





A cabin - as small as cupboard and as decorated as nothing they had examined before. Perhaps, it had only one advantage - it was surrounded by the astonishingly beautiful wild woods. It was a true escape, the most peaceful landscape Roger had ever seen, a place where he could even tolerate his wife's odd habits. Ruth willingly agreed to spend the end of her disastrously unlucky days with nature and her husband. The magical atmosphere of the place seemed to smother all the sharp angles and 33 happy days passed just as one until one day Roger opened the front door to see a blind child standing on their porch, as if he had popped out of nowhere. That is the end of our mysterious story, and the start of the another, far more twisted...

7. Here is the list of universities. Seven of them are in the USA and three are located in other countries. Find them and cross out.

- Princeton University, Macquarie University, James Cook University, Yale University, Carnegie Mellon University, Georgetown University, Clark University, Imperial College, Drexel University, Dartmouth College

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. I was on cloud nine after receiving the news of my promotion.
- 2. The browser was at a snail's pace (as) slow as molasses but it worked.
- 3. After some reflection, he decided to bite the bullet.
- 4. The roads were full of traffic and we were travelling at a snail's pace for two hours.
- 5. I was left out in the cold in the annual promotions in the company.
- 6. My wife's a night owl, but I like to be in bed by 10 o'clock.
- 7. I go out for walks once in a blue moon the other side of the
- 8. We only see the glamor and money in showbiz. But is that only one in hundreds reach there.
- 9. I am dizzy. I'm feeling under the weather
- 10. We told her it was a delicate situation but she went into the meeting like a bull in a china shop

Idioms: on cloud nine, the other side of the coin, left out in the cold, a bull in a china shop, bite the bullet, once in a blue moon, under the weather, night owl, at a snail's pace, (as) slow as molasses.

9 (1). Explain the origin and name the principal ingredients of the traditional British dish:

- Sunday roast
- (a). The origin Scotland
- (b). The ingredients Roasted beef, vegetables

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 are most blackboards green and not black?

Before blackboards were large enough to take in an entire wall in a classroom, students would use individual sized boards made of slate or wood that had been painted black. So the first blackboards, were in fact, black. Once teachers realized they need more space to teach their students, they put the multiple boards of slate together on the wall to make bigger blackboards. Finally, as the demand for blackboards increased, companies started making them out of steel plates coated with green porcelain-based enamel in spite of the traditional dark slate. This way the boards were more light, less fragile, and easier to ship. This is what the school was like a 100 years before.

|    | The wrong variant      | The correct variant         |
|----|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1  | individual size boards | individually sized boards - |
| 2  | making of slate        | made of slate +             |
| 3  | painted in black       | painted black +             |
| 4  | realized               | had realized -              |
| 5  | need                   | needed +                    |
| 6  | there students         | their students +            |
| 7  | demand raised          | demand rised -              |
| 8  | in spite of slate      | instead of slate +          |
| 9  | more light             | lighter +                   |
| 10 | 100 years before       | 100 years ago -             |

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

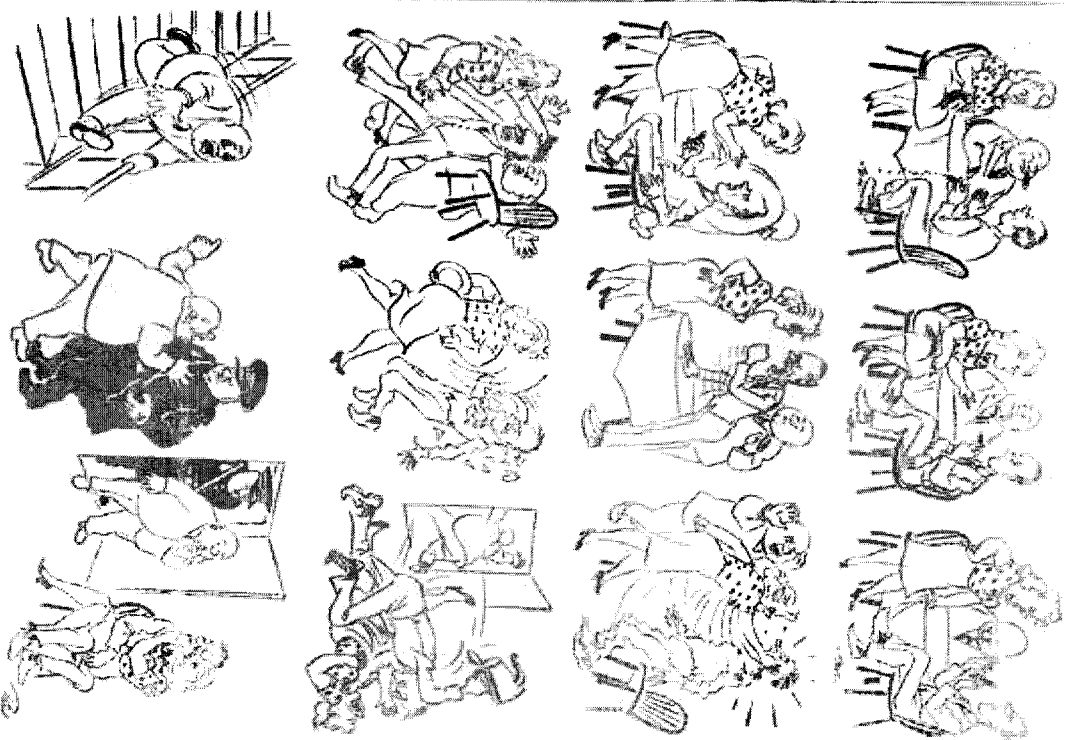
- 1. When my friend and I go out, it is always as both of us don't have much money.
- 2. Bad news don't come alone.
- 3. Let sleeping dogs wag their tails



