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**1. Comment on the following extract.**

Scientists say they'll soon extend life "well beyond 120" Yet it has mostly been aimed at extending "healthspan", the years in which you are free of frailty or disease, rather than lifespan, although an obvious effect is that it would also be extended (healthy people after all live longer). If a consequence of increasing health is that life is extended, that's a good thing, but the most important part is keeping people healthy as long as possible.

There are a number of scientists who intend to slow the aging process and currently study the problem in animal models. There have been attempts to develop drugs that will have the same effect on the aging process as a caloric restriction diet known as Caloric restriction drugs. Some drugs that are already approved for other uses have been studied for possible longevity effects on laboratory animals.

Several drugs are in development that mimic the mechanisms that cause lab animals fed carefully calorie-restricted diets to live longer. Others copy the effects of genes that occur in long-lived people. One drug already in clinical trials is rapamycin, which is normally used to aid organ transplants and treat rare cancers. It has been shown to extend the life of mice by 25%, the greatest achieved so far with a drug, and protect them against diseases. But there are no yet drugs to protect healthy people over 150 against moral problems they may face in the second hundred of their mature age.

This extract tells us about <sup>the</sup> improvement in medicine. It is said that scientists will soon extend life well beyond 120. It is possible because of the modern technologies. ~~There~~ There are many advantages that soon all the people will become healthy as long as possible, will be free of frailty or many diseases. It is obvious that such a discovery in medicine will ~~radically~~ seriously change our every day lives in a positive way, but it is worth pointing that there is a real ~~real~~ problem. Scientists haven't made any drugs which can protect healthy people over 150 against moral problems. I reckon that all people just can't imagine how it's possible to live over 150 years.

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

### The Lion and the Mouse Fable.

Once when a Lion was asleep a little Mouse began running up and down upon him; this soon wakened the Lion, who placed his huge paw upon him, and opened hi big jaw to swallow him. "Pardon, O King," cried the little Mouse: "forgive me this time, I shall never forget it: who knows but what I may be able to do you a turn some of these days?"

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

1. A ship nearly sank in the Pacific.
2. They stayed in X Venice for a fortnight.
3. The Smiths were going to London to see the Thames in ~~the~~ X autumn.
4. What is ~~the~~ an English for «Рождество»?
5. He stayed in X bed till X midday.

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

	Book	Author
1.	'Rob Roy'	J. Galsworthy
2.	'Vanity Fair'	<del>W. Faulkner</del> W. Faulkner
3.	'A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court'	Mark <del>Twain</del> Twain
4.	'For Whom the Bell Tolls'	E. Hemingway
5.	'Theatre'	Somerset Maugham
6.	'The Marble Faun'	Walter Scott
7.	'All is Well That Ends Well'	W. Shakespeare
8.	'The White Monkey'	W. Thackeray
9.	'The Financier'	Th. Dreiser
10.	'Hard Times'	Ch. Dickens

Authors: Ch. Dickens, J. Galsworthy, Somerset Maugham, Th. Dreiser, Mark Twain, W. Shakespeare, W. Faulkner, Ernest Hemingway, Walter Scott, W. Thackeray

## 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.	You can't rely on him. He can <u>let the cat out of the bag</u> .	You can't rely on him. He can reveal your secret to others.
2.	That last mistake was <u>the last straw</u> that broke the camel's back.	That last mistake together with the others ruined the whole business.
3.	In the final scene of the movie, the hero <u>kicked the bucket</u> .	In the final scene of the movie, the hero died.
4.	Our handyman is a <u>jack-of-all-trades</u> .	Our handyman is capable of doing every thing.
5.	What you say is <u>Greek to me</u> .	I don't understand what you say.

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6. Answer the question and comment on the statement.

In order to know more, you have to absorb and analyse more information. In today's world, the Internet as the main source of information is developing at a fast pace. In the near future the Internet is likely to become the only source of information and substitute theatre, cinema and museums?

I agree with this statement because I reckon that in the near future the Internet will become the only source of information and substitute theatre, cinema and museums. There exist many advantages of the Internet which improve our daily life. First of all, it helps us to economize the time. For example, nowadays you don't have to find a particular book for a long time because there is a great chance to find it in the Internet. This process takes everybody less than one minute or two. Secondly, using the Internet you can do everything you want at home. That way you are able to watch any film you like, the play in the theatre and have an excursion in all museums over the world.

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

1. Royal Assent Somebody has Royal Assent only if he pronounces all the words correctly and in a way they sound in Queen's English.

2. White House It is the official residence of the President of the USA, which is located in Washington DC.

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The Lion was so tickled at the idea of the Mouse being able to help him, that he lifted up his paw and let him go.

Some time after the Lion was caught in a trap, and the hunters who desired to carry him alive to the King, tied him to a tree while they went in search of a wagon to carry him on.

