

ДЪРЖАВЕН ЗРЕЛОСТЕН ИЗПИТ ПО АНГЛИЙСКИ ЕЗИК

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ВАРИАНТ 1

Ползва се само от учителя-консултант при необходимост! Учителят-консултант изчита на глас и инструкцията, и съответния текст, според указанията в инструкцията!

TRANSCRIPTS

Directions: *You will hear a text about a new way to lose weight twice. Before you listen to it, you have **1 minute** to read the questions. While listening for the first time, you can look at the questions and the suggested choices, but you are not allowed to take notes. When you hear the whole text, you have **3 minutes** to answer the questions on your answer sheet, choosing among **A, B** or **C**. Then you will hear the text again and will have **1 minute** to check your answers.*

A California company has recently launched an interesting new product. It may signal a major breakthrough in weight loss. The company came up with an innovative way to convince the brain to stop overeating.

It turns out that's the way our brains are programmed. Throughout our evolutionary history, there had not been enough food to go around. So, to ensure survival, humans have been conditioned to eat as much as they can whenever food is available. Unfortunately, when food is abundant and rich in calories, as it is today, the results can be ugly.

However, Dr. Alan Hirsch noticed that many patients who had lost their sense of smell and taste due to accidents or diseases experienced rapid weight gain. Certain smells and tastes seemed to be acting on the brain to control the appetite.

Dr. