# ВНЕАУДИТОРНОЕ ЧТЕНИЕ

Учебно-методические материалы для работы по книге "Treading on Dreams" (Stories from Ireland) для студентов III курса факультета романо-германских языков НГЛУ, обучающихся по направлению подготовки 45.03.02 – Лингвистика (английский язык как второй иностранный)

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# Предисловие

Учебно-методические материалы предназначены для студентов факультета романо-германских языков, изучающих английский язык как второй иностранный и имеющих определенные навыки и умения устной и письменной речи. Разработка содержит комплекс заданий, направленных на формирование и развитие навыков чтения, расширение лексического запаса, формирование грамматических навыков, развитие устной и письменной речи.

Учебно-методические материалы могут быть использованы для аудиторной и самостоятельной работы.

#### MR SING MY HEART'S DELIGHT

# **Vocabulary and Grammar Practice**

## I. Find the following words and word combinations in the text:

устраивать к.-л.; сбежать; драгоценный; иметь привычку; бросать вызов; отрезать от мира; разносчик, коробейник; держаться в отдалении от к.-л.; смущенный; нечестный; одурачить к.-л.; измученный, истощенный.

Use these words and word combinations in sentences of your own.

## II. Complete the sentences by writing the correct adjective in each space:

brave, generous, grateful, grumpy, honest, independent, jealous, lively, mature, patient, popular, proud, reliable, sensible, warm, weird

- 1. She is the most ... person in the village. Everybody likes her.
- 2. He is very .... If he says he'll do something, then he'll do it.
- 3. The woman is very ... as she never complains about the pain she is in all the time.
- 4. She always tells the truth. She's very ....
- 5. He is a very ... person. He doesn't get annoyed even when he has to repeat something several times.
- 6. They were very ... when we said they could stay in our house while we were away.
- 7. He never drinks and drives. He is too ... to do something stupid like that.
- 8. She's going to travel around the world for six months on her own. She must be very ...
- 9. She always has fun at parties because she's so bright and ....
- 10.He never smiles and always looks ... . I don't know what his problem is.
- 11. The girl is only 17 but she seems much older. She is very ... for her age.
- 12.He makes her ... when he looks at other girls.

- 13. She looks .... Why does she always wear such strange clothes?
- 14. They are very rich but they are also really ... with their money. They give wonderful presents.
- 15.He got 100 % on every test. His parents are really ... of him.
- 16. She is always ... and friendly. You always feel welcome at her house.

#### III. Use either Past Continuous or used to.

- 1. My granny ... (make up) fairy tales for me when I was a little girl.
- 2. Farmers in this area ... (buy) chemical fertilizers until the 1970s.
- 3. Ann didn't see me wave to her, she was ... (look) in the other direction.
- 4. Travelling ... (be) much slower and less comfortable in the old days.
- 5. We have never been to the cinema for ages. I ... (go) a lot.
- 6. I asked the driver to slow down. He ... (drive) too fast.
- 7. When I was a child, I ... (have) a lot of bad dreams.
- 8. When he started a new job, he ... (come) late. Now he always comes on time.
- 9. During the trek in Nepal I ... (sleep) in the tent.
- 10. "Do you do any sports?" "No, but I ... (play) volleyball."

# IV. Insert prepositions if necessary.

- 1. Granny's house was situated ... the top ... a cliff ... the Atlantic, ... the end ... the village.
- 2. I was happy to miss ... school ... three months and to get ... ... my parents.
- 3. Even ... the best day ... summer the village was a gloomy place.
- 4. The grandfather was jealous ... her prettiness and cut ... the grandmother ... the world.
- 5. She had no toys or games ... me to play ..., but she always tried to find a way ....
- 6. Packmen went ... house ... their cases full ... different goods.

- 7. Granny was silent... amazement when she looked ... the bright things.
- 8. Granny was interested ... the clothes people wore ... India.
- 9. She wished ... him goodbye ... the old Irish way.
- 10. He took ... his ring and held it her as he was thankful ... her ... her kindness.

#### **Oral Practice**

# I. Answer the following questions.

- 1. Where did the narrator go every year?
- 2. Where was his grandmother's house situated?
- 3. How long did the boy's visit last? Why?
- 4. Did the boy like to stay at his granny's?
- 5. What did her house look like?
- 6. What kind of woman was the granny?
- 7. How did they spend their time together?
- 8. Who came to their house one day?
- 9. What was remarkable about the man?
- 10. What impression did the goods the packman had produce on the old woman?
- 11.Did she buy anything?
- 12. What did she ask the packman to do?
- 13. Where was he from?
- 14. How did the granny imagine India?
- 15. What did the man offer the granny for her kindness?
- 16. What worried the woman when the packman had gone away?

