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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.

I suppose that ~~the~~ text has future. According to the extract above, there is no doubt about the existence of the text in future. Though, if you search ~~the~~ the Internet about "the future of text", you will hardly find any information about the future of

the written word, as the main focus is on text ~~message~~ messaging.

I do agree with the author of the extract that the books are the source of inspiration for readers, who will generate new ideas in the books of their own for future generations. I ~~think~~ think that they will always ~~help~~ help to keep and develop our civilization. The books will attract readers by ~~the~~ the live picture, created by authors, as opposed to text messages, the main aim of which is just to convey ~~the~~ information.

All in all, I strongly agree with the ~~author~~ author, that text has its future, because reading text books is a kind of culture, that should exist for many centuries.

5 Her estate
Her lawyer

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 ...

whispered to his ear:

"Dear Sir, I'll tell you a very dark secret. Many years ago the Company cheated my mother by taking every last penny. It was a big blow for our entire family. All childhood my seven brothers and I spent in poverty. Under an assumed name I have wormed myself into the Company for revenge. God is my witness, I'll have its heart's blood!"

The Hard Man to Deal With trusted him and took out a policy on his house. In a month he had to go on a business trip. During his absence there was a thunderstorm and a lightning struck his house. When he returned, he found only ashes. The Company had nothing to do but to pay compensation. The Hard Man to Deal With built a new house, The Agent was ~~satisfied~~ satisfied and the Company had to go out of business.

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

The First "Plagiarists"

The roman ^{Roman} poet Martial lived from 40 AD to somewhere between 102 and 104

AD. Though he wasn't an immediate star, by about 80 AD he started to have ^{enjoy/gain}

success, which continued until much later in his life.

However, Martial, like many poets in the era, found that his work was being copied

and recited wholesale by other poets with ^{without} attribution. This was a very common act

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

rely ^{relay} earlier works than create original ones.

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

copyright law or any legal recourse, he used the tool he had had ^{had} available to him,

his words. He wrote several verse ^{verses} aimed at copycats, including this quip [?] from an

alleged plagiarist, Fidentinus.

'Fame has it that you, Fidentinus, recite my books to the crowd as if no ^{none} other than

your own. If you're 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 my.^{mine}'

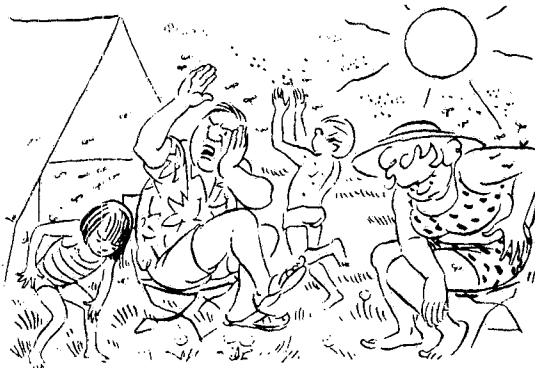
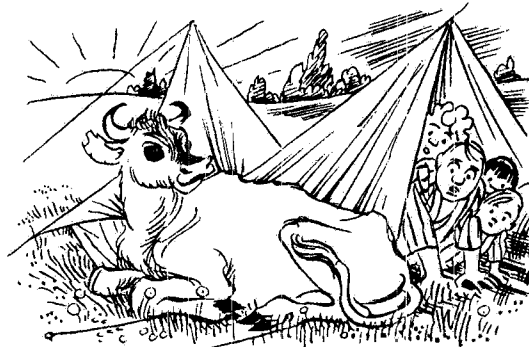
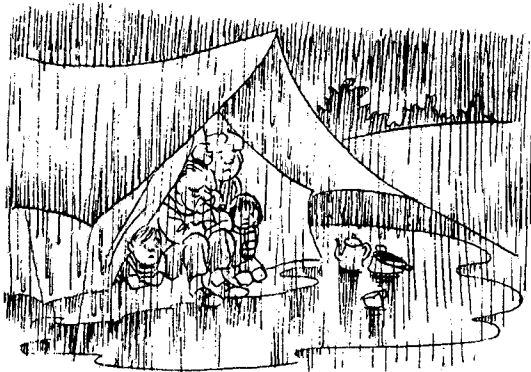
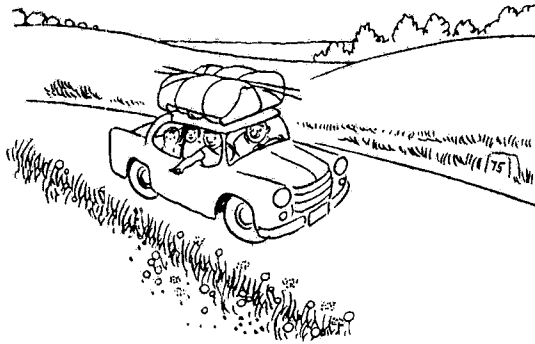
It was in one of those poems that he first used the Latin word "plagiarus" to describe a seemingly unnamed literary thief.