Just then the little Mouse happened to pass by, and seeing the sad plight in which the Lion was, went up to him and soon gnawed away the ropes that bound the King of the Beasts.

"Was I not right?" said the little Mouse.

The main idea of this fable is that all the good you have made will return to you. You never know, how the good may return to you, so try to do it whenever it is possible. This way you will be ready to give you a helping hand later.

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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.

"Rock'n' Roll". The expression was being used in 1951 in the first time. The music for which it was used had been there before: it was the black blues which wasn't accepted by many of the older whites. That is why it wasn't played on many American radio programmes until the early 50s. But the young peoples of that time did not want to hear the "sweet" pop music of the 1940s any longer. R'n'R had been seen as a violent kind of music by many parents, and so they did not like it. Bill Haley's "Rock around the Clock" could have been heard in all places where young people were meeting. But the real hero of R'n'R was Elvis Prestly. His powerful voice and the way he moved had been loved by young people. He had been called "the king of R'n'R by people all over the world."

	The wrong variant	The correct variant
1	young peoples	young people
2	in the first time	for the first time

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3	was being used	was used	+
4	wasn't accepted	hadn't been accepted	+
5	was	had been	+
6	wasn't played	hadn't been played	+
7	had been seen	was seen	+
8	had been called	was called	+
9	had been loved	was loved	+
10	could have been heard	could be heard	+

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## 4. Comment on the following quotation:

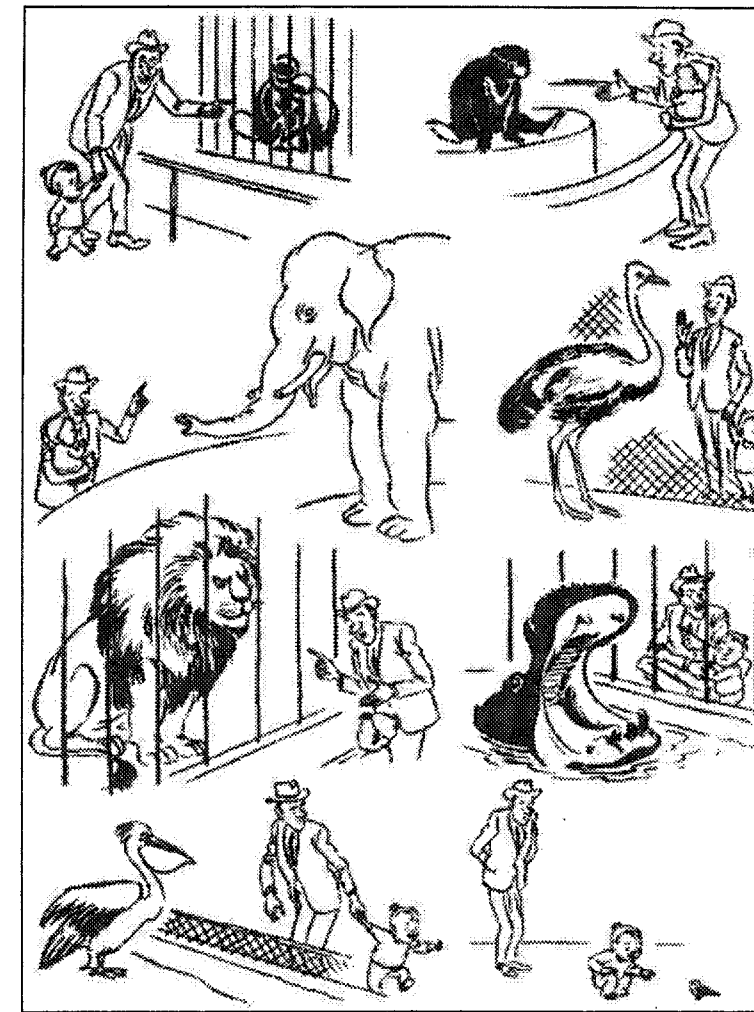
*Selfishness is not living as one wishes to live, it is asking others to live as one wishes to live.*

100 Your rights expand until mine start", this is a fundamental democratic principle. In this way selfishness is absolutely non-democratic. Everyone is free to live the way he likes and he is not to instruct others. Selfish people often consider themselves to be more important than anything else across the globe. Obviously, this is not true, so they shouldn't make others live in accordance with their wishes and ideas.

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## 5. Comment on the story in pictures.



Once upon a time there was a man who decided to visit the zoo with his daughter. a dad decided to take his beloved son to a zoo. He thoroughly prepared to talk about the animals and expected this day off to be great.

They walked past many cages and saw a lion, an elephant, a bear, a monkey, a hippo and, last but not least, an albatros. To dad's disappointment, the son paid no attention to these creatures.

When they left, the kid rushed to see a simple grey bird walking on the pavement. The dad smiled and said, "Well, tastes are different".

Comment?

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