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ВАРИАНТ 2

1. Comment on the following extract.

*Bush Fires in Australia*

SYDNEY, Australia — More than 85 fires burned across Australia's east coast on Tuesday, 40 of them out of control, as state officials warned that catastrophic conditions would worsen, with intensifying winds blowing flames toward larger cities. More than 100,000 homes are at risk. The fires have already caused four deaths and destroyed more than 150 properties, with a handful more added every few hours. Maps from fire officials showing the areas likely to burn showed blazes potentially doubling in size over the next 24 hours. Schools close and firefighters get air support.

Drier-than-normal conditions set the stage for danger, as there is fuel both on the ground, with dry leaves, and in the branches of trees that are dying or dead. And if something ignites, high winds threaten to carry the flames far and wide.

Scientists, firefighters and mayors pointed out the clear connections between climate change and the extended and more intense fire seasons in Australia, California and other places around the world. Climate scientists comment on the catastrophe saying: "There's clearly a human fingerprint on the temperature increases since 1950 — all the weather patterns are occurring in a planet that is warming and warming because of human activity."; "We're really missing the opportunity to prepare for future life in Australia".

So, the further we ignore the problem and avoid these conversations, the more we're really missing the opportunity to get the public ready for what is upon us.

*Bush fires pose a great danger to the inhabitants of Australia, half of them are*

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

Cream tea

(a) The origin

Devon, England

(b) The ingredients

tea is served with scones, jam and  
clotted cream

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

Blue state is a state where most people vote  
for Democratic parties

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

Book	Author
1. Emma	Jane Austen +
2. A Farewell to Arms	Ernest Hemingway +
3. The Portrait of a Lady	Henry James +
4. The Call of the Wild	Jack London +
5. A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court	Mark Twain +
6. Dombey and Son	Charles Dickens +
7. Moby-Dick; or, The Whale	Herman Melville +
8. Rebecca	Daphne du Maurier +
9. Robinson Crusoe	Daniel Defoe +
10. The Sound and the Fury	William Faulkner +

Authors: Henry James, Daphne du Maurier, Jane Austen, Charles Dickens, Jack London, William Faulkner, Daniel Defoe, Herman Melville, Mark Twain, Ernest Hemingway.

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of control. It is really frightening that winds strengthen from time periodically and cause the fire to move towards larger cities. Such uncontrollable fires are highly destructive and dangerous.

Although such measures as closing schools and giving air support to the firefighters are taken, they are not enough to stop the fires caused by the human impact as well: the global warming is should not be underestimated. I can't agree more that fires in Australia are terrifying and require serious immediate measures to get the public ready and to save the earth for the generations to come.

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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).

A wise man once said that those who seek for fame and success rarely truly get them. I wholeheartedly support Henry David Thoreau's opinion, since one will only be successful if they don't put set that as their initial goal. It is common knowledge that one has to think of the ways and options available to them for reaching success.

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

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Denali, Mount Evans, Mount Yale, Mount ~~Everest~~, Maroon Peak, Mount Pinchot, Nanga Parbat, Cloud Peak, Mount Ossa, West Buffalo Peak

did a Devon Loch

Arsenal.

2. You simply put on the stain remover, leave it for an hour and *Bob's your uncle* the stain's gone.

3. At this point, the con artist *did a runner* with all her money. ...

7. Yea, right! You will get Justin Bieber to ask you on a date when pigs fly! has cat got your tongue?
8. Come on, Bob! Tell us what you think about our little party. What's the matter? cat got your tongue?
9. "The women have gone to one of their friend's house to chew the fat" John smiled.

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to me.

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All though the actual mechanism of sleep is already poorly understood, we do know why we need to do it: Brains seem needing the downtime in order to stay organized, and particularly to strengthen new neural connections that allow us remember what we had learned. And we know why we shouldn't go without: Long-term sleep deprivation can cause hallucinations, psychosis, heart disease, and immune-system dysfunction. “Every physiologic system in the body, and every operation of the mind, is powerfully enhancing by sleep when we get it, and demonstrably impaired when we don't get enough,” Matthew P. Walker, PhD, professor of neurosciences and psychology at University of California, Berkeley, told the *Reader's Digest*.