# II. Discuss the following points:

- 1. What king of life did the woman lead?
- 2. Why did the boy like to visit his granny?

3. What is the "kindness the packman did not expect"? (How does it characterize the woman).

# III. Speak about:

- 1) the boy's visit to his granny; 2) the granny and her life;
- 3) the packman.

Use the adjectives from Ex. II, p. 1.

# IV. Retell the story in the name of:

1) the granny; 2) the boy's mother; 3) the boy's grandfather.

#### **Written Practice**

Write a letter from the boy to his family. Describe the packman's visit. (150 w.)

#### **IRISH REVEL**

# **Vocabulary and Grammar Practice**

# I. Find the following words and word combinations in the text:

пирушка, гулянка; предупредить; по привычке; известный, знаменитый; хихикать; краснеть от смущения; быть озадаченным, в недоумении; грубый; помешать что-то сделать; нарушить обещание; к тому времени.

Make up your own sentences.

# II. Write the correct word in each space to complete each sentence:

adventurous, ambitious, confident, immature, moody, nosy, obstinate, strict, sympathetic, talented, timid, violent

- 1. They shouldn't get married at 18. They are far too ... to make such an important decision.
- 2. John is having another exhibition of his paintings. He is a very ... person.
- 3. Tina is so ... . If I have a problem, she always listens and tries to help me.
- 4. At the party, she stood in a corner and didn't speak to anyone. She is very quiet and ....
- 5. We've given her lots of good advice but she won't listen. She is very ....
- 6. Jackie is so ...: one minute she's laughing and the next she's sulking.
- 7. He's a ... man. He was arguing with Tom last night and he ended up pushing him against the wall and shaking him.
- 8. She enjoys hot air ballooning and parachute jumping. She is very ....
- 9. He wasn't nervous about starting his new job. In fact he was very ... and felt sure that he would do it well and enjoy it.
- 10. Michael already owns three cafes but he intends to own a chain of them by the time he's 35. He is very ....
- 11. Her parents are pretty ... . She is 17 but she has to be home by ten o'clock, even on weekends.
- 12.He's always asking me questions about my family and job. He is very ....

# III. Insert prepositions where necessary:

- 1. The men worked ... the forestry company, so the women had to do everything ... the house.
- 2. They lived ... a mountainy farm ... Ireland.
- 3. The mother asked Mary to be ... time to milk the cows ... the morning.
- 4. She put... the black evening dress that her uncle had sent... America.
- 5. ... the bottom ... the hill she got... and looked back ... their farm.
- 6. The lake was famous ... the way it changed colour ... different times ... day.
- 7. He walked ... the kitchen ... them and sat down ... tea.
- 8. Mary put the cream ... the table and took ... her coat.

- 9. She blushed ... shock to realize that she was invited ... the party to do work.
- 10. The two town girls shared jokes ... each other and giggled ... Mary ... her back.

# IV. Insert articles where necessary:

- 1. ... life was hard for ... mountainy people.
- 2. She rode her bicycle along ... road thinking about... party.
- 3. She had ... long hair which fell in ... long dark waves over her shoulder.
- 4. She looked at... farm out of... habit.
- 5. There had been ... cattle market that day.
- 6. When she reached ... Commercial Hotel she went to ... back door.
- 7. Mary's mother didn't let her wear ... dress to ... church on ... Sunday.
- 8. The girls went away to drink ... secret bottle of... beer in ... bathroom.
- 9. After ... supper John gave each of... older children ... ride on ... motorbike.
- 10. They stopped at... bridge and sat on ... low stone wall.

#### **Oral Practice**

# I. Answer the following questions.

- 1. Where did Mary live?
- 2. Where did she go one day?
- 3. Why was her mother reluctant to let her go to the party?
- 4. When was Mary to return?
- 5. What did the girl feel on the way to the party?
- 6. Whom did she hope to see that day?
- 7. How was she greeted in the hotel?
- 8. Why was she really invited?
- 9. Who was waiting for her there?
- 10. Why was Mary disappointed?

- 11. Did she enjoy the party?
- 12. Why did Mary get up so early the next day?
- 13. What did she think about on the way home?
- 14. Was her first party a success?

# II. Discuss the following points.

- 1. What kind of girl was Mary? Was her life easy?
- 2. Why did Doris and Eithne treat her with contempt?
- 3. Do you agree that if you look forward to something very much, you often become disappointed?

