

6.	Lord of the Flies	William Golding	+
7.	The Light That Failed	George Eliot	—
8.	Little Dorrit	Graham Greene	—
9.	The Quiet American	Charles Dickens	—
10.	The Old Man and the Sea	Ernest Hemingway	+

Authors: ~~Ernest Hemingway, Charles Dickens, George Eliot, William Golding, H. G. Wells, J.D. Salinger, Harper Lee, Graham Greene, Rudyard Kipling, Mark Twain~~

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ВАРИАНТ 1

1. Comment on the following extract.

Koalas Aren't Extinct, but Their Future Is in Danger, Experts Say.

Claims that koalas were “functionally extinct” spread widely online as fires raged in Australia. With large areas of their crucial habitat ravaged, it is unclear what the future holds for a species that was already under threat before this round of bush fires. Some koalas have been rescued, and with blazes still burning, it is hard to know how many have been killed.

The phrase “functionally extinct” has recently made the rounds in news articles and on social media. The term refers to a species that no longer plays a role in an ecosystem or that is on its way to extinction, possibly irremovably.

In fact, koalas are not extinct. And some scientists warned that exaggeration can hurt, rather than help, conservation efforts. “What is particularly frustrating about the term ‘functional extinction’ is it indicates a population that is basically past the point of no return, so it means that nothing really can be done,” said Jacquelyn Gill, professor of Biology and Ecology.

The International Union for Conservation of Nature’s Red List, says the koala population is declining and vulnerable — but not endangered. Estimates range wildly, and every region is different. In some places, scientists say, koalas’ numbers have declined by up to 80 percent. Koalas evolved to exist alongside wildfires, but the animals are facing new threats from human development, which has dislocated local populations and impaired their ability to survive fires, as well as climate change.

Nowadays it is usually said that koalas are “functionally extinct” because of the vast fires in Australia. But in fact it is not only the climate aspect is guilty for but also humans themselves.

I completely agree with the text given below. It is hard (and useless) to deny that koalas are rare animals that need people's support in order to survive and continue their living as species under no threat of extinction but it is commonly forgotten that sometimes a big fuss makes only even more problems. People of have enlightened this problem on social media and of course, if it is a good decision to raise such important topics in the society but the idea of saving koalas has already proven into a mainstream ~~that~~. It means that ~~the~~ the main goal, to save koalas, is distracted by the fashion or popularity factors and hundreds of such volunteers in Australia ^{already} have not to volunteer but to become a part of a new trend. Consequences might be awful: because of human interfering into wildlife, the population of koalas may decline even more as humans just limit koalas' ~~as~~ surviving abilities.

In conclusion, without any doubt ~~there must be~~ shelters for animals in Australia are to be built but the number of people who are eager to "entertain their boundaries with the nature" must be reduced as well. Only professional specialists will be able to save koalas from "functional extinction" with the minimal ~~effect~~ effect on their ~~survival~~ survival abilities.

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2. Comment on the following statement:

Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference (Sir Winston Churchill).

As Winston Churchill once said: "Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference", and these words are full of wisdom.

If we look through some psychological research, we will find out that people who tend to think about things positively are more likely to ~~get~~ gain success in life than the indifferent ones or "just pleasters". When an optimistic person faces a problem, he (or she) thinks about solving it, he does not panic or make a disaster out of nothing and it is very important if in the others, seeing his attitude become inspired, and encouraged as well. I would say that the optimism and the optimism are the two keys to success in any field.

Idioms: be in my neck of the woods, hold one's horses, kick the bucket, be thin in the face, have one's heart in one's mouth, have a bee in one's bonnet, be thick as thieves, the lights are on but nobody's home, by the skin of one's teeth, have a red herring.

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

Haggis

(a). The origin

A traditional Scottish dish that was especially popular in the times of industrial revolution. It was tasty and nutritious so as to keep workers feel energized and fed for the remaining day.

(b). The ingredients

A traditional Haggis consists of meat (usually, it's beef), vegetables (carrots, potatoes), a special meat ~~sauce~~ sauce and substance that is like the Yorkshire pudding.

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

The Shadow Cabinet

"The shadow cabinet" is the name of policy in the UK which was launched by the shadow chancellor, Winston Churchill.

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

Book	Author
1. Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	Mark Twain +
2. The Catcher in the Rye	J.D. Salinger +
3. To Kill a Mockingbird	Harper Lee +
4. Middlemarch	Eugene Winton +
5. The War of the Worlds	H.G. Wells +

Leita made him a good wife. She was gentle and friendly, busied herself about the house garden, polished the bowls, milked the cows and mended his socks. But as time went by Mr. Peters began to feel that she was not happy. She seemed restless, wandered much in the garden, and sometimes when he came back from the fields he would find the house

One evening he was returning home along the river path when he saw Leita in front of him, down by the water. A swan had sailed up to her and she had her arms round its neck. She was weeping, and as he came nearer he saw that tears were rolling, too, from the swan's eyes.