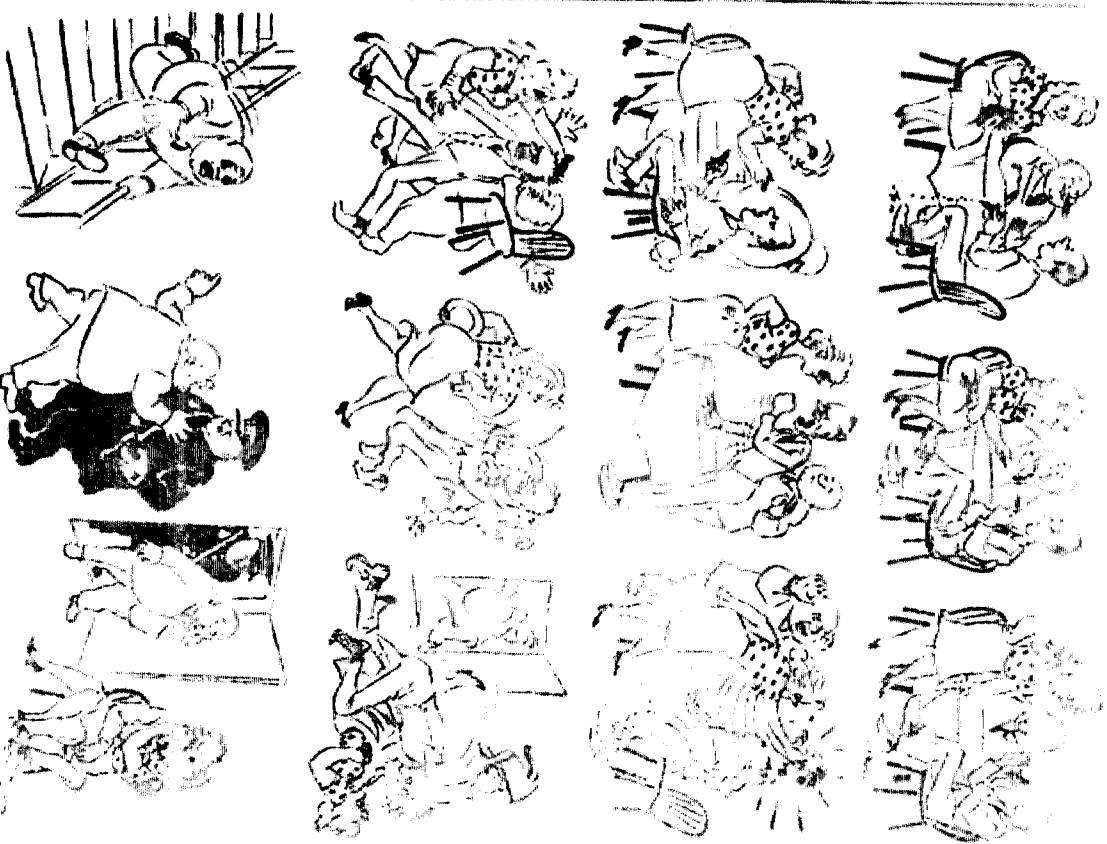
**Example: All roads** **LEAD TO ROME**

1. It takes two to tango.
2. Of course he'll get what he wants. Money rule the world.
3. Death is just the absence of life. Sp ~
4. Clothes do not defy you.

5. People who live in glass houses don't throw stones +
6. Kill the goose that ~~ate the eggs~~ lays the golden eggs +
7. Too far East is too close West +
8. God helps those who don't ask +
9. Lend your money and lose your friend +
10. Curiosity killed the cat +

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5. Comment on the story in pictures:



It was a nice Sunday afternoon when a newly-married couple and their friend were sitting at the kitchen table in their house. Mary was knitting while John - her husband - and Jack were smoking cigars and talking business. But suddenly some ash fell onto the new fancy carpet. Mary became furious upon John refusing to clean after himself. An awful and heated argument started,

which Jack tried to prevent from happening but failed. When the couple started a physical fight, Jack ran down the stairs and called the police-officer he saw down the street. "Violence," he cried, "they'll murder each other!" The police-officer and Jack rushed back to the house only to find John and Mary hugging each other.

"John said he will buy me a new house with a lovely garden instead of this one," said Mary while kissing her husband on a cheek.

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6. Write the appropriate ending to the story given below

## Caged

(after L.E. Reeve)

Purcell owned a pet shop. He considered himself something of a professional man.

Each morning, when the routine of opening his shop was completed, it was the proprietor's custom to perch on a high stool, behind the counter, unfold his morning paper, and digest the day's news.

It was a raw, wintry day. Having completed his usual tasks, Mr. Purcell again mounted the high stool and unfolded his morning paper.

There was a bell over the door that rang whenever a customer entered. This morning, however, for the first time Mr. Purcell could recall, it failed to ring. Simply he glanced up, and there was the stranger, standing just inside the door, as if he had materialized out of thin air. From the first instant he knew instinctively, that the man hated him; but out of habit he rubbed his hands, smiled and nodded.

"Good morning," he beamed. "What can I do for you?"

The man stared closely at Purcell, as though just now aware of his presence. He said, "I want something in a cage."

"I see," hastened the storekeeper, not at all certain that he did. "Now let me think. A white rat, perhaps? I have some very nice white rats."

"No!" said the man. "Not rats. Something with wings. Something that flies."

"A bird!" exclaimed Mr. Purcell.

"A bird's all right." The customer pointed suddenly to a cage which contained two snowy birds.

"Doves? How much for those?"

"Five-fifty," came the prompt answer. "And a very reasonable price. They are a fine pair."

"Five-fifty?" The man was obviously disappointed. He produced a five-dollar bill. "I'll like to have those birds. But this is all I've got. Just five dollars."

Mentally, Mr. Purcell made a quick calculation, which told him that at a fifty cent reduction he could still reap a tidy profit. He smiled kindly "My dear man, if you want them that badly, you can certainly have them for five dollars."

The man laughed "I've earned these 5 dollars in ten years! They gave me five dollars," laughed the man, "and a cheap suit, and tell you not to get caught again."



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Purcell sighed once again. He thought that it was such a pity to have the two beautiful birds released so easily by the stranger. ~~But~~<sup>And</sup> days ~~passed~~<sup>were passing</sup> with by the regular ringing of the bell and the & customers' smiles, until ~~a month~~<sup>6 months</sup> later the story repeated itself: the same man was standing in front of the pet shop owner. Yet, the air around the visitor <sup>more</sup> was not full of hatred towards the world. The mysterious customer was wearing a nice green costume and a tie, while also wholeheartedly smiling at Purcell. "Good morning," he said to the owner. "I would like to buy all the birds you have. I will pay as much as you'll ask." ~~That~~ Turned out that the stranger ~~had been~~ was a liberal man of honour, wrongly accused of a crime he didn't commit and sentenced to prison work. The 5 dollars was the only thing left from what he used to own. "I've been craving for the freedom that was taken from me: I know how these ~~best~~ birds feel and want to do what I can to help them." He truly was the man of honour.

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