# III. Speak about:

1) Mary; 2) John Roland; 3) Mary's mother; 4) Mrs Rodgers.

Use the adjectives from Ex. 2, p. 4.

# IV. Retell the story in the name of:

1) Mary; 2) Mary's mother; 3) Mrs Rogers.

#### **Written Practice**

Suppose that Mary keeps a diary. What can she write about her first party after returning home? (150 w.)

## THE THIRD PARTY

# **Vocabulary and Grammar Practice**

## I. Find the following words and word combinations in the text:

вовлекать; встретиться по договоренности; сожалеть о ч.-л.; случай / событие (2); неуклюжий; и мухи не обидит; годный, подходящий;

развестись; преувеличить; передумать; винить к.-л. в ч.-л.; напомнить о ч.-л. / к.-л.

# Make up your own sentences using these phrases.

## II. Insert prepositions if necessary.

- 1. Boland took ... his wallet and paid ... the drinks.
- 2. Boland couldn't talk ... Lairdman ... a drink ... him.
- 3. Lairdman was ... Dublin. He was ... the wood business.
- 4. Annabella was to move ... Lairdman's place ... once.
- 5. He became angry ... a moment but he thought he had to be careful ... what he said.
- 6. Lairdman said that it was good ... him to agree to divorce ... Annabella.
- 7. He looked ... ... an easy life ... Annabella's moods and lies.
- 8. He paid ... the bill and went ... ... the car park.
- 9. He was ... the open road now, looking ... ... her car.
- 10. Boland turned ... the radio and listened ... the song called "Dancing in the dark".

# III. Choose either say or tell. Use the verb in the correct tense form.

- 1. George couldn't help me. He ... me to ask Kate.
- 2. Kate ... she had many pets at home.
- 3. Ann ... goodbye to me and left.
- 4. Sam ... me that Robert didn't like porridge.
- 5. I asked him ... the truth.
- 6. Don't just stand there! ... something.
- 7. I ... Jim not to shout.
- 8. Mother ... her son to go to the dentist.
- 9. ... us about your holidays, please! Did you have a nice time?
- 10. My cousin ... he could ski well.

- 11. She ... us her knowledge of French was good.
- 12. Don't... anybody what I ... . It's a secret between us.
- 13. What did you ... the police?
- 14. He ... he had just heard the news.
- 15. They ... it is good for health to go jogging.

# IV. Fill in a suitable form of a verb from the list: say, tell, talk, speak.

- 1. She ... she might be late.
- 2. I'm going ... something to the neighbours about the noise.
- 3. She ... us about her travels around the world.
- 4. The clock ... it's five past ten.
- 5. The newspaper ... there has been a hijacking.
- 6. Have you anything to ... in your defense?
- 7. I've never ... a lie in my life.
- 8. Let's ... about the problem. ... me what you need.
- 9. She often ... about her days as a student.
- 10. The lecturer is going ... about the modem art.
- 11. He ... me to close the door.
- 12. The letter ... we've won the first prize.
- 13. I didn't do it somebody has been ... tales.
- 14. The teacher ...: "Don't... during the lesson."
- 15. I can't... when Bill went away.

#### **Oral Practice**

# I. Answer the following questions.

- 1. Why did the two men meet in the bar of Buswell's Hotel?
- 2. What did they discuss?
- 3. What was Lairdman?
- 4. What plans did he have?

- 5. Was it easy to get a divorce in Ireland?
- 6. Did Boland want to divorce?
- 7. Had he met Lairdman before?
- 8. What did he think of his wife's lover?
- 9. What didn't Lairdman know about Annabella?
- 10. Why did Boland tell Lairdman all the things about Annabella?
- 11. Had he been happy with her?
- 12. Why had Annabella become bitter?
- 13. Where did Boland go after the meeting with Lairdman?
- 14. Would his wife leave him?

# II. Discuss the following points.

- 1. What kind of man was Boland?
- 2. Why did he agree to divorce Annabella?
- 3. Why did he fail to let Lairdman take her from him after all?
- 4. What do you think would happen next?

# III. Speak about:

1) Boland; 2) Lairdman; 3) Annabella.

IV. Retell the story paying attention to direct speech (turn it into Indirect speech). Use different verbs to introduce direct speech: (to tell; to inform; to warn; to inquire; etc.)

#### **Written Practice**

Before the meeting with Lairdman Boland could write a letter to his wife. What kind of letter can it be?

#### **DELIVERY**

# **Vocabulary and Grammar Practice**

## I. Find the following words and word combinations in the text:

находить утешение; несчастный случай; потерять управление (контроль); доставлять продукты; подношение; по той же самой причине; привыкнуть к ч.-л.; не было смысла; почувствовать ч.-л.