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| 1) Roman | 6) by |
| 2) an immediate star | 7) had |
| 3) have success → enjoy success | 8) none |
| 4) without | 9) mine |
| 5) relay | 10) verses |

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4. Comment on the story in pictures.

Camping



In my opinion these pictures illustrate a well-known
fame, "East or West Home is best."

Once upon a time a beautiful family decided to
go camping on a summer weekend. When they reached
the place they liked, they put up a tent and settled
down comfortably. The sun was shining, birds were
singing. Everything seemed so ~~pleasant~~ satisfying and
peaceful but it didn't last for long. Soon it
started raining "cats and dogs". The hard wind
almost blew their tent! They were very wet and
cold by the evening. When they woke up in the morning,
they saw a cow, which nearly crushed their tent. ~~To~~
make the matters worse, they were attacked by
mosquitoes. Finally, they returned to their beloved home.
"Home sweet home" (-) exclaimed all the members of the
family.

"East or West home is best" (-) said father, and the
family began to drink tea with cupcakes.

The ~~main~~ moral of the story is the following. There is
nothing better than home.

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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 suppose that the moral of ^{the} saying of E.M. Forster is
the following. If someone is persistently feeding you,

you will never learn how to feed ~~yourself~~ yourself.
likewise, if you are given ~~all~~ all what you need, you
will never learn how to earn what you need.
Handing someone the result of the work doesn't
teach them to think for themselves. They only learn
to depend on ~~the~~ spoon that feeds them.
My favourite saying states: "Give a man a fish and
you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you
feed him for a life time."

J. W.

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 suppose that deaf people's thinking process is little different from hearing people. All their senses are sharpened. Deafness is compensated by good eyesight and keen sense of smell. For communication they use a special sign language. At the time of thinking process with familiar smells and pop-up images they create situations that will help them to find the right answer to the question how to know the world.

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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.	_____ was not built in a day	Rome	+
3.	To kiss the _____ stone	Blarney	+
4.	The Tower of _____	Babel	+
5.	The road to _____	Damascus	+
6.	To carry coal to _____	Newcastle	+
7.	To be sent to _____	Coventry	+
8.	To see _____ and die	London Naples	+
9.	To fight like _____ cats	Kilkenny	+
10.	To cross the _____	Rubicon	+

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
2.	Leap out of the frying pan into the fire.	Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra
3.	Love is blind	W. Shakespeare
4.	Lord, keep my memory green	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	The Bible
8.	The best people to work for are me, myself and I	O. Wilde O. Wilde
9.	A plague on both your houses	W. Shakespeare
10.	To Have and Have Not'	E. Hemingway

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. Sunny shower won't last an hour
2. Red sky at night sailors delight
3. Red sky in the morning sailors take warning
4. The louder the frog the more the rain
5. Keep something for a rainy day
6. Pale moon rains, red moon blows
7. White moon neither rains nor blows
8. The moon with the circles brings water in the back

9. ~~It rains~~ It doesn't rain but it pours
10. If a sparrow makes a lot of noise, the rain will follow
11. ~~England is a foggy Britain~~ 10

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? 65 years; Sapphire jubilee

2. What is the Queens' full name? Elisabeth Alexandra ~~Mary Anne~~ Mary

3. What are the Queen's parents names? Queen Elisabeth and King George VI

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

5. When are the Queen's birthdays? The Queen has two birthdays. She was born on April 21. Her official birthday ^{celebrated} is on the first, second or third Saturday in June.

6. What is the line of succession to the British throne? Prince Charles, Prince William, Prince George, Princess Charlotte, Prince Harry, Prince Andrew

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

8. What does the Queen give her staff for Christmas? ~~Christmas cards~~ Christmas Pudding

9. What is the Queen's favourite colour? ~~Red~~ Blue

10. What pet names does Duke of Edinburgh call the Queen by?
Her Husband Phillip calls her "Cabbage". In her childhood the Queen ~~she~~ was called "Lisbeth"