



Reader's Corner

Listen and then read a passage of the novel "Pictures in the Hallway." Match the headings (A–F) below to the paragraphs (1–5). There is one extra heading in the list.

Прослушайте и прочтите отрывок из романа. Подберите соответствующие заглавия (A–F) из списка ниже к абзацам текста (1–6). В списке одно лишнее заглавие.

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| A. The Talk with the Owner of the Firm | D. Johnny Is Fourteen |
| B. Letters to the Firm | E. Archie Helps His Brother to Find a Job |
| C. The Mother Visits Mr Anthony | F. Johnny Hands in the Letters |

Coming of Age

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(adapted)

1. ☐ Johnny was getting on in years now. He was tall and thin, with masses of hair. A few days before his fourteenth birthday, he could manage to read, missing the biggest words the stories in the magazines, and different penny adventure (приключение) books. So, he knew nearly as much as it was necessary, and was ready to take his place in the world and do some work as soon as he could get a job.
2. ☐ Every day Archie, his elder brother, looked through the "Situations Vacant" column in the daily newspaper trying to find some work for Johnny.

Early on one fine morning in April, mother woke up Johnny. "Get up like a good boy, Archie has just found the very thing for you," she said.

Johnny got up, washed his face and dressed, then he sat down by the fire to listen to what Archie had to say.

Archie opened the newspaper and read out: "A smart and honest boy is wanted. One who has just left school is preferred. Apply by letter to Hyndim, Leadem & Co. Henry Street, Dublin." "You see," said Archie, "it is the best job for you. And a fine big firm, the biggest in the city."

3. ☐ "Now you run down to your sister Ella and ask her to write a letter for you applying for the job, and another letter from her as a school teacher, saying that Johnny was a good boy and the most attentive at his lessons," advised Archie. "Let her sign it E. Benson, so as not to show that it was written by a woman."

"Hurry off now to your sister. On your way there buy some ink, paper and envelopes, perhaps Ella has none. Then hurry back. Mrs Middleton, our neighbour, promised to loan her son's new coat. It will be waiting for you," mother said.

Johnny put on his old coat and hurried to his sister's. On his way he bought paper, ink and a pen at a shop. When he came to his sister's, he told her what his elder brother had read from the newspaper and what she had to do for him.

She washed her hands quickly and began writing. When the first letter was finished she gave it to Johnny to copy. Johnny very slowly and with great care wrote the following:

Dear Sirs,

I have seen in today's newspaper that your firm is in need of an honest and smart boy, and that you prefer one that has just finished school.

I venture (осмеливаться) to say that I have all the necessary qualities, and as I have just left school, I wish to offer myself as a candidate for the position.

*Very respectfully your's,
John Casside*

Ella then wrote another letter:

*St Mary's National School
Dominick Street*

The bearer, John Casside, has been a pupil in this school, during which period I have always found him a smart, honest and a good boy, and, at all times most attentive to his studies. I feel sure he will perfectly satisfy (удовлетворять) any employer who will give him a job to do.

*E. Benson
School-Teacher*

4. ☐ Johnny hurried home with the letters; there he put on the coat, loaned to his mother by Mrs Middleton, and quickly ran out again to find the firm.
At last, he entered the great shop and asked the clerk where he could hand in a letter that answered the advertisement. The clerk explained to him where to find Mr Anthony who would read the letter.

Mr Anthony was in a little office. He was a tall thin man with watery blue eyes that looked attentively at Johnny.

Johnny, with his cap held respectfully under his arm, handed the two letters to the man, who was Anthony Dovergull, one of the two brothers, owners of the big firm.

5. ☐ Mr Anthony took the letters from Johnny, read them silently, and looked at Johnny. Johnny was glad he had a new overcoat on him.
"You are Irish, young man, aren't you?" he asked.
"Oh, yes, of course, sir," answered Johnny.
"Well, we'll try you," said Mr Anthony. "You can start tomorrow morning. Hours, eight till six; wages, three shillings and six pence a week, rising, of course, every year. Now you can go." And he continued the work he was doing when Johnny handed him the letters.

Ex 14. Pick out the key-words from each part of the story following the headings you've given to the parts. Use them to retell the story.

Из каждой части рассказа, заглавия к которым вы подобрали, выберите ключевые слова. Используйте их для пересказа текста.

1. get on in years; tall and thin; can read penny adventure books; was ready to do some work.
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Ex 15. Find in the text the following phrases:

Найдите в тексте следующие фразы:

1. подрастать
2. пропуская самые большие слова
3. грошовые приключенческие книжонки
4. просматривать
5. ежедневная газета
6. смыслённый и честный мальчик
7. обратиться за работой письмом
8. одолжить новое пальто
9. быть внимательным на уроках
10. необходимые качества
11. вручить письмо
12. рабочие часы: с 8 до 6
13. зарплата: 3 шиллинга 6 пенсов в неделю