Use them in sentences of your own.

#### II. Insert articles where necessary.

- 1. Every Thursday Charlie delivered ... box of ... groceries to his former teacher.
- 2. Mikey Tuohy's story earned him ... free beer in ... pub for ... long time afterwards.
- 3. Charles was ... tall clumsy boy who had ... gift for ... painting.
- 4. She fetched ... Christmas tree from ... cellar and put it in ... front room.
- 5. ... that week Charlie hid ... couple of oranges in ... box.
- 6. Mrs Kennedy wrote in her diary that ... stranger she saw from ... time to ... time was making ... good progress.
- 7. Charlie smoked ... cigarette and knocked on ... door for ... first time since he began deliveries to Mrs Kennedy.
- 8. In ... kitchen he switched on ... light: there was ... fridge in ... corner, still working.
- 9. Charlie drove back into ... town and parked outside ... Horan's Hotel.
- 10. He took ... box with paints and brushes which Mrs Kennedy had left for him and walked into ... blue shadows of ... moonlit countryside.

# III. Study the idioms below and do the exercise after that.

- 1) coach potato лентяй, лежебока;
- **2) the apple of one's eye** зеница ока;
- 3) cool as a cucumber невозмутимый, спокойный человек;
- 4) it's another cup of tea это совсем другой вопрос, совсем другое дело;
- 5) to be half-baked непродуманный, «сырой» план, идея;
- 6) a hard nut to crack крепкий орешек;
- 7) in a nutshell вкратце, в двух словах;
- 8) make one's mouth water «слюнки текут»;
- 9) sell like hot cakes распродаваться как горячие пирожки;
- 10) take smth with a pinch (grain) of salt относиться с сомнением, не принимать на веру;
- 11) be like chalk and cheese не иметь ничего общего.
- 1. The new books of this author sell quickly, like ...
- 2. It's impossible to persuade Max from doing it. He is ...
- 3. When I see this picture I want to eat it, it...
- 4. My brother spends all the time lying on the coach and watching TV! he doesn't even go outside! He is a real ...
- 5. Mary loves her son very much, he is ...
- 6. As she had only few minutes, she told us the story ...
- 7. I must admit that my project failed as it...
- 8. When I went to England, I realized that the life there was completely different from what I was used to, it was ...
- 9. Though many students were nervous before the exam, Tom was ...
- 10. Mary is always telling lies. Take her stories ...
- 11. I don't know how Sam and Ann get on well. They are ...

# IV. Describe Charlie or Mrs Kennedy using the idioms from Ex. III.

#### V. Choose the correct variant.

- 1. The apples taste sweet / sweetly. Help yourself.
- 2. Charlie felt <u>happy</u> / <u>happily</u> driving his van to Mrs Kennedy.
- 3. He suggested discussing this idea serious / seriously.
- 4. He looked upset / upsetly. He had smoked his last cigarette.
- 5. It rained very <u>heavy</u> / <u>heavily</u> that night.
- 6. He opened the door <u>quiet</u> / <u>quietly</u> and entered the house.
- 7. She looked <u>angry</u> / <u>angrily</u> at Charlie when she saw him through the window.
- 8. It was a warm day and the sun was shining <u>bright</u> / <u>brightly</u>.
- 9. Charlie drove <u>careful</u> / <u>carefully</u> around the last bend to Mrs Kennedy's house.
- 10. Charlie is painting seemed strange / strangely.

#### **Oral Practice**

# I. Answer the following questions.

- 1. Why did Charlie go to Mrs Kennedy every Thursday?
- 2. What did she think of Charlie?
- 3. What had happened to Mrs Kennedy's son the year before?
- 4. What was her reaction to the accident?
- 5. What did Charlie usually put into the box of groceries?
- 6. Why did he consider himself to be lucky?
- 7. Why was he called Charlie Blue?
- 8. What was Charlie's attitude to his former teacher?
- 9. What did Mrs Kennedy feel all the time?
- 10. What was she painting?
- 11. What happened to Mrs Kennedy?
- 12. What did she leave for Charlie? Why?

# II. Discuss the following points.

- 1. Why did Mrs Kennedy find no comfort?
- 2. In her diary she wrote that she saw a stranger. Who could it be?
- 3. What would Charlie do next from your point of view?

# III. Retell the story in the name of:

a) Charlie; b) Mrs Kennedy; c) O'Reilly, the policeman.

