Some examples are obvious: without plants there would be no oxygen and without bees to pollinate there would be no fruit or nuts. Others are less obvious – coral reefs and mangrove swamps provide invaluable protection from cyclones and tsunamis for those living on coasts, while trees can absorb air pollution in urban areas.

When scientists explore each ecosystem, they find countless such interactions. If undamaged, this produces a finely balanced, healthy system which contributes to a healthy sustainable planet.

In my opinion, it is a really big problem that there might be less and less biodiversity in the future. Biodiversity is extremely important for all living creatures and because of human doings most biological species could become

extinct. So I believe that people should finally take the responsibility for their own actions and if by to "lead" the nature of at least the part of it that still could be saved. ~~the~~ everyone should ~~start~~ ^{be} ~~concerned~~ ^{concerned} about the environment and doing everything ~~what~~ ^{that} is possible to protect it from further damaging. ~~However~~ ^{Therefore} we have to change our traditional lifestyle ~~in order~~ ^{in order} to make it less harmful for the nature. It is really frustrating that there are so many who now to help our planet but there are still a lot of people who just ignore the problem and do nothing. If we do not start saving the environment right now, there will be no future for the next generation's because it will be too late to help the nature, it will not just exist.

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2. Comment on the following statement:

Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it. (Henry David Thoreau) I absolutely agree with Henry David Thoreau. In my opinion, people who work too hard to become successful usually do not get what they want. I believe this happens because they are too concentrated on only one aim, which is their success, and they simply become obsessed with the idea. Thus, the obsession usually leads to nothing but depression and problems with psychic. Nevertheless, those who are ~~not~~ ^{not} busy working in different spheres and do not have one particular aim, achieve more. In my mind, it happens because they are really interested in so many things that they just do not have enough time to become obsessed with one. And those who are interested in their work always become successful even if it is unplanned. To sum up, people who do not looking for success usually find it.

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2.	For Whom the Bell Tolls	Ernest Hemingway	+
3.	Slaughterhouse-Five	Kurt Vonnegut	+
4.	Great Expectations	Charles Dickens	+
5.	Persuasion	Evelyn Waugh	—
6.	A Handful of Dust	W. Somerset Maugham	—
7.	Three Men in a Boat (To Say Nothing of the Dog)	Jerome K. Jerome	+
8.	Fahrenheit 451	Ray Bradbury	+
9.	Cakes and Ale	Henry James	—
10.	The Ambassadors	Rudyard Kipling	—

Authors: Jane Austen, Ray Bradbury, Evelyn Waugh, Rudyard Kipling, Henry James, Kurt Vonnegut, Jerome K. Jerome, W. Somerset Maugham, Charles Dickens, Ernest Hemingway,

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