

Time for coffee

The story of coffee drinking is one of the greatest and most fascinating in history. Millions of coffee drinkers worldwide cannot imagine life without a cup of aromatic coffee in the morning. Coffee is a natural stimulant which makes us feel more awake, alert and ready to concentrate.

The qualities of mocca, as coffee was once known, were first discovered in Ethiopia more than one thousand years ago. However, it was not Africans but Turks and Arabs who actively encouraged coffee drinking. The habit of coffee drinking quickly spread throughout the Arab world, where coffee won a reputation as the wine of Islam. Coffee was first grown in Yemen. It was popular with Turks who served the drink to visiting Italian merchants. Now, around the world there are different methods of preparing coffee, for example, in Turkey coffee is traditionally boiled three times while Italians are the inventors of espresso and cappuccino.

We drink coffee because of its aroma, taste and stimulating effect. However, extensive consumption of coffee may be harmful to our health, for instance, it may increase one's blood pressure or make one's heart beat irregularly. Fortunately, new brands of coffee have been appearing on the market recently.

Coffee was discovered in Africa._____

Coffee drinking was popularised by the Italians._____

Coffee was first grown in Yemen._____

In Europe, coffee was popular as the wine of Islam._____

There is only one way of preparing coffee._____

New brands of coffee are less harmful than regular coffee._____

Задания по чтению для 7 класса

№ I.

Once a sailor came to South America. He had a lot of red woolen caps with him. He was going to sell them there. On his way to the nearest town he had to go through a forest in which there were a lot of monkeys in the trees.

At noon, when the sun was shining brightly in the sky, the sailor lay down on the grass to rest under a large tree. He took one of the caps out of his bag and put it on his head and almost immediately he fell asleep.

When he woke up he found that all the caps had disappeared. Suddenly he heard some strange noise over his head. He looked up and saw the trees full of monkeys

and each monkey was wearing a red woolen cap! They had stolen all his red caps! The sailor began to shout and throw stones at them but the monkeys weren't going to give the red caps back.

The sailor got very angry with the monkeys. He took off the cap which he had put on before going to sleep and threw it angrily on the ground: "If you keep my caps and don't want to give them back to me, you may take this one too!"

At the same moment all the monkeys took off the red caps and threw them on the ground.

The sailor took the caps, put them into the bag and went away.

1. Choose the proper title for the story

- 1) The Sailor's Red Caps
- 2) The Sailor and the Monkeys
- 3) The Monkeys kept the Sailor's caps

2. What information is "true", "false", "not stated"

- a) A sailor came from South America ___F___
- b) A sailor wanted to sell caps on the market ___N/S___
- c) All caps were stolen by thieves ___F___
- d) When the sailor took off the cap and threw it on the ground the monkeys did the same ___T___

№ II.

When Mr. Hiram B. Otis, the American Minister, decided to buy Canterville Chase, everyone told him that it was a foolish thing to do. There was no doubt that a ghost lived in the house. Indeed, Lord Canterville himself mentioned the fact to Mr. Otis when they were discussing the sale.

"We haven't lived in the place ourselves," said Lord Canterville, "since the day when my grand-aunt was frightened by the ghost. It happened many years ago. My grand-aunt was dressing for dinner when she suddenly felt two skeleton hands being placed on her shoulders. The fright made her very ill. And she never really recovered."

"I don't believe in ghosts," said Mr. Otis.

"I must tell you, Mr. Otis, that the ghost has been seen by several living members of our family, as well as by the local priest"

“My Lord,” said Mr. Otis, “I want to buy this house. I come from a modern country where everything has its value in money. If there is such a thing as a ghost in Europe, an American will buy it.”

Lord Canterville smiled: “There really is a ghost. It has been living in the house for three centuries, since 1584 in fact. It always appears before the death of any member of our family.”

“Well, so does the family doctor, no doubt, Lord Canterville.”

A few weeks later Mr. Otis and his family moved to Canterville Chase. The doctor was refused!!!

1. Choose the proper title to the story

- 1) A Foolish Thing to Do
- 2) Lord Canterville’s story
- 3) The Canterville Ghost

2. What information is “true”, “false”, “not stated”

- a) Mr. Hiram B. Otis was the American tourist ___F___
- b) There was no doubt that a ghost was the inhabitant of the house ____T____
- c) Lord Canterville didn’t believe in ghosts ___N/S___
- d) The ghost has been living in the house for five centuries __F__

№ III.

One night in April 1912, a new ocean liner was crossing the Atlantic. It had set out two days before and was going to New York. It was the largest and fastest ship in the world called *Titanic*.

The passengers were having a good time when the ship suddenly hit an iceberg.

Everyone was told to come out of their rooms. Unfortunately there were not enough lifeboats for all the passengers.

There was not very much time left. The iceberg was on one side of the ship. It looked like a high, white wall. A woman came to the side of the ship. Her two children were in one of the lifeboats, and she was very much afraid.

“My children are in the lifeboat. I must go with them!” the woman called to the people in the lifeboat.

“There’s no more room,” someone called out. “If we take one more, the lifeboat will sink.” There was a young woman in the lifeboat called Miss Evans. When she heard the woman calling, she stood up in the lifeboat and touched one of the men on the arm.

“Let me get back to the ship,” she said. “This woman must be with her children.” “The ship is sinking. Very soon it will go down under the water,” said the man. “I know it,” said Miss Evans.

People helped her to get back on the ship. Very soon after that there was a great noise, and the *Titanic* went down under the water...

- 1) Choose the proper title to the story

1. The Decision of Miss Evans
2. A woman and her children
3. *Titanic* and the iceberg

2. What information is “true”, “false”, “not stated”

- a) *Titanic* was the largest and fastest plane in the world ___F___
- b) The passengers were having a good time when the ship suddenly hit another ship ___F___
- c) Someone called out that if they took one more, the lifeboat would sink
_____T_____
- d) The woman and her children were escaped ___N/S___