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**1. Comment on the following extract.**

THE FUTURE OF TEXT

“The future of text is”

That is the most basic, fundamental and important part of the future of text; that text will continue to be.

Text is not going away.

We will have perfect speech-to-text and text-to-speech, which will improve our working and leisure lives, but the acts of writing and editing and the acts of reading and analysis will also continue as visual activities where we manipulate symbols.

The flowery, blossoming picture is that in the future, text will be free flowing and eminently shapeable. The author will have fine grained control of presentation, with annotations, links, other media and formatting as desired. The reader will be able to break the authors presentation at will and recombine and reflow to generate new meaning and new insights, keeping references and connections intact.

In the future text will be under our control.

But don't forget, the future of text will be what we make it - we will have to fight for the future of text. Search for "the future of text" and you won't find much on the future of the written word. You'll find articles on text messaging and how text relates to other media. But little on innovation of the written word. We have to fight to give the written word the respect and innovation it deserves.

The author of the text above stresses a point that though the ~~best~~ written text has future it is still in need to be fought for. I completely agree with his (or her) point of view and I believe that the written word is worth too much to disappear.

To begin with, many people nowadays use letters as mean

way of communication. What is more, others use e-mails which have a similar style of text composition. A great example of email letters is given in a book "Loneliness in the Web" by S. Vishnevskiy. It is hard to imagine how two main heroes - lovers would have been able to express their feelings without texts.

Moreover, many other spheres of human life depend on written texts. As author has already mentioned, 'texts-to-speech' are frequently used, for instance, in politics. There is no doubt that Mr. President Putin and Donald Trump are both very talented and charismatic people but even they have those who help them to prepare a 'text-to-speech'.

Another thing that I'd like to talk about is how can we actually fight for the future of the text. It is a common knowledge that modern literature is written in more and more "easy to read and understand" way. I don't think it is completely right. As far as I am concerned, everyone should pay more attention to classic authors in order not to ruin all the beauty of the language they speak.

All in all, I maintain that the text will exist in future and I advise everyone to do whatever one can to make it happen.

2. Write the appropriate ending to the story given below.

after Ambrose Bierce

An Insurance Agent was trying to induce a Hard Man to Deal With to take out a policy on his house. After listening to him for an hour, while he painted in vivid

colours the extreme danger of fire consuming the house, the Hard Man to Deal With said:

"Do you really think it likely that my house will burn down inside the time that policy will run?"

"Certainly," replied the Insurance Agent; "have I not been trying all this time to convince you that I do?"

"Then," said the Hard Man to Deal With, "why are you so anxious to have your Company bet me money that it will not?"

The Agent was silent and thoughtful for a moment; then he drew the other apart into an unfrequented place and ...

started to cry because he didn't know what else to do. He believed he was the most unlucky person in the world to have such terrible clients. His life was miserable and he didn't earn or have enough money to do something with it.

The Hard Man to Deal With saw tears in Agent's eyes and understood everything. It happened so that he used to be an Insurance Agent himself that is why he knew exactly what the other man felt. The Hard Man to Deal With decided to help the Insurance Agent by accepting the deal.

"Never mind, I will buy this policy for my house" - he said.

"Why did you change your mind so fast?" - asked the Insurance Agent.

"Because I used to sit in the exact same place as you do now and I was pretty much as unhappy as you are. But one day I met a person who changed my life by telling a simple thing."

"What is it?" - asked the Agent desperately.

"Stop crying and go change your life, you fool!"

...Three years later a man ~~needed~~ was advised to buy a house insurance. He said: "Do you really think..."

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3. Underline the mistakes and write the correct words above each mistake.

The First "Plagiarists"

+ The ^Roman poet Martial lived from 40 AD to somewhere between 102 and 104

AD. Though he ~~wasn't~~ ^{wasn't immediately} immediate star, by about 80 AD he started to ~~have~~

^{succeeded} success, which continued until much ^{further} later in his life.

However, Martial, like many poets in the era, found ^{out} that his work was ~~being~~ copied

and recited ^{completely} ~~wholesale~~ by other poets with attribution. This was a very common act

during the time as poets, generally, were more expected to be able to recite and

^{rewrite} ~~rely~~ earlier works than create original ones.

But Martial wasn't content to ^{stay} ~~stand~~ away and let others take his work. Without

+ copyright law or any legal recourse, he used the tool he ~~had~~ had available to him,

his words. He wrote several verse aimed at copycats, including this quip from an

alleged plagiarist, Fidentinus.

