



Подготовка к устной части ЕГЭ по английскому языку, задание 1

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TASK 1.

- ? Imagine that you are preparing a project with your friend. You have found some interesting material for the presentation and you want to read this text to your friend. You have 1.5 minutes to read the text silently, then be ready to read it out aloud. You will not have more than 1.5 minutes to read it.

You don't see many birds in winter. Most have left your area. Those that stay are not as active. Activity uses energy that is needed to keep warm. The worst problems for birds in winter are getting enough heat and holding on to the heat once it is made. These are problems for all birds. But it is especially true for very small ones. They cannot find enough food. The weather stays so cold for so long that they cannot eat enough to keep alive. But birds have many ways of fighting the cold. You shiver to keep warm. The heat that you make is made mostly in your muscles. The muscles make more heat when they are active. So one way of keeping warm is to move about, use your muscles. Another way is to shiver. When your body needs heat, the muscles tighten and loosen quickly. They become active. Just as you shiver to keep warm, so do birds.

The mystery of why trees don't stop growing is still unsolved. Human beings usually stop growing sometime during their teens. Many animals reach full growth within a year. Others are fully grown in just a few years. Birds and insects also stop growing at a certain age. But trees keep growing as long as they live.

Trees live, grow, and reproduce themselves by an amazing process. The thousands of leaves put forth by the tree breathe for it and manufacture its food. Its root system gathers minerals and vast quantities of water. To carry this water to the leaves, the tree is equipped with an intricate circulation system that extends upward from the millions of root hairs through the trunk and branches. The trunk holds the leaves up to the sunlight, sends them water from the roots, and gets food back from them. Then seeds are

Madame Tussaud's is the most popular wax museum in the world. There are life-size wax models of the famous and infamous, both living and dead. Among them are Elvis Presley, the Beatles, Michael Jackson, Marilyn Monroe, Charlie Chaplin, the British Royal family, Adolf Hitler, Jack the Ripper and many others.

The museum is situated in Marylebone Road in London. There is usually a long queue in front of the museum. Many tourists consider their trip to London worthless without visiting this museum.

There are several halls at Madame Tussaud's. Highlights include the Grand Hall, the Chamber of Horrors and "The Spirit of London" exhibition.

"The Spirit of London" is a new milestone for Madame Tussaud's. It covers a period of more than 400 years of London history: from Elizabethan times to the present days. Sights, sounds and even smells combine to tell the colourful story of London to visitors.




Half the human beings who have ever died, perhaps as many as 45 billion people, have been killed by female mosquitoes. Mosquitoes carry more than a hundred potentially fatal diseases including malaria, yellow fever and elephantiasis. Even today, they kill one person every twelve seconds. Amazingly, nobody had any idea that mosquitoes were dangerous until the end of the nineteenth century. In 1877, the British doctor Sir Patrick Manson proved that yellow fever was caused by mosquito bites. Seventeen years later it occurred to him that malaria might also be caused by mosquitoes. He encouraged his pupil Ronald Ross to test the hypothesis. Ross was the first person to show how female mosquitoes transmit the parasite. Manson went one better. To show that the theory worked for humans, he infected his own son – using mosquitoes carried in the diplomatic bag from Rome.

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Some paintings found in different caves around the world are recognized as the work of Stone Age artists. But what was the purpose of the paintings? Why were they hidden in a dark room where there is no evidence that cave people lived?

No one really knows, but there is one theory that makes great sense. It is called the theory of Sympathetic Magic. According to this, the cave people believed that if they could make a likeness of an animal, they could put a spell over it. This spell would give the tribe power over the live animal.

Stone Age existence depended on killing animals — for food, clothing, and even weapons and tools. The animals were large and fierce; the cave people had only the most simple weapons. Hunters had to be brave and fearless. They needed more than a spear or club; they needed all the magic they could get. The magic could help the hunters



Mountain gorillas live in the dense forests of Central Africa and are one of man's closest relations in the animal kingdom. They live in family groups and spend the day eating plants. Every evening each gorilla builds a nest to sleep in.

Mountain gorillas are black, and have evolved very thick fur so that they can withstand the cold mountain air. An adult male is called a silver back because of the silver-grey fur that grows on its back when it reaches maturity. A silverback is about the same height as an average man but heavier. Females are much smaller.

The destruction of their natural habitat is a serious threat to gorillas. Illegal hunting and trading are also a problem. Tourism helps to finance the ongoing efforts to save this endangered species. A few companies organise gorilla safaris so that people can see these amazing creatures at first hand. Some of the money from these tours goes to wild life organisations to protect the gorillas.



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