#### **Written Practice**

Suppose Mrs Kennedy wrote a letter to Charlie. What could she tell him about in her last letter? (150 w)

#### **MY OEDIPUS COMPLEX**

# **Vocabulary and Grammar Practice**

# I. Find the following words and word combinations in the text:

быть высокого мнения о к.-л.; принять меры; по чьей-то просьбе; иметь власть над к.-л.; разборчивый; беспокоить; пинать; потерять терпение; шуметь; быть внимательным к к.-л.; не мог не посочувствовать; пройти через что-то.

Use them in sentences of your own.

# II. Complete the sentences using the verbs to make, to do or to take in the correct form.

- 1. They are ... a lot of noise, but so far they haven't ... any progress.
- 2. The company is ... a large profit, but in the meantime they are ... a lot of damage to the environment.

- 3. She was asked to ... a quick speech, but in fact her speech was extremely long.
- 4. After we've ... our homework, let's ... tea.
- 5. ... a look at all these mistakes you have ....
- 6. Should we ... a taxi or go by subway?
- 7. At first he ... a great effort to read books, but then he ... an interest in reading.
- 8. This is a photograph I ... of some friends when we were on vacation.
- 9. She told me to ... a seat, and then went to ... some phone calls.
- 10. The conference will ... place in January.
- 11. We had to ... a lot of work before we began to ... any money.
- 12. After I had ... the bed, he lay down and ... his medicine.

# Make up 10 sentences using the verbs to take, to do, to make.

# III. Insert prepositions where necessary.

- 1. Larry wanted his mother to follow ... his wishes ... everything.
- 2. He liked to get ... his mother's bed ... the early morning.
- 3. ... breakfast they went ... town and said a prayer ... Father ... the church.
- 4. ... the afternoon, ... Mother's request, Father took Larry ... a wolf.
- 5. ... Larry's opinion, his father was amazingly good ... paying no attention ... him.
- 6. One day Larry, getting ... his mother's bed, gave ... his father several kicks.
- 7. It was unthinkable ... Larry to live ... his early-morning discussions.
- 8. When she was putting the boy ... bed, she explained ... him, that he shouldn't disturb ... Father.
- 9. He stayed ... his room, playing ... toys ... some time.
- 10. Father got angry ... Larry, jumped ... ... bed and smacked him.

- 11. Once Larry told ... his mother that when he grew ..., he would marry ... her.
- 12. ... a while Father started being nice ... Larry.
- 13. Larry was sorry ... Father as he understood what his father was angry ....
- 14. ... Christmas Father bought a present ... Larry.

# IV. Insert articles where necessary.

- 1. ... Larry's father was in ... army all through ... war.
- 2. He smoked ... pipe, which gave him ... pleasant smell.
- 3. He left ... few souvenirs behind ... buttons, ... knives and ... used bullets packed carefully away in ... box.
- 4. The boy woke at ... first light and he felt he was rather like ... sun.
- 5. They all went off to ... church to thank God for bringing ... Father safely ... home.
- 6. Larry and his father had ... different ideas of what ... walk in ... town should be.
- 7. At ... teatime Father had ... evening newspaper.
- 8. ... life without ... morning discussion was impossible.
- 9. He gave ... scream loud enough to wake ... dead.
- 10. What ... bad luck it was when ... new baby appeared in ... family.

#### **Oral Practice**

# I. Answer the following questions.

- 1. How old was Larry when his father was in the army?
- 2. Did he like the father's visits? Why?
- 3. How did Larry spend his mornings?
- 5. How did his life change?
- 6. How did he try to attract his mother's attention?

- 7. What were the relations between Larry and his father?
- 8. What did his father do one day when Larry woke him up?
- 9. What did it lead to?
- 10. What happened when Sonny appeared in the family?
- 11. Did Larry like his brother? Why?
- 12. Did the appearance of the baby influence his relations with his father?

# II. Discuss the following points.

- 1. What kind of boy was Larry? Why did he behave like that?
- 2. What do you think of his father's behaviour?
- 3. Why was Larry sorry for his father at the end of the story?
- 4. Is it a typical situation in the family? Why?
- 5. What could happen next?

# III. Speak about:

a) Larry; b) Larry's mother; c) Larry's father.

# IV. Retell the story in the name of:

a) Larry's mother; b) Larry's father.

#### **Written Practice**

Write a short essay on the problem of family relations (150-200 w.)

#### **MEN AND WOMEN**

# **Vocabulary and Grammar Practice**

# I. Find the following words and word combinations in the text:

чинить (латать); выгодная покупка; приглядывать за к.-л.; рекламная пауза; прикреплять; быть на ногах; исследовать; происходить; брать напрокат; не торопиться; дрожать от холода.

