

Задание 9

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| 1. Walking along the sea over the world | 5. Plants from all |
| 2. The great market place corner | 6. A literary |
| 3. The way to get to the city of the location | 7. The advantage |
| 4. How the city got its name | 8. Political summit |

A. According to ancient history, Yalta was founded by the Greeks in the 1st century. The legend says that Greek sailors lost their way because of a storm. They were looking for the shore for a long time. When finally they saw the shore, they decided to call it yalos, which meant shore in their language. The word Yalta as the name of the settlement has been in use since the 15th century.

B. The City of Yalta is a famous resort in southern Crimea. The city lies between the Black Sea and the main range of the Crimean Mountains. As Yalta is surrounded by hills, the city has a very mild climate with warm autumns, rainy winters, cool springs and hot summers. However, since the city is on the sea shore, the summer weather rarely becomes extremely hot, due to the cool sea breezes.

C. The oldest and longest street in Yalta is its famous embankment (the Sea Promenade). The beautiful, wide street runs along Yalta harbour. It is closed to cars and people enjoy walking there in any season of the year. There is a cinema, a concert hall, a drama theatre, some museums, and a lot of cafés and restaurants in the area. In the evenings, the Sea Promenade turns into the busiest street in the city.

D. This man-made park covers 11 square kilometres and is recognized as a masterpiece of landscape art. The history of the Nikitsky Botanical Garden started almost 200 years ago, in 1812. The founder of the Garden, a prominent Russian botanist, C. Steven, brought together samples of fauna from different regions of Europe, Asia, and America. Today, thanks to the large collection of rare species of flowers, bushes and trees, the Nikitsky Garden is one the most famous botanical gardens in the world.

E. Livadia Palace, the former royal residence, is one of Yalta's most visited landmarks. It was there that, in February 1945, the famous Yalta Conference of the Big Three Powers – the Soviet Union, the USA and Great Britain – was held. Important issues about the end of World War II and arrangement of the postwar world were discussed and agreed at that conference. Now this place is visited by tourists from all over the world.

F. There is neither an airport nor a railway station in Yalta. Tourists often get to the capital of Crimea, Simferopol, and then take a car to Yalta. Some tourists prefer a journey on the Crimean trolleybus. It is the world's longest trolleybus route, and is 86 kilometres long. The trolley journey from Simferopol to Yalta takes about 3 hours. The trolleybus takes the tourists through the mountains and valleys, providing breathtaking views.

G. The City of Yalta is associated with the name of the famous Russian writer, Anton Chekhov, who spent 5 years there. In 1898 he bought a nice house (the White Dacha) in Yalta. There was a wonderful garden around the house. The writer, who was a keen gardener, made a plan for the garden and planted trees, bushes and flowers there. There he wrote his famous short stories and plays such as 'Three Sisters' and 'The Cherry Orchard'. Later, the White Dacha was turned into a museum.

Задания 10-17

A Christmas Story

It happened a few days before Christmas. John and Alice were on their way home from visiting their daughter at college. The drive was long and exhausting. Alice was thinking about the money they had given for their daughter's last semester. It was a big sum for their family. Alice realized that they had no money for the next semester fee. She was in despair.

On their way home they stopped at a small town market. Alice got out of the car to walk a little. Suddenly an old woman approached her. She asked Alice to buy an old brass teapot*. Alice took the heavy teapot and gave the woman the money that she had asked for.

Alice, got into the car and placed the teapot on the back seat. She didn't need the teapot, but she could not refuse the old woman. The car set off and the rest of the way John and Alice argued about the money. John was angry with Alice because of her last purchase.

John's arguments were powerful. The family's budget was not at all promising. They had a lot of electric and gas bills to pay. What's more, they had recently bought a new refrigerator. And the college fee ate up a good part of their budget. Alice kept silent.

When they arrived home, Alice decided to make tea. She found out that their electric tea kettle was broken and put the new brass teapot on the stove. When the tea was getting ready, they heard a door bell. It was Mr. Ramson, their neighbour. The old man lived alone and there were no relatives and friends to support him in town.

Alice invited Mr. Ramson in for some tea. At the table Mr. Ramson asked Alice and John if they could lend him some money. His only granddaughter, whom he loved dearly, lived far away and he wanted to visit her for the coming Christmas. Alice sighed but John, suddenly, nodded his head in agreement. Mr. Ransom thanked John and went home happy.

Alice was alone in the kitchen washing up after tea. She was thinking how to cut down their expenses if they gave the money to the old man. Suddenly she heard a sound of something dropping into the teapot. Alice took the teapot and, to her great surprise, she found two £50 notes inside. She called John to ask if he had by mistake dropped them into the teapot. John looked at her in surprise but answered that he had not.

At that moment Alice knew what to do. She removed the banknotes from the teapot and ran to Mr. Ramson.

When she came home, John smiled and gave her a warm kiss. The same dropping sound repeated. It came from the teapot. When Alice opened the top, she found a banknote inside. Christmas Magic! They could not understand how it worked, but the teapot produced some banknotes every time they were kind to each other and helped people around.

They put the brass teapot on the shelf in the kitchen and never used it for making tea. When their daughter came for Christmas, she could hardly recognize the house. The furniture was the same, but the house looked warmer and cozier than before. Her parents did not argue about money any more.

When she asked where the money for her education had come from, they said it was a Christmas present from old Mr. Ramson.

*A brass teapot – медный чайник

10. Alice was upset because they had failed to pay for her daughter's studies.

1) True

2) False

3) Not stated

11. The old woman gave the brass teapot to Alice as a present.

1) True

2) False

3) Not stated

12. In the car Alice and John had a quarrel over the brass teapot.

1) True

2) False

3) Not stated

13. At home Alice made tea in her new brass teapot.

1) True

2) False

3) Not stated

14. Mr. Rampson's granddaughter visited him last Christmas.

1) True

2) False

3) Not stated

15. Alice found some money in the teapot.

1) True

2) False

3) Not stated

16. The brass teapot worked wonders only during Christmas.

1) True

2) False

3) Not stated

17. Alice and John gave the brass teapot to Old Mr. Ramson.

1) True

2) False

3) Not stated