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**Listening (конкурс понимания устной речи)**

**Scripts**

**Task 1**

*Вариант 1*

Part 1

A long time ago, two cats lived in a village. Both cats were very good friends and lived a very happy life. Both of them lived joyfully. If they got or found anything, they shared and ate that together.

One day, both cats were playing in the afternoon. One of the cats got hungry and left in search of food. He saw a delicious piece of bread and quickly picked it up. As soon as he started to eat it, the other cat said to him, "Hey, what are you doing, my friend? Why did you start to eat the bread alone? Have you forgotten me, your best friend?" The first cat made two pieces of the delicious bread and gave one piece to the second cat. But the other cat again said, "Why did you give me a smaller piece? This is wrong, my friend."

A quarrel started between the two cats, and all the animals gathered around to watch. Just then, a monkey came forward. Seeing both cats quarrelling, he asked, "Dear cats, why are you fighting?" When both cats told their story to the monkey, the monkey said, "Is that all you are fighting for? I can help you. I have a weighing machine. By placing these two pieces on it, I will know which piece is bigger and which is smaller. Then we will make both pieces equal. Do you agree?"

Part 2

Both cats agreed with the monkey's idea. The monkey climbed the tree and brought his weighing machine. While weighing the pieces, he saw that one plate was heavier than the other, so he said, "Hey, this piece is bigger than the second one. Let's make them equal," and as soon as he said this, he broke a little piece from the bigger bread piece and ate it. Every time, when one of the plates became heavier, the monkey broke a little bread and ate it.

Both cats were puzzled. They still waited patiently for the monkey's decision, but when they saw that the pieces were too small, one of the cats said to the monkey, "Don't worry, we can now divide the bread on our own." The monkey replied, "Okay, fine, but I must also get my wage. Saying that the monkey kept both pieces of bread in his mouth.

The cats returned home empty-handed. Both cats realised their mistake, and they understood that fighting against each other was a very bad decision and that others could take advantage of it.

## Вариант 2

### Part 1

Once upon a time, a farmer and his three sons lived on a farm. The farmer always worked very hard in his fields. But his sons did not like to work. They were very lazy and only wanted to sleep and play cards all day long.

It was early spring when the farmer called his sons to him. He said, "My dear boys, I have something important to tell you. I am growing old, and soon, I will no longer be able to care for this farm. But before I go, I want to share a secret with you - there is treasure hidden in these fields."

The oldest son said, "Treasure? Is it gold?"

"Diamonds?" asked another son.

"Money?" asked the third son.

But the old farmer just smiled and said, "No, my sons, treasure is not made of gold or jewels. It is something more valuable. The treasure. You will find the treasure in the fields."

### Part 2

The old farmer died soon after. His sons ran quickly to the fields. They began digging and digging with no rest, dreaming of the treasure they would find. Days turned into weeks, and still, they found nothing. Soon, they dug up the whole field. Unfortunately, they didn't find any treasure. Actually, they found no treasure at all.

The sons decided to plant some wheat, and soon the fields were full of tall wheat planes. Since that moment, the three young sons worked long, hard days in the hot fields to cut and harvest all of the wheat.

When the sons finished harvesting the wheat in autumn, they drove to town and sold it to the rich townspeople. They did this year after year. And they managed to make a lot of money.

The three sons grew old together on their father's farm. After many years, they began to enjoy working hard in the fields. Selling the wheat gave them plenty of money, and they were endlessly happy. They finally realised that the land was their father's treasure. The land itself and the wheat in their fields brought them a good, happy and rich life.

## Вариант 3

### Part 1

Once upon a time there lived a rabbit named Speedy and a tortoise named Steady. Speedy was known for his very high speed. He could run through the trees and across the meadows in the blink of an eye. Steady was a slow creature, enjoying his time as he made his way across the forest.

One fine spring day, Speedy was hopping along, when he came across Steady taking a stroll. Speedy couldn't stop showing off his speed. "Hey there, Steady!" he called out. "I am sure I can beat you in a race!"

Steady looked up at Speedy with his wise old eyes. "A race, you say?" he replied calmly. "Well, I suppose we could give it a try."

The other animals in the forest, who had gathered to watch the spectacle, quickly took their places along the way through the trees and over a small stream. Speedy and Steady lined up at the starting line, ready to begin.

## Part 2

"Ready, steady, go!" shouted the owl. Speedy rushed forward, his long ears streaming behind him as he raced ahead. In the blink of an eye, he disappeared from sight, leaving Steady far behind.

The tortoise moved steadily forward, one step at a time. He knew that he could not match the rabbit's speed, but he was determined to finish the race. As the sun climbed higher in the sky, Steady kept moving, never stopping to rest.

Meanwhile, Speedy had raced so far ahead that he decided to take a break. He found a nice shady place under a tree and settled down for a sleep. "I've got plenty of time," he thought to himself. "That old tortoise will never catch up with me."

But as Speedy slept, Steady kept moving forward, step by step. He crossed the stream and climbed over fallen logs. Finally, after what seemed like endless time, he reached the finish line.

When Speedy woke up from his sleep, he was shocked to see Steady crossing the finish line. The other animals cheered and celebrated Steady's victory.

From that day on, Speedy learned an important lesson: that slow and steady can indeed win the race.

## Task 2

### Вариант 1

A caterpillar is a baby butterfly or moth. It has a long, soft body with many legs. Caterpillars come in many colours like green, brown, black, and yellow. They have a small head with two antennae. Caterpillars eat leaves from plants and trees. They eat a lot because they need to grow bigger. When a caterpillar is ready, it makes a hard case called a chrysalis. Inside the chrysalis, the caterpillar changes into a beautiful butterfly or moth. Caterpillars are important for the environment. They are food for birds, frogs, and other animals. Butterflies and moths are also important because they help plants grow by moving pollen from flower to flower. The next time

you see a caterpillar, remember that it will one day become a butterfly or moth! Watch it carefully and you might see the amazing change happen.

### Вариант 2

A candler is a person who checks eggs. They work in a factory that makes eggs for people to buy and eat. The candler takes each egg and puts it in front of a bright light. This allows them to see inside the egg. They look for cracks or spots in the egg. If the egg is good, it can be sold. If the egg is bad, it is thrown away. Candles use a special machine to hold the eggs up to the light. They move the eggs around quickly to check them all. Candles have to be very careful and pay close attention. After the eggs are checked, they are cleaned and put in cartons. The cartons are then put in boxes to be sent to shops. Candles play an important role in making sure the eggs we eat are safe and good quality. Their job helps provide fresh, healthy food for everyone!

### Вариант 3

Skijoring is a winter sport where a person on skis is pulled by a horse, dog, or even a vehicle. The word "skijoring" comes from the Norwegian word "skikjøring" which means "ski driving". Dogs are often used in skijoring. They are trained to pull the skier and follow commands like "hike" to start running, "gee" and "haw" for turning right or left, and "whoa" to stop. The dogs wear harnesses that attach to the skier's waist belt. Skijoring can also be done with horses or even snowmobiles and other small vehicles. The animal or vehicle pulls the skier at high speeds over snow or ice. It's an exciting way to enjoy winter sports. Skijoring is popular in places with lots of snow, like Norway, Sweden, Canada, and the United States. It's a thrilling way to experience the speed and power of an animal or machine while skiing.