#### II. Translate into English.

- 1. Обычно мы покупали несколько овец на рынке, а по пути домой останавливались перекусить.
- 2. Мама приготовила обед и велела позвать Симуса.
- 3. Симус не делал никакой работы по дому.
- 4. Ей пришлось снять ботинки прежде чем войти.
- 5. Мама прятала ключ от машины в чайнике на полке над камином.
- 6. Девочка прикрепляла вывески к столбу в конце дороги, чтобы Санта Клаус не заблудился.
- 7. Симус не делал никаких усилий, чтобы помочь сестре.
- 8. Мама была в темно-красном платье накануне Нового года и выглядела нарядной.
- 9. Отец практически не переоделся на Новогодний бал, а Симус надел узкие черные брюки и ботинки на высоких каблуках, которые делали его выше.
- 10. Мама отказалась выходить из машины, чтобы открыть ворота.

#### III. Choose the correct answer to complete the sentences.

- 1. At the market the father examined sheep for  $\dots$  (sale sell).
- 2. He gave me some very useful ... (advise advice).
- 3. There is a programme where a man ... (learns teaches) a woman to drive.
- 4. Da put on his good hat to hide his ... (boldness baldness).
- 5. He liked working there. It was a good ... (job work).
- 6. From the top of the hill, we can admire a marvellows ... (view scenery) of the town.
- 7. I ... (offered suggested) my mother my lemonade.
- 8. There is a lot of ... (exciting excitement) just before midnight.
- 9. She sat by the window and watched the sun ... (rise raise).

- 10. My mother  $\dots$  (felt fell) ill at ease at the party.
- 11. I have always been ... (worried about afraid of) spiders and snakes.
- 12. Seamus was a ... (sensible sensitive) boy: he got upset very easily.
- 13. His voice ... (rose raised) in anger.
- 14. When I ... (rose raised) my head, I saw tears in my mother's eyes.
- 15. In the morning Mammy and I had to feel the ... (kettle cattle).
- 16. The snow was falling on his ... (bear bare) head.

#### **Oral Practice**

# I. Answer the following questions.

- 1. Where did the narrator's father take her?
- 2. Why did the girl have to open the gates?
- 3. What was her brother's occupation?
- 4. What kind of relations were there between brother and sister?
- 5. What was her Mother's favourite programme on TV?
- 6. Did the girl like Christmas? Why?
- 7. Where did the whole family go to celebrate New Year?
- 8. What did the girl think of when they went to the party?
- 9. What happened at the party?
- 10. How did the girl try to protect her mother?
- 11. Did she enjoy the party?
- 12. What made the mother leave the room?
- 13. What happened when the family was on the way home?

# II. Discuss the following points.

- 1. Were they a happy family? Why?
- 2. What are the reasons why a daughter might want "to fight on her mother's side"?
- 3. What do you think could happen when the girl's father returned home?

# III. Speak about:

a) the girl; b) her mother; c) her father.

# IV. Retell the story in the name of:

a) the girl's mother; b) the girl's father.

#### **Written Practice**

The girl still believed in Santa Claus. She could write a letter to him. What could she ask him about? (100 w.)

#### LORD McDONALD

# **Vocabulary and Grammar Practice**

# I. Find the following words and word combinations in the text:

по всему миру; особенность; заложить; смерить взглядом; обидеться; оглядываться назад (вспоминать); пьяница.

# II. Choose the correct answer to complete the sentences.

- 1. As he needed money he asked his friend to ... (lend borrow) him 20\$ until Monday.
- 2. The Irish cop ... (hired fired) him to play the fiddle at his daughter's birthday party.
- 3. The man was ... (laying lying) on a pile of rubbish.
- 4. He was so  $\dots$  (weak absent)-minded that he forgot about the party.
- 5. They made him an excellent offer, but he ... (rejected denied) it.
- 6. Coleman admitted he had ... (done made) a mistake.
- 7. Coleman's words ... (raised aroused) the cop's anger.

- 8. The cop said that such people were a bad ... (advertising advertisement) for the Irish.
- 9. Seamus Anderson went to ... (church the church) regularly.
- 10. The policeman wished Coleman ... (a good good) luck.