"Leita, what is it?" he asked, very troubled.

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

My dear husband, - goshes Leita, - I am so sorry... I feel like a nightingale in a golden cage, heart to you... I swear, I tried to love you but the bird keeps calling for me. It needs me as much as I need it... Mr. Peters clenched his fists and looked furiously at Leita and told her angrily that if she couldn't fall in love with him herself, the second with I would force her. So, no wonder that his second wife was to make Leita love him in return. Suddenly the sky became dark and heavily clouded, a lightning flashed and the thunder rumbled, and the King of the forest appeared in front of Mr. Peters. "You wish is impossible, Mr. Peters. I cannot intergate with people's feelings, so you have just spent one of your precious wishes in vain," - grinned the King. Mr. Peters asked the King whether there was any other way to make Leita love him, but the answer was negative. Eventually Mr. Peters said in desperation: "If it is worthless to make my feelings match, then my last wish will be to release Leita. Live happily, my love!" 7. Here is the list of former colonies. Seven of them were British and three belonged to other countries. Find them and cross out. Leita disappeared!

Qatar, Pakistan, Israel, (Guinea) Jordan, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, (Mali) Bangladesh

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 never stops talking about dieting - she has a bee in her bonnet +
2. Oh man, my car wouldn't start this morning - I just made it here by the skin of teeth +
3. As soon as he heard about the announcement of lottery results on TV, he was blue in the face. had his heart in his mouth +
4. You can complain about it till you are blue, but we're going to your grandmother's whether you like it or not. +
5. Just hold your horses. Let's think about this for a moment. +
6. A good mystery novel always has a red herring that keeps readers off guard. +
7. The old lady had led a solitary life, but when she kicked a bucket, the whole neighbourhood came to her funeral. +
8. Jones and Cook met at the age of ten and have been thick as thieves + since then.
9. Lilly studied about interior designing but the lights are on but nobody's home. +
10. Let me know next time you are in my neck of the woods and we'll go for a snack. +

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In conclusion people see this world differently and it is really great but the most successful are those who are not afraid of complications and face difficulties with a wide smile on their face.

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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 Do Seashells Sound Like The Ocean?

It's lovely to reminisce about your beach vacation by listening to the sound of waves in a big conch shell—but be aware that it isn't the ocean you listen. The shape of seashells allow them to capture and reflect ambient noise, amplifying certain frequencies, so when you hold one to your ear, you really just hearing echoes of the quite sounds that are already surrounding you. Nationally accredited audiologist Shruti Deshpande, PhD, an assistant professor at the St. John's University, told the Huffington Post recently that empty bowls and bottles can produce similarly affects.

	The wrong variant	The correct variant
1	It's	It is (It's)
2	reminisce	reminiscent
3	listen	listen to
4	allow	allows
5	your	you're (you are)
6	quite	quiet
7	professor	professor
8	told	was told
9	similarly	similar
10	affects	effects

