

Контрольная работа № 2

1. Read the text and the tasks below.

This happened more than fifty years ago, in a little American town called Springfield. The newspaper "The Springfield Voice" had a very difficult life. The newspaper hadn't enough money and could not pay its workers. But it had one difficulty that was even worse. Whenever some interesting news appeared in "The Springfield Voice", the rest of the newspapers in the town at once published the same news as their own. At last "The Springfield Voice" decided to teach their enemies a lesson.

In the morning, April 1, "The Springfield Voice" published the news that a coffee king whose name was Lirpa Loof had come from abroad and was going to visit Springfield. Of course, this was tremendous news in such a little town. That same afternoon all the other newspapers in the town wrote about Mr. Lirpa Loof. One of the newspapers published an interview with the rich businessman; another newspaper told its readers that Mr. Lirpa Loof had had a meeting with the businessmen of the town, who were planning to buy coffee from him.

The next day, April 2, "The Springfield Voice" wrote: "Of course, we are proud that the other newspapers believed our story about the rich foreign businessman Lirpa Loof. But they must not forget what the date was yesterday. Read the first, then the second word – Lirpa Loof – from the end to the beginning and you will see why they must not forget that date."

1. Write down whether the following statements are true or false.

1. It happened fifteen years ago in America.
2. The newspaper had financial problems.
3. The newspaper wrote about a coffee king who came to Springfield.
4. Other newspapers published information about him too.

2. Answer the following questions.

1. Why was the newspaper "The Springfield Voice" in a difficult situation?
2. Why did other newspapers published information about the coffee king?
3. What is the message of the story?

3. Complete the sentences

1. In the morning, April 1, "The Springfield Voice".....
2. The newspaper hadn't enough money.....
- 3..... wrote about Mr. Lirpa Loof
4. The next day, April 2, "The Springfield Voice" wrote.....
5. This happened more than.....

4. The parts of the following texts are all mixed up. Put them into the right order:

(A) It wasn't strong because it was very hungry. But he didn't let the people touch him and ate the food they gave him only after they had gone away.

(B) He got off the train at the next station, bought a piece of meat and caught the dog. He brought the dog home again.

(C) At home John tied him up to with a rope for a week. At the end of the week he put a collar on the dog.

(D) When the dog was strong enough he ran away and the Smiths could not find him. A few months later when John was in a train he saw his dog running along the road.

(E) Once John and his wife Mary, who lived in a small house in the mountains, found a dog.

(F) There was a metal plate on the collar with the Smiths' address. They thought people would bring him home when he ran away again.