# III. Insert articles where necessary.

- 1. ... Irish music is known all over ... world.
- 2. It was ... short walk to ... cop's house, in ... good weather.
- 3. When he knocked at ... door, ... beautiful young woman in ... blue dress opened it.
- 4. He was never too eager for ... work, which was well known around ... place at ... home.
- 5. ... night the cop threw him down ... steps, he called at ... Seamus Anderson's house.
- 6. He walked to sit up and play ... music all ... night.
- 7. Seamus was ... churchgoing man who was strongly opposed to ... drink.
- 8. Sometimes ... policemen took ... drunks to ... police station and beat them unconscious.
- 9. He always had ... fun playing ... fiddle.
- 10. Michael Coleman was known as ... greatest fiddler who put ... twist to ... tune.

# IV. Insert prepositions where necessary.

- 1. His nieces passed ... the city ... their way to look ... work.
- 2. The girl looked him ... and ... without saying anything.
- 3. ... one time there was always a place ... musicians.
- 4. People always look ... at the place they come ... .
- 5. Seamus Anderson lived ... a good house ... a good area.
- 6. He banged ... the door and shouted ... them to let him ... .

- 7. His nose had been bleeding ... a while and the front ... his jacket was covered ... blood.
- 8. It was difficult to explain ... people that the drink was like music.
- 9. Coleman was told to get ... ... the place.
- 10. The two men ... the record company followed ... Coleman and gave ... him some money ... a special performance.

#### **Oral Practice**

# I. Answer the following questions.

- 1. What was Michael Coleman?
- 2. Where was he from?
- 3. Where did he live after leaving Ireland?
- 4. Did he like New York? Why?
- 5. What was Lord McDonald?
- 6. Why did an Irish cop ask Michael to play it?
- 7. Why was he angry with the fiddler?
- 8. Where did Coleman go after the cop had thrown him off?
- 9. What was unusual about his playing?
- 10. Why did the man drink so much?
- 11. What was his purpose in life?
- 12. Why did he recall the day when he had played Lord McDonald in a recording studio once?

# II. Discuss the following points.

- 1. What kind of man was Michael Coleman?
- 2. Do you agree that it is typical of creative people to drink too much? Why?
- 3. What do you think can happen to Michael Coleman in the future?

#### III. Retell the story. Characterize Michael Coleman.

#### **Written Practice**

Michael Coleman lives in New York. He might write letters home. What can he tell his relatives about his life in New York? (150 w.)

#### **A FISHY STORY**

## **Vocabulary and Grammar Practice**

## I. Find the following words and word combinations in the text:

зал ожидания; начальник вокзала; трехдневное путешествие; найти место в вагоне; проводник; согласно расписанию; почтовый поезд; сесть на поезд; успеть на поезд; пересаживаться; локомотив.

# II. Translate into English.

- 1. В Ирландии поезда редко ходят согласно расписанию
- 2. Синклэру не повезло, он не поймал ни одного лосося.
- 3. На одной из станций недовольный англичанин спросил, как долго поезд собирается ждать.
- 4. Синклэр понял, что его обсчитывают, но у него не было времени спорить.
- 5.В поезде он узнал, что рыба, которую он купил, была краденой.
- 6. Проснувшись в полной темноте, Синклэр обнаружил, что поезд не двигается, а кругом никого нет.
- 7. Работники вокзала сделали все возможное, чтобы доставить Синклэра до нужной станции, но им это не удалось.
- 8. Проводник предложил отвести Синклэра в лучший отель города.

- 9. Проводник предложил Майку поместить Синклэра в бильярдную комнату.
- 10. Сверток, за которым Синклэр присматривал с материнской заботой, с треском упал на пол.

# III. Insert prepositions where necessary.

- 1. He found a seat ... a carriage, and the train dragged itself noisily ... ... the station.
- 2. Sinclair was ... his way to join ... his family ... England.
- 3. ... every six miles the train stopped ... a station.
- 4. The man ... the platform dropped his parcel, which fell ... the ground.
- 5. It turned ... that they were waiting ... the mail train to pass ... in the other direction.
- 6. ... that moment he heard the whistle ... the mail train which was approaching ... the station.
- 7. He had to jump ... the platform and follow ... his train ... the rails.
- 8. The man was ... ... breath and his fellow-passengers looked ... him ... sympathy.
- 9. He was to board ... the mail train but he was late ... his train.
- 10. He arrived ... his destination late ... night.

# IV. Choose the correct answer to complete the sentences.

- 1. It was already midnight when he ... (felt fell) as leep.
- 2. In the station master's office the steam ... (rose raised) in clouds from Sinclair's boots.
- 3. People in Ireland ... (do make) special arrangements if you ask them for help.
- 4. When Sinclair saw a remarkably handsome salmon ... (laying lying) on the platform, he decided to buy it.

