

6.	Lord of the Flies	William Golding +
7.	The Light That Failed	Charles Dickens —
8.	Little Dorrit	George Eliot —
9.	The Quiet American	Graham Greene +
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.

It is widely discussed now, whether koalas are extinct in any way due to the recent fires in Australia. However, I personally find these discussions quite pessimistic.

It's a fact that forests harmed by fire are already recovering and growing again. Although it will take years for them to fully renew themselves, it will definitely happen. Until that time koalas should be kept in specialized centres ~~as~~ as they already are, and after scientists confirm the forests have grown enough koalas will be put there again. There are examples of such returning of species to their homes - successful returning, must be added, and that is why I do not share these pessimistic views on koalas' future.

2. Comment on the following statement:

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

From my point of view, Sir Winston Churchill meant that our personal attitude towards everything we do or face in our lives can affect those things, affect the quality of our work, for example, or our relationships with other people. So, such a small and personal thing as your attitude may have

Idioms: be in my neck of the woods, hold one's horses, kick the bucket, be blue 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

(b). The ingredients ^(us people)
Flour, eggs, pluck (heart, liver or lungs), suet

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

The Shadow Cabinet

It is a minister's cabinet, formed by the party opposing the one that won every ministerial elections. In the shadow cabinet every minister has his own portfolio, and the whole cabinet reflects the government.

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	Harpere Lee
4. Middlemarch	Rudyard Kipling
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.

At first she refused to tell him, but he insisted, so she gave up. Leita told him that she was unhappy with him and that she missed her beautiful carefree forest life. She missed her white wings and the one she loved - the one that was crying in her arms at the moment. Mr. Peters was astonished - he had never thought Leita could have had another life. "I love you, Leita," he said after a long pause. "That's why I'll do anything for you." Before Leita could understand anything, he closed his eyes and said: "I've got my last wish left. So, my third wish is to let Leita be free. From now on, she is no more my wife!" As soon as he said that, Leita turned into a beautiful swan and floated away happily.

Qatar, Pakistan, Israel, Guinea, Gabon, 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 my teeth +
- 3. As soon as he heard about the announcement of lottery results on TV, he had his heart in his mouth +
- 4. You can complain about it till you are blue in the face, but we're going to your grandmother's whether you like it or not. +
- 5. Just hold your horses, Bill! 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 the 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. +

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big and significant consequences.

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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?

Its lovely to reminiscence 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, your 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	Its	It's
2	listen	hear
3	allow	allows
4	you'r	you're
5	about	of
6	amply lying	amply ly
7	echoes	echoed
8	quite	quiet
9	similarly	similar
10	affects	effects

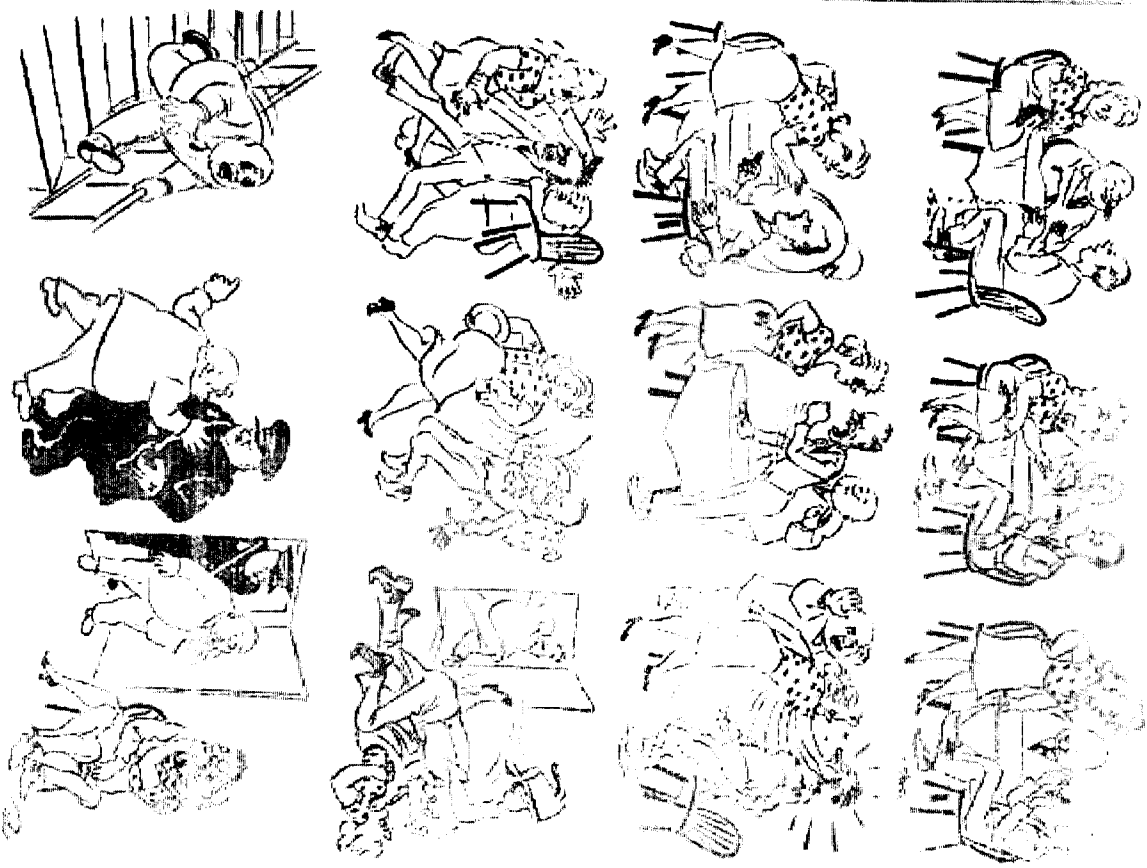
4. Below is a number of famous colourful quotes that came down to us from time immemorial. They are all based on logic and common sense, so can you possibly make a full phrase, adding some words.

Example: All roads LEAD TO ROME

- 1. Clever crime solvers need a direct line
- 2. Will the negotiators be able to untie against a common enemy?
- 3. Morning dreams are the sweetest.
- 4. All's well that ends well.
- 5. Don't judge a book by its cover.
- 6. Two wrongs make a right.
- 7. Say not always that you know but always that you think.

8. Don't throw the baby _____.
9. We only see our daughter once in a blue moon _____.
10. He was born with a silver spoon _____.

5. Comment on the story in pictures:



There is a common opinion that arguments between family members should not be paid attention to, even if they involve violence, because they always end up forgiving each other, which is

illustrated by this story in pictures.
However, I do not support this dangerous opinion, as it leads to ingering of abusive relationships and harmful situations in many families. So, from my point of view, the quest of the couple in this story did the right thing when he called the policeman.

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."

