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| 6. | Lord of the Flies | William Golding | + |
| 7. | The Light That Failed | Rudyard Kipling | + |
| 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.

Strong fires in Australia severely affected its flora and fauna. One of the species that was visibly harmed is koala. Although many of them were hurt they aren't extinct or functionally

extinct as the newspapers or mass media tries to exaggerate this fact. Actually this exaggeration can harm them even more, as extinct means that there are so little of them that nothing can be done to help and save them. So people will just think that they are functionally extinct, and they can't do anything to make the situation better. Thus, people must stop using false information or the one that is not verified or exaggerate some facts, as it won't help to save our nature.

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2. Comment on the following statement:

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

I totally agree with Sir Winston Churchill and his wise words. As life shows there are lots of controversial and trouble some situations which people face during their life but they react and perceive them differently which influences the result or the future outcome. For example two different people can see some ~~same~~ misfortune differently. The first one will be pessimistic about it and blame everyone but themselves and then give up on trying doing something to make this situation better. Another one will think that there are some positive sides in this unlucky situation they will try to find them and work on them. As the result, the first one will be envious of the second one but they were equal. Only their attitude differed.

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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

Irish

(b) The ingredients

potatoes, meat, vegetables

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

The Shadow Cabinet

the cabinet where the meetings of the parliament take place

USA

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 | Charles Dickens — |
| 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.

It's my son, Oliver. He ^{and} I were turned into swans by the king of the forest for ~~the~~ killing his two swans! She said her eyes were full of tears ~~and~~ ~~her~~ ~~voice~~ ~~weak~~ ~~sorrow~~

~~But what has happened?~~ Mr. Peters asked, he still was shocked from all this situation

Actually it wasn't any of us who killed the swans. It was my husband who is a hunter. But he did it only because we had no money and Oliver had nothing to eat. It wasn't some selfish wish or desire to hurt. He tried to explain this to the king of the forest but he was furious. He said that we will make him understand how does it feel ~~when~~ when you've lost the most precious thing in ~~your~~ life ^(we're not)

7. Here is the list of former colonies. Seven of them were British and three belonged to other countries. Find them and cross out.

Qatar, Pakistan, Israel, Gyinea, 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 feel in her bowst +
- 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 whole 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, 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 was thick as cheese, the whole neighbourhood came to her funeral. have the bucket +
- 8. Jones and Cook met at the age of ten and kicked the bucket 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 woods +

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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 | allow | allows |
| 3 | your | you are |
| 4 | quite | quiet |
| 5 | similarly | similar |
| 6 | listen | hear or listened |
| 7 | accredited | acknowledged |
| 8 | assistant | assisting |
| 9 | ambient | ambient |
| 10 | affects | affects effects |

