



заключительный этап

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1. Comment on the following extract.

As bird and insect populations plummet, sounding new alarms about the health of the natural world, one promising arena where humans can help is also a surprising one: cities. In New York, scientists and officials are calling for residents and companies to do their part, with projects as ambitious as the rooftop meadow and as simple as choosing native plants for home window boxes.

For some species, scientists say, cities can be more hospitable than rural and suburban areas, because fewer lawns and farms mean fewer pesticides. The green roof in Brooklyn draws endangered monarch butterflies, a panoply of birds and wild bees that are native to New York City but threatened by what scientists have called an “insect apocalypse.”

It is difficult to quantify the effect of wildlife corridors, scientists say, but research shows that such corridors increase the number of species and individual creatures able to thrive in cities and may serve as a patchwork of habitats in the future.

The expansion of ecological problems led to decrease of bird and insect populations. However, humans are able to improve the situation. Moreover, people can do that even in cities. Some organisations create places for wildlife

in New York.

In my opinion, such actions will help us save our planet from severe problems. Firstly, they will make cities greener and will make the air fresher. Secondly, we will become closer to nature and will appreciate it more. Thirdly, it will help to save endangered species.

In conclusion, nowadays people are aware of the negative impact we have on the Earth and are concerned about it. That is why, I hope that soon enough such eco-friendly projects will be everywhere and not only in New York.

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2. Comment on the following statement:

Selfishness is not living as one wishes to live, it is asking others to live as one wishes to live.

This statement means that it is selfish to ask others to live like one wants them to. One is only responsible for his/her own life. In my opinion this statement explains very well what selfishness is. It is an action towards other people which makes them feel uncomfortable. That is why it is not right to say that a man who lives as he wishes is selfish.

I think that nowadays a lot of people forget that they are in no position to give advice to others. On how to live. Moreover, these people think that they have good intentions when actually they cause more harm than good with their actions. It's selfishness in its true form. In my opinion, people should remember it in order to behave differently and become a better person of themselves.

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

The White House is a building situated in Washington, D.C. where the president of the USA live and work

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

	Book	Author
1.	Nineteen Eighty-Four	George Orwell +
2.	The Wind in the Willows	Kenneth Grahame +
3.	Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	Mark Twain +
4.	The Great Gatsby	F.S. Fitzgerald +
5.	Kim	Rudyard Kipling +
6.	The Picture of Dorian Gray	Oscar Wilde +
7.	Death on the Nile	Agatha Christie +
8.	The Painted Veil	Charles Dickens —
9.	Our Mutual Friend	W. Somerset Maugham —
10.	The Sun Also Rises	Ernest Hemingway +

Authors: Agatha Christie, Kenneth Grahame, W. Somerset Maugham, Francis Scott Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway, Rudyard Kipling, Charles Dickens, Oscar Wilde, Mark Twain, George Orwell

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buying it. Roger's health became worse. Life was leaving his body. Roger looked so awful that even his close friends found it hard to recognise him. It may seem that the proposal took away all his energy. Finally, a stroke ended his suffering. Roger found a way to escape the marriage.

7. Here is the list of universities. Seven of them are in the USA and three are located in other countries. Find them and cross out.
Princeton University, ~~Macquarie University~~, James Cook University, Yale University, Carnegie Mellon University, Georgetown University, Clark University, ~~Imperial College~~, ~~Drexel University~~, Dartmouth College

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. I was on cloud nine after receiving the news of my promotion.
2. The browser was under the weather, but it worked.
3. After some reflection, he decided to bite the bullet and travel at a snail's pace for two hours.
4. The roads were full of traffic and we were travelling at a snail's pace for two hours.
5. I was left out in the annual promotions in the company.
6. My wife's a night owl, but I like to be in bed by 10 o'clock.
7. I go out for walks once in a blue moon.
8. We only see the glamor and money in showbiz. But the other side of the coin is that only one in hundreds reach there.
9. I am dizzy. I'm feeling as slow as molasses.
10. We told her it was a delicate situation but she went into the meeting like a bull in a china shop.

Idioms: on cloud nine, the other side of the coin, left out in the cold, a bull in a china shop, bite the bullet, once in a blue moon, under the weather, night owl, at a snail's pace, (as) slow as molasses.

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

Sunday roast
(a). The origin
This dish was traditionally made on Easter after the end of the
(b). The ingredients
meat, bread

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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.

Why are most blackboards green and not black?

Before blackboards were large enough to take in an entire wall in a classroom, students would use individual size boards making of slate or wood that had been painted in black. So the first blackboards, were in fact, black. Once teachers realized they need more space to teach there students, they put the multiple boards of slate together on the wall to make bigger blackboards. Finally, as the demand for blackboards raised, companies started making them out of steel plates coated with green porcelain-based enamel in spite of the traditional dark slate. This way the boards were more light, less fragile, and easier to ship. This is what the school was like a 100 years before.

