

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

The koala is wrongly thought to be on the brink of extinction, which is not true. Wildfires damaged its natural habitat, but experts say that the situation is not so bad.

In fact, hobbs suffers not only from natural disasters, but also from people. Human development is said to "have distorted local populations" and it is difficult for hobbs to adapt to any climate changes, so they often die during catastrophes. However, it was spread in the social media that hobbs was "functionally extinct". According to J. Gail, professor of Biology and Ecology, this term is incorrect, as hobbs population still can be saved. Claims that this animal is past the point of no return means that environmental societies may no longer be interested in launching projects aimed at saving the animal. Of course, this intention hobbs more than any wildlife.

Considering all mentioned above, we come to the conclusion that hobbs, nature is in danger. It goes without saying that people deprive them of their territory and restrict their ability to survive freely. Therefore, when people create such wrong labels as "functionally extinct", they make the matters worse. Finally, I want to say that welfare of hobbs is in the hands of the mankind, and it is our duty to make changes in our attitudes towards the wildlife.

2. Comment on the following statement:

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

In our fast-paced world we seem to have no time for politeness or urbanity. But it goes without saying that we appreciate it when people treat us well and we feel uneasy when people are rude to us. In fact, we sometimes even don't recognize how we speak to others, while they can be easily hurt by our impudence or disrespect. To smile or to speak politely can be easy, but it can upset somebody up or harm them. In fact, if we often unpleasantly affect people, and this small conflict can destroy relationship. It is why we can say that even if attitude seems to be unimportant, it greatly affects our lives, so maybe it's time for all of us to become more courteous to each other or at least to seem kinder to people.

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
Haggis was invented in Scotland and it is considered to be the traditional dish of the country. During the Middle Ages people thought that all parts of animals could be eaten, so they started making haggis. Now it is popular in the UK because selling all inner parts of it is banned. It gained its popularity being the most famous meat of R. Burns.

(b) The ingredients

Haggis is traditionally made of sheep's liver and other inner parts of the animal. The haggis itself is made of sheep's parts. Haggis is a traditional dish and is served in the market of Scotland.

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

The Shadow Cabinet

The Shadow Cabinet is the part of the Parliament in the UK that helps the Prime Minister to coordinate his work. Members of the Shadow Cabinet take part in making parliamentary decisions in the Parliament and oppose the PM on what to do. Each PM has his own cabinet, and this institution is said to affect the line of the whole country.

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.R. Salinger +
3. To Kill a Mockingbird	Harper Lee +
4. Middlemarch	George Eliot +
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.

"Sorry, Mr Peters, but my heart belongs to the woods. Forest wind carries my ears, burkes whisper with me, rain sings me his songs. It is all lost to me in your house," she said sobbing. Mr. Peters was puzzled. The king of the forest said humbly, "You see, Mr Peters, I cannot create human beings, so I had to give you my own daughter, and we miss each other badly." Mr Peters pondered for a moment and said, "I still have two wishes. Firstly, I want Leita to be happy with me. Secondly, I want the house in the centre of your forest so that we can live there, and she'll be close to you." All of a sudden a big castle appeared in front of Mr Peters. No sooner had he stopped gazing over its beauty, than he realised he became a poor swan himself. "What's this?" he cried. "You wanted Leita to be happy with you. The only way to do this is to turn you into a man," explained the king of the forest. "Then I want to be a man again," "said Mr Peters in a fierce voice. "I'm afraid you're run out of your wishes," was the answer. "Oh! I should have asked about three ears," cried Mr Peters and flew away, to the forest far from 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, 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 about it.
- 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 as he himself had purchased five of them.
- 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 knocked the bucket the whole neighbourhood came to her funeral.
- 8. Jones and Cook met at the age of ten and have been as 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 woods and we'll go for a snack.

none of them "you wishes"

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The wife was the first one, her happiness was the second one, and the ~~first~~ castle was the third!

