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## **Английский язык. 20 смешных историй для обсуждения и пересказа**

### **Jack and the flowers**

It was the first of September. It was the beginning of the new school year. Parents were taking their children to school.

Jack had a very special day because it was his first day in first grade. It was early in the morning and the whole family was helping the boy prepare for his school day. The grandmother made a delicious breakfast, the mother ironed his suit and shirt and the father helped his son pack his school bag.

The morning was cloudy and rainy. Once the whole family got dressed before leaving the house, the grandmother took the flowers from the vase that she had picked for the teacher. The flowers had not blossomed yet and had buds, which surprised Jack a lot. Looking at the flowers in amazement, he asked:

– Grandma, why do we give flowers with buds to the teacher?

– So that they last longer in the vase, – she answered.

He thought for a moment and then said:

– Then we have to give her seeds!

#### **Vocabulary:**

beginning – начало

school year – учебный год

to prepare for – готовиться

delicious – вкусный

breakfast – завтрак

to iron – гладить (утюгом)

suit – костюм

shirt – рубашка

to pack a school bag – собирать портфель

cloudy – пасмурный, облачный

rainy – дождливый

to get dressed – одеваться

to pick – срывать

to blossom – распускаться

bud – бутон

to surprise – удивлять

in amazement – удивлённо

to give – дарить

to think – думать, размышлять

seed – семя

#### **Answer the questions:**

1) On what date did the story take place?

2) Why was this a special day for Jack?

3) What did the whole family do early in the morning? What did the grandmother do? What did the mother do? What did the father do?

4) What was the weather like in the morning?

5) What did the grandmother do after the whole family got dressed before leaving the house?

6) Who picked the flowers for the teacher?

7) What were the flowers like? How did Jack feel when he saw them?

8) What did he ask?

9) What did the grandmother say?

10) What did Jack suggest at the end of the story?

**Express the same in English:**

1) особенный день;

2) готовиться к учебному дню;

3) вкусный завтрак;

4) недолго думать;

5) гладить костюм и рубашку;

6) дарить семена;

7) пасмурное и дождливое утро;

8) перед выходом из дома;

9) начало учебного года;

10) собирать портфель;

11) одеваться;

12) срывать цветы;

13) распускаться;

14) бутоны;

15) смотреть удивлённо;

16) дарить цветы;

17) первый день в первом классе.

**Retell the story.**

## Ants and cockroaches

The Smiths lived on the outskirts of a small town. Their apartment building was very old and had to be renovated. In their rundown apartment there were a lot of cockroaches and ants. Annoying insects made the whole family's life difficult. When Mrs. Smith cooked food, huge brown cockroaches crawled around the kitchen. Insects crawled around in the bath when the daughter Emma washed herself. Mr. Smith even found huge ants in his clothes when he went to work.

One day the neighbors came to visit the Smiths. At dinner, everyone discussed various topics, including the annoying insects. One of the visitors, Mrs. Black, said that she had once read in the newspaper that ants and cockroaches could not live together in one room. Mrs. Smith was very surprised, because there were ants and cockroaches in their apartment. Suddenly Emma interrupted the conversation:

– Mom, maybe the cockroaches and ants have not met yet?!

### Vocabulary:

on the outskirts – на окраине  
small town – маленький город  
apartment building – многоквартирный дом  
to renovate – ремонтировать  
rundown – ветхий  
cockroach – таракан  
ant – муравей  
annoying – надоедливый  
insect – насекомое  
huge – огромный  
to crawl – ползать  
clothes – одежда  
neighbor – сосед  
to come to visit – ходить в гости  
dinner – ужин  
to discuss – обсуждать  
including – в том числе  
visitor – гостя  
newspaper – газета  
to live together – жить вместе  
surprised – удивлённый  
suddenly – внезапно  
to interrupt – вмешиваться  
to meet – встречаться

### Answer the questions:

- 1) Where did the Smiths live?
- 2) What was their apartment building and their apartment like?
- 3) What kind of insects were in their apartment?
- 4) How did the insects bother the family members?
- 5) Who came to visit them?
- 6) What did everyone discuss at dinner?
- 7) What did Ms. Black say?

- 8) How did Mrs. Smith feel and why did she feel that way?
- 9) Who interrupted the conversation?
- 10) What did Emma say?

**Express the same in English:**

- 1) на окраине маленького города;
- 2) многоквартирный дом;
- 3) ветхая квартира;
- 4) тараканы и муравьи;
- 5) усложнять жизнь;
- 6) ползать по кухне;
- 7) готовить еду;
- 8) мыться;
- 9) идти на работу;
- 10) одним днём;
- 11) приходить в гости;
- 12) за ужином;
- 13) обсуждать различные темы;
- 14) читать в газете;
- 15) жить вместе;
- 16) в одном помещении;
- 17) быть удивлённым;
- 18) вмешиваться в разговор.

**Retell the story.**

## The theory of evolution

Little John was a very curious boy. He was interested in everything that surrounded him. He constantly asked his parents questions about space, animals and plants. John's parents were very patient and educated people who wanted to answer all their son's questions.

