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1.Comment on the following extract.

Living for ever may be a terrible fate but living a lot longer in good health sounds like a wonderful one. As we reflect on the relation between time and experience, for instance, there is an interesting and important paradox to be observed: the more life is experienced as meaningful, the less we are aware of time. The activities that give us the most satisfaction and happiness are those in which we are totally absorbed. Performing music, doing sports, reading good books, writing texts: there are many examples of activities that demand all our attention. In those activities that constitute human happiness there seem to be no time and space, no subject and object. From this one may infer that what we basically seek as human beings is not more time to live, but meaningful experiences.

If your body could be kept going for a thousand years, in what sense would the you that exists now still be around then? It would be more like a descendant than it would a continuation of you. I sometimes find it hard to identify with my teenage self, and that was less than 40 years ago.

If I change, I eventually become someone else. If I don't, life becomes stagnant and loses its direction.

Even if we could survive for hundreds of years, focusing too much on the future always risks neglecting the present. There is a very real sense in which we only ever exist in the here and now.

Being fully alive requires staying yourself, safe and sound, in that present as fully as possible. Dreams of eternal life interfere with making the most of the reality of temporal life.

"What day is it?" asked Pooh.

"It's today," squeaked Piglet.

"My favorite day!" said Pooh.

- A.A. Milne.

Are you living your life consciously? Do you live in autopilot or moment to moment? These issues are raised in the given extract. The one thing which immediately struck me was the movie "Dead Poets Society". Its main character John Keating was encouraging his students to live for today, not to neglect the present moment and ~~to take~~ care less ~~about~~ about future. Indeed, "Forever is composed of nows" they say. Nonetheless, a plenty of people would be happy to have an eternal lifespan. In my opinion, such idea is silly. What is the benefit of living an infinite life if you ~~are not~~ cannot ~~able to~~ enjoy the moment? Or if you can, why do you think that the time you are given is not enough? If your life is fulfilling enough, you would not want to live forever. A man is born, lives a certain period of time, gives birth to children and dies, leaving space for ~~descendants~~ descendants. This is how the world works. Emerson said, "Write it on your heart that every day is the best day of the year." If Winnie-the-Pooh managed to comprehend this wisdom, why can not we?

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

1. The highest mountain chain, which is called the Himalayas, is situated in X Asia. 2. The dinner was substantial, but she asked to buy VX ice after it. 3. Why not go to the Netherlands in X summer to practice the Dutch language. 4. When he left X school, he built houses in the West.

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

	Book	Author
1.	'Othello'	W. Shakespeare
2.	'The Grapes of Wrath'	J. Steinbeck
3.	'The Sea Wolf'	J. London
4.	'A Handful of Dust'	E. Waugh
5.	'Death on the Nile'	Agatha Christie
6.	'Our man in Havana'	Gr. Green
7.	'Sister Carrier'	Th. Dreiser
8.	'Twilight'	Ch. Dickens
9.	'The importance of being earnest'	Oscar Wilde
10.	'The Pick Papers'	W. Faulkner

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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.	My washing machine is on its last legs. I've had it twenty-five years ago.	My washing machine is about to break down. I've had it twenty-five years ago.
2.	We had to work hard at our last programmes, and they weren't always successful, but no pains, no games.	We had to work hard at our last programmes, and they weren't always successful, but it's impossible to succeed without efforts.
3.	No ifs and buts, just do what I tell you.	No questions and objections, just do what I tell you.
4.	Stop wasting your time and start working at last. Time and tide wait for no man.	Stop wasting your time and start working at last. There's no time at all.
5.	You'll have to mind your Ps and Qs when you meet your girlfriend's mother for the first time.	You'll have to watch your manners when you meet your girlfriend's mother for the first time.

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

The Lion and the Fox Fable

The Lion and the Fox were hunting together.

6. Answer the question and comment on the statement.

Thinking - the maximum step of human knowledge. Yet the computer solves precisely formulated problems much more quickly than the person. However, the computer does not solve indistinctly formulated problems, and the person solves. Do you share the opinion that a computer can think?

