

**Конструирование учебных заданий  
для формирования функциональной грамотности  
на уроках иностранного языка (английский язык)**

**I. Задание на основе сплошного текста**

**Read the text and answer the questions below.**

Norman Gortsby was sitting on a bench hidden behind the bushes in Hyde Park. It was a warm May evening. The sun had already set and it was rather dark, but he could still make out the faces of the people who were walking past him and hear the sound of their voices. He was a philosopher, and liked sitting in the Park watching people whom he didn't know. While he was wondering who they were and where they were going, a young man came up to the bench, gave a quick look at him and threw himself down by his side. The newcomer was well-dressed and looked like a gentleman. His face was sad and he sighed deeply.

"You don't seem to be in a very good mood," said Norman. The young man was silent. He only looked at Norman again and there was an expression in his eyes that Norman didn't like.

"I really don't know how it all happened," he began at last, "but I've done the silliest thing that I've ever done in my life." He spoke in a low voice, almost in a whisper.

"Yes" said Norman coldly.

"I came to London this afternoon," the young man went on. "I had a meal at the hotel, sent a letter to my people, giving them the address and then went out to buy a piece of soap. They are supposed to give you soap at the hotel but it's always so bad that I decided to buy some for myself. I bought it, had a drink at a bar, and looked at the shops. When I wanted to go back to the hotel, I suddenly realized that I didn't remember its name or even what street it was in. Of course, I can write to my people for the address, but they won't get my letter till tomorrow. The only shilling I had on me when I came out was spent on the soap and the drink and here I am with two pence in my pocket and nowhere to go for the night."

There was a pause after he told the story.

"I'm afraid you don't believe me," he added.

"Why not?" said Norman. "I did the same thing once in a foreign capital. So, I can understand you very well."

"I'm glad you do," the young man said with a pleasant smile. "And now I must go. I hope by the time it gets quite dark I'll have found a man who'll believe me like you did, and will agree to lend me some money."

"Of course," said Norman slowly. "The weak point of your story is that you can't produce the soap."

The young man put his hand into his pocket and suddenly got up.

"I've lost it," he said angrily.

"It's too much to lose a hotel and a piece of soap on the same day," said Norman.

But the young man did not hear him. He was running away.

"It was a good idea to ask him about the soap, and so simple," Norman thought as he rose to go. But at that moment he noticed a small packet lying by the side of the bench. It could be nothing but a piece of soap, and it had evidently fallen out of the young man's coat pocket when he threw himself down on the bench. Turning red, Norman picked it up.

"I just can't allow him to go away like this," he thought, and started running after the young man.

"Stop!" cried Norman when he saw him at the Park gate. The young man obeyed.  
"Here's your piece of soap," Norman said. "I found it under the bench. Don't lose it again, it's been a good friend to you. And here's a pound, if it can help you".  
"Thanks," said the young man, and quickly put the money into his pocket.  
"Here's my card with my address," continued Norman. "You can return the money any day this week."  
The young man thanked him again and quickly went away.  
"It's a good lesson to me," Norman thought, and went back to the Park. When he was passing the bench where the little drama had taken place, he saw an old gentleman looking for something.  
"Have you lost anything, sir?" Norman asked.  
"Yes, sir, a piece of soap".

After H. Munro.

**Now, answer the questions by circling the correct answers.**

**1. Choose the most suitable headline for the text. Then explain your choice in one sentence.**

- A. An unfortunate gentleman.
- B. A silly traveller.
- C. A brilliant deception.
- D. A greedy hero.

**2. Norman Gortsby was sitting on a bench because...**

- A. he was waiting for somebody.
- B. he enjoyed watching strangers.
- C. he used to do it every evening.
- D. he studied philosophy.

**3. The young man said that he bought a piece of soap because...**

- A. there wasn't any soap in his hotel.
- B. he didn't like the soap in his hotel.
- C. he wanted to take a piece of soap to his home.
- D. it was a souvenir soap.

**4. Norman Gortsby didn't...**

- A. understand what the young man wanted.
- B. like the young man.

- C. know how to help him.
- D. believe the young man.

**5. Why Norman didn't help the young man?**

- A. the young man didn't show him a piece of soap.
- B. the young man had run away.
- C. Norman hadn't got the money.
- D. Norman didn't want to help.

**6. Circle the letter before the sentence from the text that helps explain why Norman finally decided to give some money to the young gentleman.**

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- (B) "I've lost it," he said angrily.
- (C) "It's too much to lose a hotel and a piece of soap on the same day," said Norman.
- (D) But the young man did not hear him. He was running away.
- (E) "It was a good idea to ask him about the soap, and so simple," Norman thought as he rose to go. (F) But at that moment he noticed a small packet lying by the side of the bench. (G) It could be nothing but a piece of soap, and it had evidently fallen out of the young man's coat pocket when he threw himself down on the bench.

**7. Complete the table with ticks (✓) to show whether each option describes Norman Gortsby or young gentleman or none of them in the text.**

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an unhappy traveler			
a good liar			
wanted some money			
lost a piece of soap			
found a piece of soap			

**Источник:** <https://lengish.com/texts/text-57.html> A piece of soap (after H. Munro)

**Ключи:** 1-C, 2-B, 3-B, 4-D, 5-A, 6-G

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found a piece of soap	✓		