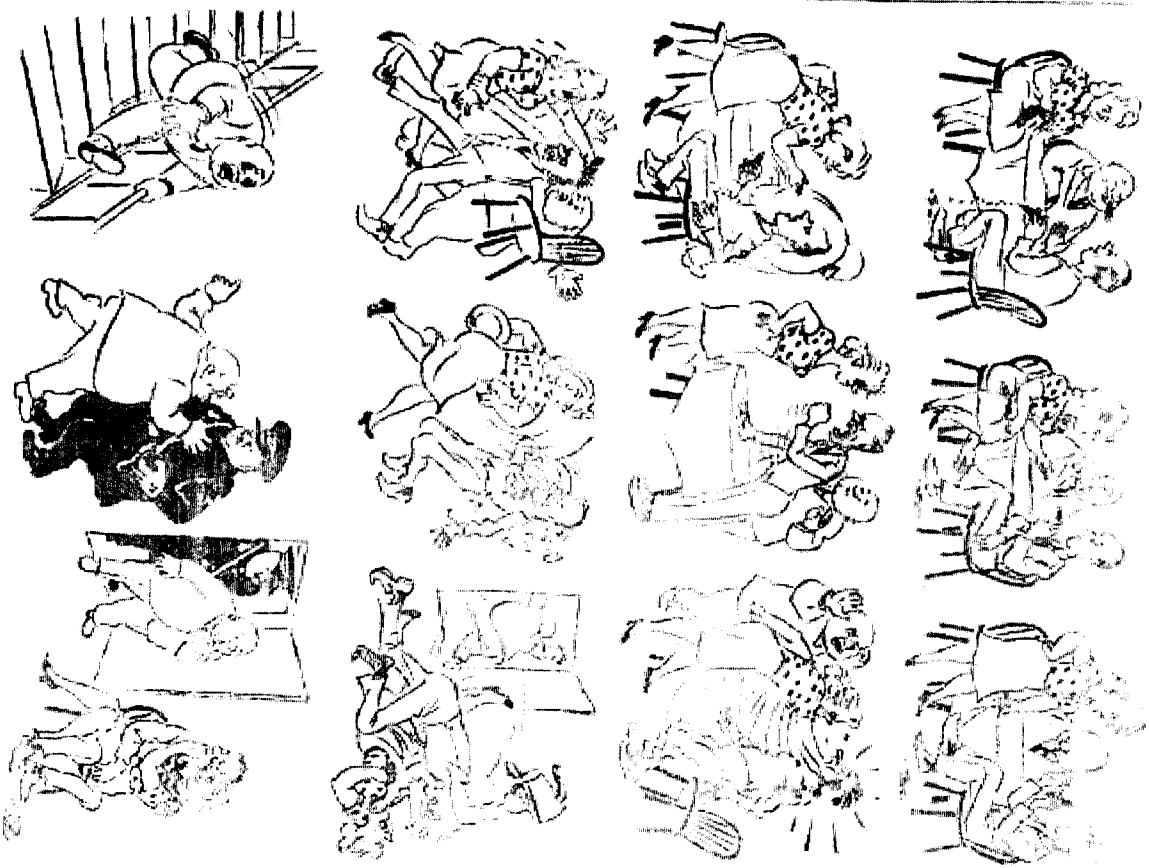
4. Below is a number of famous colourful quotes that came down to us from time immemorial. They are all based on logic and common sense, so can you possibly make a full phrase, adding some words.

Example: All roads LEAD TO ROME

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

8. Don't throw the baby to the wolves +
 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:



I suppose that on the picture we can see a married couple and their ~~trick~~ most likely husband's colleague. While they were sitting and having a talk together, the wife was ~~making~~ making something out of wool. So she didn't notice that two tricksters were so into their discussion that they had made a mess on the floor with the ashes from her husband's cigarette.

When the wife saw this she was truly angry with her husband as she is the one that tidies their house and his actions are ~~very~~ disrespectful to her. She started shouting at her husband because she couldn't control her rage and even forgot about their guest who tried to calm them down and to stop their argument. Soon they were truly fighting so their friends understood that they wouldn't be able to stop them. That's why he left the house searching for the police officer. Luckily he managed to do this quickly but suddenly when they came back, the love birds weren't angry with each other, they've already made up and were hugging each other. The guest understood that he needed new friends.

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."



Mr. Peteres was so sad now. Finally he understood why heita was so out of place. She was missing her son.

"But where is your husband? What happened to him?"

"Oh... I don't know where he is" the pain was evident on her face
"The king did a spell that makes us invisible for him but we can't see him too. The only thing that he knows is that we were turned into swans. Maybe he even thinks that we were killed by the hunters and doesn't search for us anymore"

"That's so terrible and unfair. I'm so sorry."

"If only I could help you somehow..." And then something came into Mr. Peteres mind
"Oh I actually can do something" his smile grew bigger. He took all the courage and cried out loud

"My second wish is to make Oliver human again and my third wish is for heita, Oliver and her husband to find each other and live happily together" there was a sudden sound and Vray got

together. There was standing a boy of 8 years old of light.

and a man ^{of} mid thirties. There were smiles on their faces and tears of joy.