One day the father decided to explain the theory of evolution to him. Since John was only five years old, his father tried to explain in simple words:

– Your great-great-great-grandfather was descended from monkeys.

Perplexed, the boy answered:

– Really!? I thought people were descended from aliens.

– Of course not! A famous scientist proved that our ancestors were monkeys.

A day later, the father decided to check his son's understanding of what he had learned. He asked his son to explain the meaning of Darwin's theory. John answered cheerfully:

– Dad, of course I understood everything, I'm not stupid after all! My great-grandfather was a monkey!

### Vocabulary:

curious – любознательный

to surround – окружать

to ask questions – задавать вопросы

constantly – постоянно

space – космос

animal – животное

plant – растение

patient – терпеливый

educated – образованный

to answer – отвечать

theory – теория

to explain – объяснять

great-grandfather – прадедушка

monkey – обезьяна

to descend from – происходить

perplexed – растерян, озадачен

alien – инопланетянин

famous – известный

scientist – учёный

to prove – доказывать

ancestor – предок

to decide – решать

to check – проверять

meaning – значение

cheerfully – весело

stupid – глупый

### Answer the questions:

- 1) How old was John? What kind of boy was he?
- 2) What was he interested in?
- 3) What were his parents like?

- 4) What did his father explain to him and how?
- 5) How did the father decide to check what his son had learned?
- 6) What did John answer?

**Express the same in English:**

- 1) любознательный мальчик;
- 2) интересоваться всем;
- 3) постоянно;
- 4) задавать вопросы о космосе, животных и растениях;
- 5) терпеливые и образованные люди;
- 6) отвечать на все вопросы сына;
- 7) одним днём;
- 8) объяснять теорию эволюции;
- 9) стараться объяснять простыми словами;
- 10) прадедушка;
- 11) происходить от обезьяны;
- 12) инопланетянин;
- 13) в недоумении (растерянно);
- 14) знаменитый учёный;
- 15) доказывать;
- 16) предки;
- 17) спустя день;
- 18) проверять изученное;
- 19) объяснять смысл;
- 20) весело отвечать;
- 21) глупый.

**Retell the story.**

## Granny's teeth

A lot of parents often face the problem that their children refuse to eat healthy food, such as porridge or soup. The Miller family was no exception. The mother was constantly worried, as her daughter ate very badly. The family members wanted to teach the girl to finish her meals.

One day the girl began to play up as usual:

– Eat your own beetroot with meatballs, it's disgusting! I want chocolate!

The mother of the child was tired from work and tried to make a deal with her daughter:

– Once you have eaten your food, then you will get some chocolate and can go for a walk with your friend. If you don't, then you will be punished: you will not get chocolate and will have to stay at home alone to play.

Without another word, her mother left the kitchen. The stubborn girl burst into tears, pushed the plate away, pouted and went silent. The grandmother was always very worried when her granddaughter cried, so she decided to calm the sad child down:

– Don't worry, honey! When I was a child, I also did not want to eat healthy food. My mother scolded me and even punished me, hitting me on the bottom or on the back of the neck and I had to stand in the corner.

Suddenly the girl wiped her tears and said compassionately:

– Ah, grandma, that's why you're wearing false teeth!

### Vocabulary:

problem – проблема

to refuse – отказываться

food – еда

healthy – полезный

porridge – каша

soup – суп

exception – исключение

worried – обеспокоенный

constantly – постоянно

family member – домочадец, член семьи

to teach – приучать

as usual – как обычно

to play up – капризничать

beetroot – свёкла

meatball – котлета

disgusting – отвратительный

chocolate – шоколад

tired – уставший

to make a deal – договориться

to punish – наказывать

to leave – покидать, уходить

stubborn – упрямый

to burst into tears – расплакаться

to push away – отодвигать, отталкивать

plate – тарелка

to pout – дуться

to go silent – замолчать

granddaughter – внучка  
to cry – плакать  
sad – грустный, печальный  
to calm down – успокаивать  
to be worried – переживать  
to scold – ругать  
to hit someone on the bottom – ударять по попе  
to hit someone on the back of the neck – давать подзатыльник  
to stand in the corner – стоять в углу  
to wipe tears – вытирать слёзы  
compassionately – с сочувствием  
to wear – носить  
false teeth – вставная челюсть

**Answer the questions:**

- 1) What problem do many parents often have?
- 2) Why was the mother constantly worried?
- 3) What did the girl start doing one day?
- 4) What did she want to eat? What didn't she want to eat?
- 5) What did the mother offer the girl in exchange for eating her food?
- 6) How did the girl react to what her mom said?
- 7) What did the grandmother do after that and why?
- 8) How did grandmother reassure her granddaughter?
- 9) What did the grandmother's mother do when grandmother was a child and did not want to eat healthily?
- 10) What did the girl answer?

**Express the same in English:**

- 1) отказываться есть полезную пищу;
- 2) каша;
- 3) суп;
- 4) быть исключением;
- 5) постоянно беспокоиться;
- 6) домочадцы;
- 7) говорить с сочувствием;
- 8) доедать еду до конца;
- 9) однажды;
- 10) капризничать;
- 11) свёкла с котлетой;
- 12) отвратительный;
- 13) уставшая после работы мать ребёнка;

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