2019. The era of computers seems to be at its peak, however the phenomenon of artificial intelligence only starts its development. Computers have penetrated almost all aspects of our life: planes are flown by machines, cars gradually begin to submit computers' minds too. In many areas computers even take the upper hand, for instance, in playing chess. ~~But that not only however, can computers think indeed? Actually, I suppose that they don't really "think" - they simply follow the instructions that the computer programmer sets out for them to follow.~~

Then, a computer accomplishes any commands quickly and accurately. ~~Small Therefore, computers are not capable of thinking. They just carry out the given instructions just like washing machines and toasters do.~~

So far, the issue remains unresolved - can computers think indeed? I reckon, that they ~~don't~~ do not actually "think" - they simply follow the rules that the computer programmer sets out for them to ~~accomplish~~ follow. Then, a computer accomplishes any commands quickly and accurately. But ~~they~~ it cannot invent things, write literature and compose music. Therefore, computers are not capable of thinking. By the way, there is a scenario in which people admit the ability of computers to think. It is called "AI takeover". According to it, ~~the~~ artificial intelligence will become the dominant intelligence in the world. Possibly, machines will even enslave or, as the worst outcome, eliminate humans, in case computers will get out of a man's control. But then ~~there~~ ^{comes} the relief. Stephen Hawking and Elon Musk have researched this scenario and figured out that it is, fortunately, impossible.

All things considered, computers simply carry out given instructions just like washing machines and toasters do.

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

(1). Shadow Cabinet consists of members of the British opposition. It is supposed to criticise the government and offer its ideas.

(2). Tory is the one who supported the government of Great Britain during the American Revolution. Also tory is a member of the conservative party in Britain.

The Lion, on the advice of the Fox, sent a message to the Ass, proposing to make an alliance between their families.

The Ass came to the place of meeting, overjoyed at the prospect of a royal alliance.

But when he came there the Lion simply pounced on the Ass, and said to the Fox:

"here is our dinner for to-day. Watch you here while I go and have a nap. Woe betide you if you touch my prey."

The Lion went away and the Fox waited; but finding that his master did not return, ventured to take out the brains of the Ass and ate them up.

When the Lion came back he soon noticed the absence of the brains, and asked the Fox in a terrible voice:

"What have you done with the brains?"

"Brains, your Majesty! It had none, or it would never have fallen into your trap."

The presented fable written by Aesop, a Greek fabulist and storyteller, states that cunning and witiness always have an answer.

The Fox was apparently weaker than the Lion, but she had a sharper mind. At her risk, she trusted her spirits and grabbed off the prey's brains.

This fable teaches that the power of mind and sagacity may be even stronger than physical power. "Fortune favours the prepared mind," said Louis Pasteur. Thus, the wit of the Fox turned a stroke of luck for her.

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.

When the old lady had returned to her flat, she saw at once that burglars broke in during her absence, because the front door was open and everything in the flat was upside down. The burglars themselves were no longer there, but they probably just left because a cigarette still burnt on an ornamental table. She wondered if they found her jewellery and was rather hoping that they did. It was given to her by her late husband, yet she didn't like it and if it was stolen she would have get the insurance money.

	The wrong variant	The correct variant
1	had returned	returned

2	brave in	had braven in	+
3	the insurance money	the insuranced money by insurance	+
4	just left	have just left	+
5	still burnt	was still burning	+
6	on an	on	+
7	found	had found	+
8	father did	not either hard	+
9	late	Ex	+
10	was stolen	had been stolen	+

4. Comment on the following quotation:

There is only one way to avoid criticism: do nothing, say nothing, and be nothing.

(Aristotle)

The presented quote applies to an unpleasant but inevitable experience called criticism. Let me tell you a story which describes criticism very clearly.

One day, a teacher wrote on the board the following:

$3 \times 1 = 3$ $3 \times 2 = 6$ $3 \times 3 = 9$ $3 \times 4 = 12$ $3 \times 5 = 15$ $3 \times 6 = 18$ $3 \times 7 = 21$ $3 \times 8 = 24$

Then she looked back to her students and saw that all of them were laughing.

"I made a mistake on purpose," explained the teacher. "I wanted you to learn one lesson.