'Fame ^{is} ~~has~~ it that you, Fidentinus, recite my books to the crowd as if no other than

your own. If you ~~be~~ ^{them to} willing that they be called mine, I'll send you the poems for

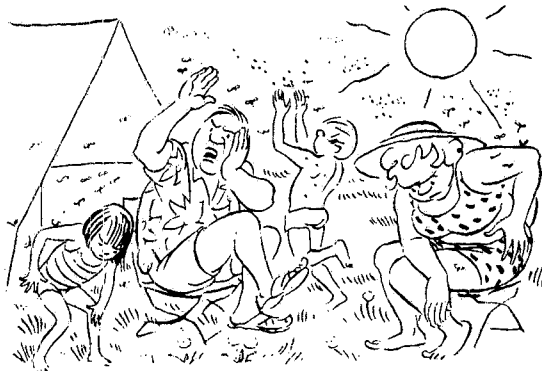
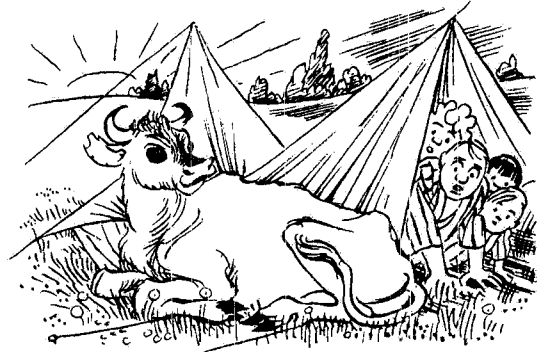
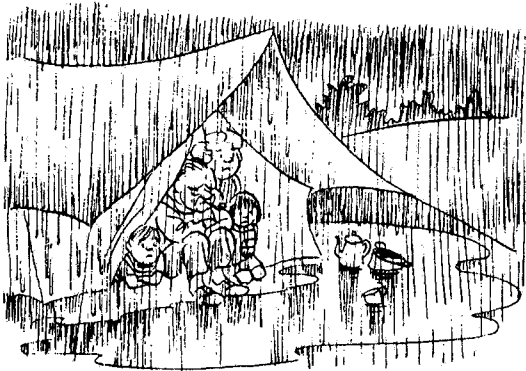
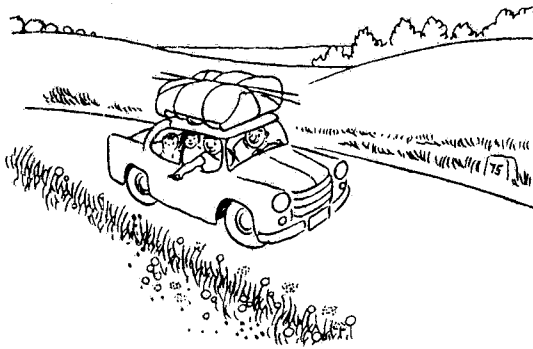
+ free. If you want them to be called yours, buy this one, so that they won't be ^{mine} ~~my~~.'

It was in one of those poems that he first used the Latin word "plagiarus" to describe a seemingly unnamed literary thief.

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4. Comment on the story in pictures.

Camping



As for me, I am not a fan of camping at all. Do you want to know why? Because of all that can happen to you during your journey. Many of these unfortunate occasions are well illustrated in the pictures above.

These ~~two~~ [✓] comics tell us a story of a family who chose nothing better than to spend their free time camping. How bad this idea was we can already see in the third picture. Rule #1 - always check the weather forecast before going outside of town. Rule #2 - be sure to ~~check~~ make your tent safe. You don't want the wind to blow it away. Rule #3 - take a lighter in order to make fire if you get cold. They ~~did~~ managed to follow this by the way. Good for them! Otherwise the family could have had way more serious problems. Rule #4 - be aware of cows, rats and tiny insects, especially. This one I hate a lot more than others myself. Once a friend of mine told me a story ~~how~~ of how he got up in the morning and witnessed a spider on his face. Horrible, indeed! Rule #5 - do not mess with bees. Basically, if you want to eat some honey, god please ~~to~~ grab it from home. Never try to find it in the forest.

That are all the rules ~~from~~ from me for today. To conclude I'd like to say: "Eat or wait - home is best." Think twice before deciding to go camping.

