Глодних Руслан

C. an ice-cream

10. Nora is most fond of
A. dolphins.
B. monkeys.
C. lions

READING
Time: 20 minutes

Task 1. Read the text. Match the parts of the text with their titles. One title is *extra*.
1.A craftsman's present to his relative
2.The main tree of the country
3.The legend of the Christmas tree
4.Technical progress
5.An order to celebrate
6.Decorating from top to bottom

+ 3 **A.** There are several stories which tell us why people decorate Christmas trees at home. One
Martin Luther, the founder of the protestant faith. While he was walking through a forest
Eve, he looked up and was impressed by the beauty of stars that were shining through the t
cut down a small tree and took it home. There, he decorated the tree with candles as a presen

+ 6 **B.** The tradition of decorating a Christmas tree comes from Germany. Until the 17th
followed strict rules when they decorated their Christmas tree. Firstly, a star was fixed
people hung apples on lower branches of the tree. Finally, they placed biscuits, gingerb
underneath. The Christmas tree in the fairy tale Nutcracker was decorated in exactly this
order of decorations lost its importance.

— 2 **C.** The Christmas tree tradition came to Russia with Peter the Great in the 18th century.
celebration tradition in Germany and issued a law according to which all the families had
houses with pine tree branches. It was also announced that people should have fun on th
Great also decided to move the New Year date from 1st September to 1st January.

+ 1 **D.** The most popular Christmas decoration was invented by a German glass-blower who
decorated it with angel figures and snowflakes. He gave it as a gift to his daughter. The g
the ball on the Christmas tree. It was so beautiful that the glass-blower made many more de
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F **8.**The tradition of a Christmas tree came from Russia.

T **9.** In earlier times, there were rules of decorating a Christmas tree.

NS **10.** The first decorations were all hand-made and good to eat but rather dull.

T **11.**The tradition of coloured glass balls started in Europe.

NS **12.** Russian people used to celebrate New Year in autumn.

T **13.** It was Thomas Edison who came up with the idea of electric lights for Christmas trees.

NS **14.** People liked a new electric decoration and began to buy it at once.

NS **15.** In the Kremlin you can always see a natural Christmas tree.

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Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

W.A. Mozart (**0**) **was** one of the greatest (**1**) composer of the world. He (**2**) lived in Salzburg in 1756. He began his (**3**) success career at an early age. His father taught him (**4**) play on one of the instruments when he was three. Two years later he gave him a small violin. At the age of six, Wolfgang (**5**) played for Empress Maria Theresa. He (**6**) visited London, Paris, Rome, Geneva, etc. In 1781 he settled in Vienna when he was at the peak of his career. But soon the genius was forgotten and (**7**) died in 1791 in loneliness.

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Task 2. For questions 8 – 15, read the text below and decide which answer, A, B or C, best fits each space.

Levi jeans (**8**) A by the people all over the world. They (**9**) A fashionable and strong and you (**10**) B wear them for a long time. The first Levi jeans (**11**) B in San Francisco in the nineteenth century. They were made for (**12**) C who needed cheap and strong trousers. The jeans are made of a special kind of strong cotton.

Levi jeans are (**13**) A blue. But the company also designed them in black, white and several other colours. There are many different (**14**) A. Nowadays Levi is multinational company and (**15**) A jeans are produced in factories all over the world.

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8.	**A.** are worn	**B.** wear	**C.** were worn
9.	**A.** are	**B.** will be	**C.** were
10.	**A.** must	**B.** can	**C.** should
11.	**A.** made	**B.** were produced	**C.** to design
		B. worksmen	**C.** workmen
			C. always

Imagine that you have received a letter from your English-speaking pen friend, Tom.

...We've moved house and now I have to go to a new school. It's a pity because I liked my old school and I had a lot of friends there. Now I feel a bit lonely but I hope to find some friends here too....

...What do you like most about your school? Have you got a lot of friends at school? What do you usually do with your school friends in your free time? ...

Write him a letter and answer his 3 questions.

Write 100–120 words. Remember the rules of letter writing.

Hi Tom. Glad that you wrote to me. In my school I like the classrooms, how they ~~the~~ It looks beautiful, I also like the view from the window of our office. And especially I like the canteen, the food there is delicious. In my school I have many friends. ~~and~~ I communicate very well with them, I am glad that I have such friends. With my friends in our free time we usually spend on the playground near the school there is a football field. I really like my school, I will be very sad if I leave it. While Tom, I'm waiting for your answer

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