	The wrong variant	The correct variant
1	take in	take
2	individual size boards	individual boards
3	making of	made of
4	teach there	teach
5	raised	rose
6	making them out of	making them from
7	in spite of	instead of
8	more light	lighter
9	years before	years ago
10	boards of slate	slate boards

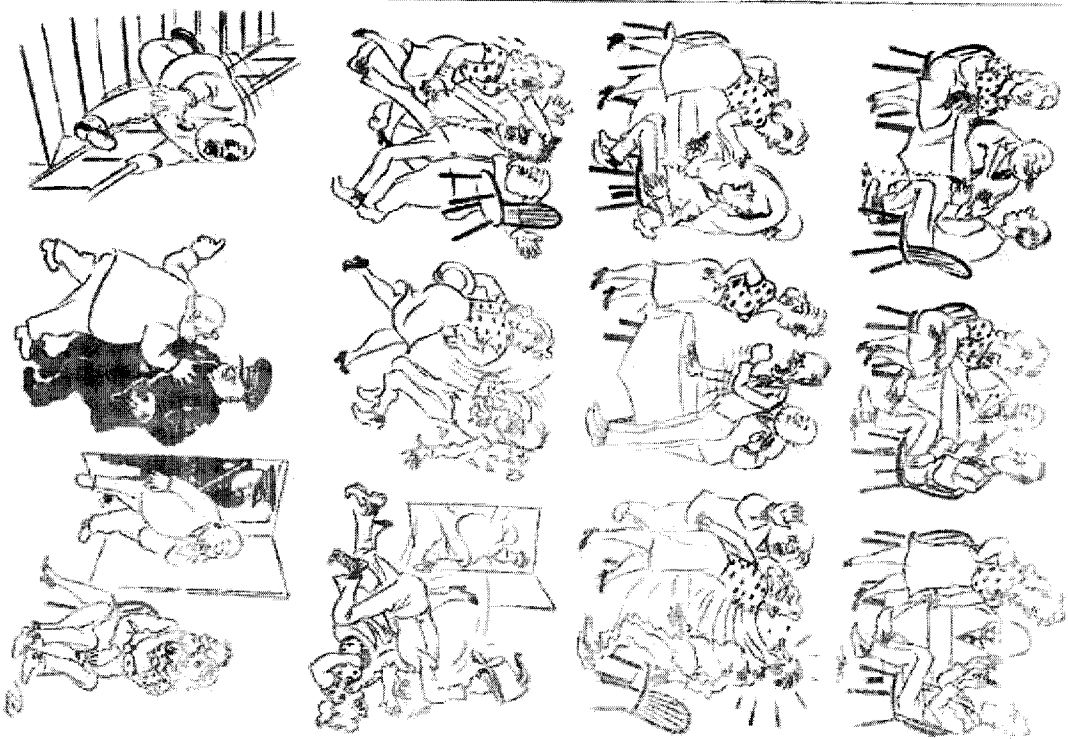
4. Below is a number of famous colourful quotes that came down to us from time immemorial. They are all based on logic and common sense, so can you possibly make a full phrase, adding some words.

Example: All roads LEAD TO ROME
1. When my friend and I go out, it is always as both of us don't have much money.
2. Bad news COMES in pair.
3. Let sleeping dogs lie.



4. God help ones who help themselves
5. You will really see your friends' intentions when you call upon them in a time of crisis.
6. Opera is not theatre.
7. When in Rome, always afraid of dogs.
8. Once bitten, always afraid of dogs.
9. Don't judge a book by its cover.
10. The grass is greener on the other side of the fence.
5. Comment on the story in pictures:

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In the picture we can see we can see three people sitting together. At first they are calmly talking. Then two people who are apparently spouses start an argument. Soon it turns into a real fight. Spouses are attacking each other. The man who has been sitting with them runs out of the flat. The woman is in fear. He decides to go to the police. However, when

he and an officer come to the flat, the spouses are sitting in peace.

In my opinion, this picture is a perfect illustration of common family fights. In such arguments it may seem that spouses hate each other, but, at the end of that day, they are soulmates.

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6. Write the appropriate ending to the story given below

The Escape

(after W.S. Maugham)

Roger Charing was no longer young when he fell in love with Ruth Barlow and he had had enough experience to make him careful; but Ruth Barlow had a gift that makes most men defenceless. This was the gift of pathos. Mrs. Barlow was twice a widow. She had splendid dark eyes and they were the most moving I ever saw. They seemed to be always on the point of filling with tears and you felt that her sufferings had been impossible to bear. Mrs. Barlow was one of those unfortunate persons with whom nothing goes right. If she married the husband beat her; if she employed a broker he cheated her; if she took a cook she drank.

When Roger told me that he was going to marry her, I wished him joy. As for me I thought she was stupid and as hard as nails.

Roger introduced her to his friends. He gave her lovely jewels. He took her everywhere. Their marriage was announced for the nearest future. Roger was very pleased with himself, he was committing a good action.

Then suddenly he fell out of love. I don't know why. He realized that Ruth Barlow had made up her mind to marry him and he swore that nothing would make him marry her. Roger knew it wouldn't be easy. Roger didn't show that his feelings to Ruth Barlow had changed. He remained attentive to all her wishes, he took her to dine at restaurants, he sent her flowers, he was charming.

They were to get married as soon as they found a house that suited them; and they started looking for residences. The agents sent Roger orders to view and he took Ruth to see some houses. It was very difficult to find anything satisfactory. They visited house after house. Sometimes they were too large and sometimes they were too small; sometimes they were too far from the centre and sometimes they were too close; sometimes they were too expensive and sometimes they wanted too many repairs; sometimes they were too stuffy and sometimes they were too airy. Roger always found a fault that made the house unsuitable. He couldn't let his dear Ruth to live in a bad house.

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

They had been choosing a house for five years. Even when a house had no flaws, Roger found reasons for not