4. Only those are saved five who help themselves
5. You ~~will~~ really see your friends' prices when you call upon them in a time of crisis.
6. Opera is not \_\_\_\_\_.
7. When in Rome, speak Roman.
8. Once bitten, one is afraid of every bee.
9. Don't judge a book by its cover \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The grass is greener on the other side of the fence.

5. Comment on the story in pictures:

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The Blacks' wedding agency was on the edge of bankruptcy when a bizarre idea struck Mrs Black's head. Mr Black invited their main sponsor, Mr Goldpile, to a dinner where ~~in~~ the middle of the conversation about London ~~with~~ the serious family quarrel started. From rude comments it went to John's sp

fight with every other object nearby. When the teapot was ~~is~~ settled, and Mr Black was ~~was~~ was on the ground floor, dutifully his wife's ~~advised~~ advised for a dear life, poor Mr Goldpile, who was speechlessly witnessing the whole scene, ran to the nearest police office to come back to Black's house and the couple perfectly fine cuddling happily and all the whole things restored as if nothing had happened! We can only guess how shocked he was to hear Mrs Black accusing him of spreading lies and sabotaging Black's family business, but the large moral compensator was finally provided with an effort of the police officer, a Mr Black's old school mate \_\_\_\_\_.

6. Write the appropriate ending to the story given below

### The Escape

(after W.S. Maugham)

Roger Charing was no longer young when he fell in love with Ruth Barlow and he had had enough experience to make him careful; but Ruth Barlow had a gift that makes most men defenceless. This was the gift of pathos. Mrs. Barlow was twice a widow. She had splendid dark eyes and they were the most moving I ever saw. They seemed to be always on the point of filling with tears and you felt that her sufferings had been impossible to bear. Mrs. Barlow was one of those unfortunate persons with whom nothing goes right. If she married the husband beat her; if she employed a broker he cheated her; if she took a cook she drank.

When Roger told me that he was going to marry her, I wished him joy. As for me I thought she was stupid and as hard as nails.

Roger introduced her to his friends. He gave her lovely jewels. He took her everywhere. Their marriage was announced for the nearest future. Roger was very pleased with himself, he was committing a good action.

Then suddenly he fell out of love. I don't know why. He realized that Ruth Barlow had made up her mind to marry him and he swore that nothing would make him marry her. Roger knew it wouldn't be easy. Roger didn't show that his feelings to Ruth Barlow had changed. He remained attentive to all her wishes, he took her to dine at restaurants, he sent her flowers, he was charming.

They were to get married as soon as they found a house that suited them; and they started looking for residences. The agents sent Roger orders to view and he took Ruth to see some houses. It was very difficult to find anything satisfactory. They visited house after house. Sometimes they were too large and sometimes they were too small; sometimes they were too far from the centre and sometimes they were too close; sometimes they were too expensive and sometimes they wanted too many repairs; sometimes they were too stuffy and sometimes they were too airy. Roger always found a fault that made the house unsuitable. He couldn't let his dear Ruth to live in a bad house.

Think of the ending to the story and write it in the space below.

Surprisingly their final accommodation didn't sustain any of Roger's high standards. It was a wooden \_\_\_\_\_