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 / It is
2	remintiscence	reminiscent
3	hearing	hear
4	quite	quiet
5	told	has told
6	simlarkly	similar
7	affects	effects
8	allow	allows
9	are already surrounding	already surround
10	about	on
	hold	keep

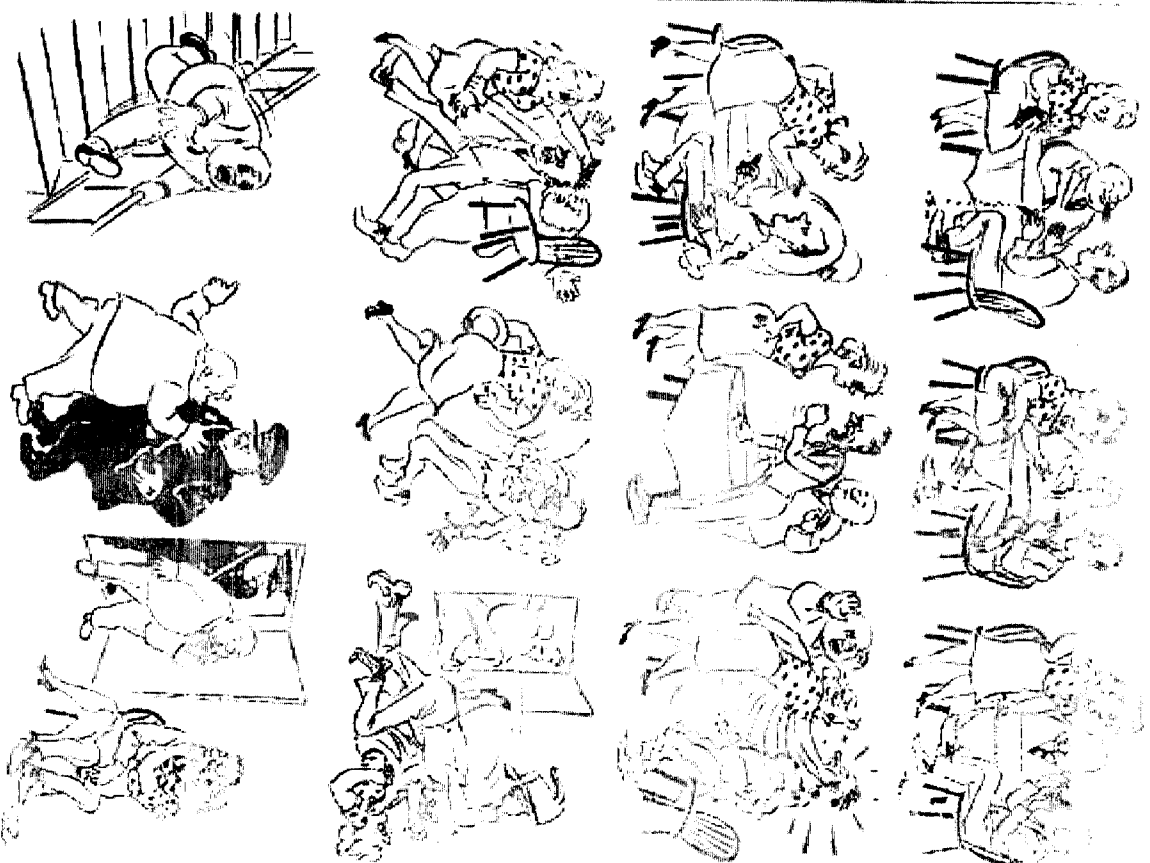
4. Below is a number of famous colourful quotes that came down to us from time immemorial. They are all based on logic and common sense, so can you possibly make a full phrase, adding some words.

Example: All roads LEAD TO ROME

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

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

5. Comment on the story in pictures:



The humorous story in pictures suggests that sometimes people make up of a conflict quicker and easier than we may expect.

As the story tells us, two men and a woman are sitting at a table and talking friendly. Suddenly one of ~~the~~ men ~~over~~ drops a cup, and the woman hits

the roof. They quickly start fighting. Another man runs downstairs to use a policeman to help. He desperately explains, when they get there, the fighters are sitting close to each other, this story proves that no human proves' says, "There is one step between love and hatred". However, we may look at the problem from a different angle. The man and the woman can be cunning enough to make "the third wheel" leave them, perhaps they want to stay alone and start fighting to get rid of their friend. It happens quite often in real life that people pretend to agree only to make somebody else go away in embarrassment. ~~Therefore~~ ~~Therefore~~ Therefore, it is a very smart move.

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."