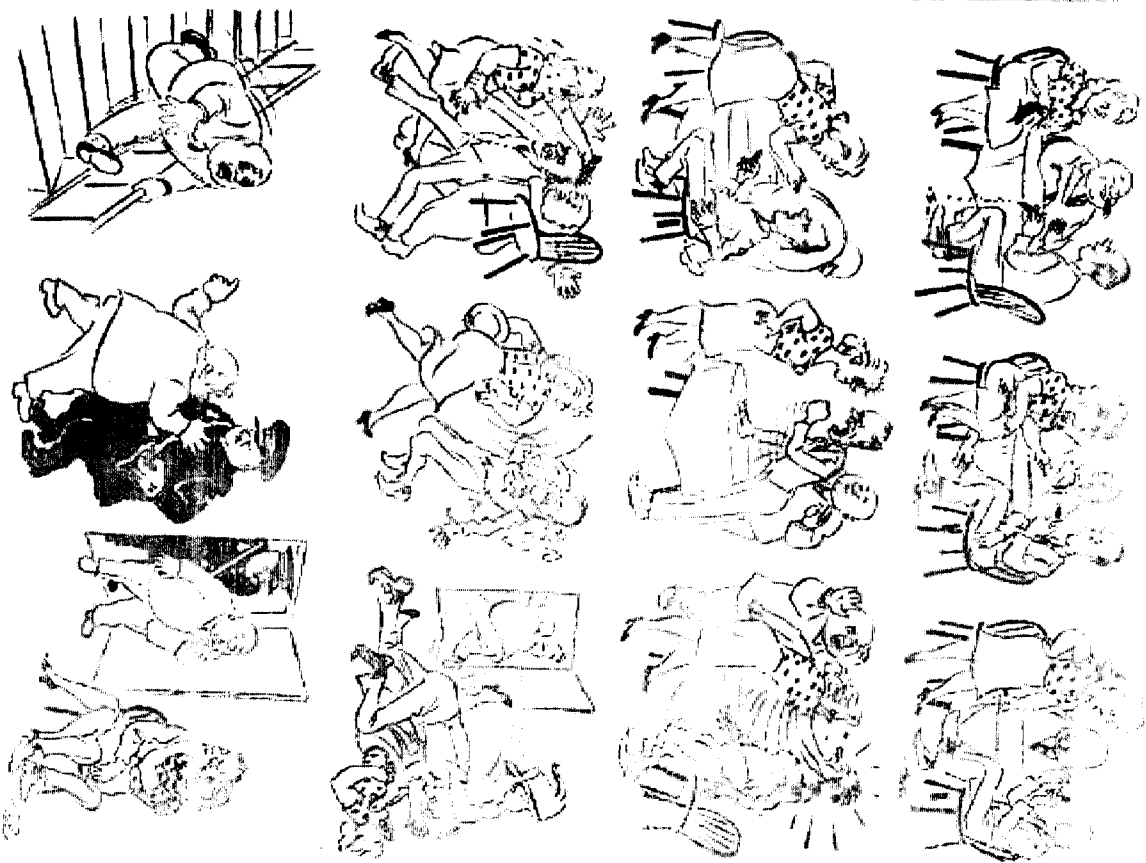
4. Below is a number of famous colourful quotes that came down to us from time immemorial. They are all based on logic and common sense, so can you possibly make a full phrase, adding some words.

Example: All roads LEAD TO ROME

1. Clever crime solvers need a direct line in their head (mind).
2. Will the negotiators be able to untie the tight bound of war
3. Morning dreams are the most vivid ones
4. All's well when all's well
5. Don't judge a book for its cover
6. Two wrongs make one right
7. Say not always that you know but always that you want to know

8. Don't throw the baby over the cliff — before he's murdered —
 9. We only see our daughter once before he's murdered —
 10. He was born with a silver spoon in his mouth +

5. Comment on the story in pictures:



sometimes it is very complicated to understand the relationships between people especially in the form of romantic couples sometimes it is better not to interfere into other's life and let things flow especially when it disabst other people's relations

It is obvious that ~~at some~~ conflicts and

argument are inevitable but violence... violence is something of all. For one, it will be natural to fight desperately ~~with each other~~ ^{humiliate each other} in the same moments for others, violence is inappropriate in any cases and I myself am the second type. Nevertheless, all people differ from each other and ~~several~~ ^{several} must do a common sense among impulsive, "blasting" people, so it is essential to know if people better at first and ~~understand~~ ^{understand} see if ~~any~~ ^{everything} that occurs between people is convenient and a natural for them. In other cases, there must appear an embarrassing situation decided in the pictures where a person ^{the police} called for help, but there was no need in that.

6. Write the appropriate ending to the story given below

The Third Wish

(after Joan Aiken)

Once Mr. Peters was driving in his car at dusk. He entered a straight, empty stretch of road and heard a faint crying, and a struggling and thrashing, as if somebody was in trouble far away in the trees. He left his car and climbed the mossy bank beside the road. Then he saw the gleam of water. Coming closer he found that it was a swan that had become entangled in the thorns growing on the bank of the canal.

The bird struggled all the more frantically as he approached, looking at him with hate in its yellow eyes. Nevertheless he managed to release it from the thorns.

Then the swan floated in to the bank once more and in a moment turned into a little man all in green with golden crown and long beard, standing by the water. He had fierce glittering eyes and looked by no means friendly.

"Well, Sir," he said threateningly, "You have rescued by pure good fortune the King of the Forest from a difficulty, you should have some fabulous reward."

"I expect three wishes, no more and no less," answered Mr. Peters, looking at him steadily and with composure. He stood for some minutes reflecting on how he should use his reward. Finally he said:

"My first wish is to have a wife as beautiful as the forest."

A tremendous quacking and splashing broke out on the surface of the water, and he saw the most beautiful creature he had ever seen, with eyes as blue-green as the canal, hair as dusky as the bushes, and skin as white as the feathers of swans.

"I am your wife", she said. "My name is Leita."