People will never pay attention or appreciate if you do the good seven times, but you'll face a ~~barage~~ ^{barage} of criticism if you do wrong once."

Everybody Thus, the avoidance of criticism is useless. People should ^{learn} how to treat it properly, to accept or ignore it. Otherwise, if you are vulnerable to criticism, you should definitely follow Aristotle's advice.

Just remember: critics will always criticize, it is their prerogative.

Do what you want!

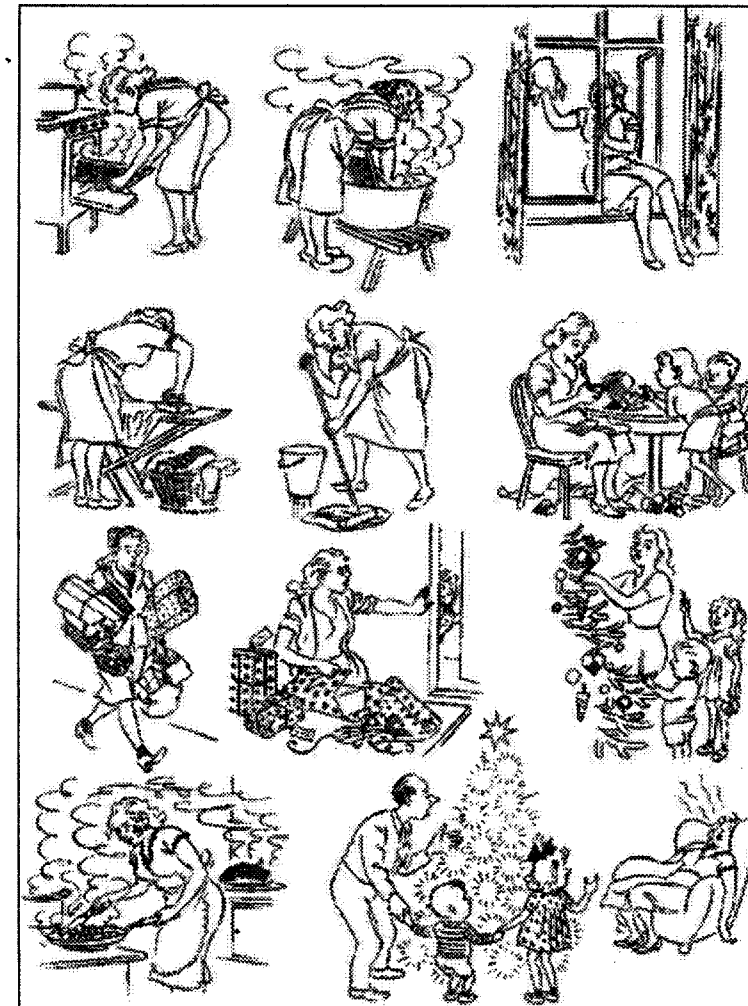
Say what you feel!

Be the one who your heart tells you to be!

Keep an eye out on constructive critics and neglect all the unworthy ^{comments} ~~comments~~. In addition, "Do not pay attention to what they write about you. Measure it in inches instead!"

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5. Comment on the story in pictures.



Every woman is aware of how household is hard. Moreover, before a holiday its difficulty is multiplied many times over. On the eve of Christmas it caught up with Sue.

She was immersed in housekeeping all day for the whole day. Cooking, laundry, washing, cleaning windows, ironing, going to the shop and wrapping presents... It seemed that she was doing it for ages. By the way, she had celebrated Christmas with her family one day before, and that evening she planned to invite her friends. "Only serving a table is left, and I'll be eventually ready to invite my beloved girlfriends!" she thought. Suddenly, she smelled something burning... It was a lot of smoke was coming through the window in the kitchen. "Gracious Me!" exclaimed Sue. It was nearby house burning. Sue saw how people were running out of the burning house. Obviously, for the next few hours these people were going to be busy with their trouble. "But how is it related to Sue?" you'll probably ask. Well, her friends lived there. It meant that all her efforts were in vain. Sue's husband and kids were ~~trying~~ ^{spending} hours trying to cheer up Sue, but she was so tired and bored that she fell asleep right on her armchair. "What a Murphy's law!" she thought desperately.