- 5. Philippa looked ... (beautiful beautifully) in her evening dress.
- 6. It wasn't very clever if Sinclair to ... (take make) the wrong parcel.
- 7. The hotel boy ... (did made) Sinclair a favour and let him stay in the billiard room.
- 8. Philippa wanted Sinclair to ... (bring take) a salmon home.
- 9. It seemed sensible to ... (study learn) her letter of instructions again.
- 10. Sinclair thought that his wife never ... (studied learned) from past experiences.

#### **Oral Practice**

# I. Answer the following questions.

- 1. Where did the events take place?
- 2. Was Sinclair's trip successful? Why?
- 3. Why did he read his wife's letter?
- 4. What did Sinclair decide to do when he saw a man carrying a parcel with a salmon in it?
- 5. Whom did he meet on the way to the shop?
- 6. What kind of salmon did he buy?
- 7. What did the man see when he got back to the station?
- 8. How did he manage to get on the train?
- 9. Why was his journey slow?
- 10. Why was Sinclair late for the mail train?
- 11. Where did he stay overnight? What kind of place was it?
- 12. Did he manage to bring his salmon to the Herveys?

# II. Discuss the following points.

- 1. What kind of man was Sinclair Yeates? Was he an experienced traveller?
- 2. Was it easy to travel in Ireland? Why?
- 3. What makes a perfect trip?

# III. Retell the story paying special attention to the description of Sinclair Yeates's journey.

#### **Written Practice**

Philippa Yeates wrote a letter to her husband. What kind of letter could it be? (100-150 w.)

#### **REVIEW**

# **Vocabulary and Grammar**

# I. Give the English for:

- 1) сбежать; 6) привыкнуть к ч.-л.;
- 2) бросать вызов; 7) быть высокого мнения о к.-л.;
- 3) преувеличить; 8) особенность;
- 4) пирушка; 9) брать на прокат;
- 5) нарушать обещание; 10) успеть на поезд.

#### II. Give the Russian for:

- 1) out of habit; 6) to sense smth;
- 2) to make a fool of smb; 7) to take steps;
- 3) puzzled; 8) to keep an eye on smb;
- 4) awkward; 9) to look smb up and down;
- 5) to deliver groceries; 10) the station waiting room.

# III. Insert prepositions where necessary.

- 1. It suited ... me I missed school ... three months.
- 2. The grandfather had cut the granny ... ... the world.
- 3. The boy was glad to get ... ... his parents and brothers and sisters.

- 4. The lake was famous ... changing colour ... different times ... day.
- 5. They met ... arrangement ... the bar.
- 6. The landlady prevented the girl ... enjoying the party.
- 7. Larry gave ... his father a kick and was punished ... that.
- 8. People always look ... at the place where they came ....
- 9. My father took me ... the market and there he examined sheep ... sale.
- 10. Sinclair investigated ... the station and realized that he couldn't board ... the mail train as he was ... the wrong station.

#### IV. Use the correct verb in the correct form.

- 1. He was a bit faint and he ... (lie lay) on the sofa for a while.
- 2. The men just ... (lie lay) a new car pet in the bedroom.
- 3. What do you think of the plan that they ... (rise raise) the ship from the seabed?
- 4. Tax rates ... (rise raise) these days all the time.
- 5. When she saw him with a woman she ... (feel fall) offended.
- 6. He was a weak child, he always ... (feel fall) ill.
- 7. The man ... (feel fall) ill at ease when he realized that he was late for the train.
- 8. Mary ... (feel fall) in love with John at first sight.
- 9. The father  $\dots$  (take make) no effort to look smart.
- 10. He was so surprised that he stopped ... (do make) a noise.

# V. Translate into English.

- 1. Мальчику велели держаться в стороне от коробейников, так как их считали нечестными.
- 2. Бабушка удивленно молчала, рассматривая товары, которые показывал ей коробейник.

- 3. Мама предупредила Мэри не притрагиваться к алкоголю на вечеринке и пожелала ей удачи.
- 4. Городские девицы хихикали над Мэри за её спиной и командовали ей, как будто она была служанкой.
- 5. Лэрдмэн обиделся: Анабелла описала мужа как неуклюжего человека, который и мухи не обидит.
- 6. Он предложил Боланду получить развод в Англии, так как это не займет много времени.
- 7. Томми Хоран владел бакалейной лавкой, но Чарли знал, что он продает несвежие продукты.
- 8. Старый Фоули потерял управление трактором и убил сына Миссис Кеннеди.
- 9. Лари был не высокого мнения о своем отце.
- 10. С появлением Санни мир в доме был нарушен, потому что мама теперь была внимательна только к малышу.

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