5. Comment on the following statement:

"Spoon feeding in the long run teaches us nothing but the shape of the spoon."
- E.M. Forster

I send all my regards to Mr. Forster because he seems to be an incredibly wise person. What he is trying to say is that a person

is not growing.
7) stay^{ng} too long doing extremely easy work. That is very true and I completely agree with Mr. Forster's quote

From my point of view, everything in this world is evolving. Certainly, people are a huge part of the world and we evolve even faster than other species. In order to grow mentally, to develop our skills one sometimes needs to change his duty to a more difficult. ~~one~~ For instance, that is how sportsmen train. They basically start from 'being fed (by) a spoon' - that's when their coach helps them to do push-ups and teaches to jump. It takes them some time to make the first step, and ~~then~~ it is very important for a teacher to understand when his sportsman is ready to make the second. The same thing should happen in real life. Parents are ought not to keep doing the spoon feeding for too long.

In conclusion, I'd like to say that it is essential to always know when to make the next step and to be brave to take the higher level.

6. If a deaf person is born deaf, what language do they think in? Do you happen to have any clues? Write down your ideas.

I am not an expert but I guess that deaf people think in their own unique language. They cannot hear anything (from) the day they were born so they do not know any words or how they sound. Probably by the time a deaf person grows up and learns to understand the language of lips he adds normal words to his unique deaf vocabulary.

7. Place names are historically and socially prominent in British culture. Do your best to combine the catchy phrases with their suitable place names.

Example:

Lombard Street to a _____ orange.	CHINA
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1.	From _____ to Kalamazoo	Timbuktu	+
2.	<u>Rome</u> was not built in a day	Rome Rome	+
3.	To kiss the Kiss stone	Rubicon Rubicon	-
4.	The Tower of Tower	Babel Babel	+
5.	The road to Road	Newcastle Newcastle	
6.	To carry coal to _____	Damascus	-
7.	To be sent to Blarney	Blarney Blarney	-
8.	To see Naples and die	Naples Naples	+
9.	To fight like Cats cats	Coventry	-
10.	To cross the _____	Kilkenny	-

Place names: *Babel, Blarney, Coventry, Damascus, Kilkenny, Naples, Newcastle, Rome, Rubicon, Timbuktu*

8. These are among the best and world-famous phrases. Where did they come from and/or who were their authors?

	Phrases	Origin/Author
1.	A thorn in the flesh	The Bible The Bible
2.	Leap out of the frying pan into the fire.	Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra
3.	Love is blind	w Shakespeare "Romeo and Juliette"
4.	Lord, keep my memory green	Ch. Dickens Ch. Dickens

5. +	Always forgive your enemies, nothing annoys them so much.	O. Wilde O. Wilde
6. +	Let there be light!	The Bible
7. -	Man does not live by bread alone	Ch. Dickens Ch. Dickens
8. +	The best people to work for are me, myself and I	O. Wilde
9. +	A plague on both your houses	W. Shakespeare W. Shakespeare "Romeo and Juliet"
10. +	'To Have and Have Not'	E. Hemingway E. Hemingway

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Origin/Author: The Bible, W. Shakespeare, O. Wilde, Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra, E. Hemingway, Ch. Dickens

9. Name up to 10 surviving British traditions, customs and superstitions that are directly connected with British climate and weather.

+ 1. If you see a rainbow in the morning it will be a warm day.

Gr + 2. If cows lay down it will be hot.

~ 3. If pigs do not eat well it will be raining.

+ ~ 4. If the sky is white it will rain the next day.

+ 5. If the sky is red it will be warm.

+ 6. A tradition to take umbrella wherever you go

+ 7. A tradition to take a rain-coat if you think it won't rain.

! + 8. To drink tea at 5 o'clock because it is the most rainy hour of the day.

9. A tradition to never wash your car. ~

10. A superstition that you will be lucky if your shoes aren't dirty after a walk. +

10. This year Queen Elisabeth II has become the longest reigning monarch in the world. Do you happen to know some special facts about the Queen?

1. How many years has Elisabeth II reigned in Britain and what is her jubilee called? Since 1952, around 65 years. 1/2

2. What is the Queens' full name? Elisabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor +

3. What are the Queen's parents names? George VI and Elisabeth Bowes-Lyon +

4. How many children has the Queen got and what are their names? 4 Charles, Anna, Andrew and Edward. +

5. When are the Queen's birthdays? 21st of April 1926 +

6. What is the line of succession to the British throne? Windsors +

7. Other than English, which language can the Queen speak fluently? German —

8. What does the Queen give her staff for Christmas? Sweets —

9. What is the Queen's favourite colour? Pink —

10. What pet names does Duke of Edinburgh call the Queen by? A tortoise. —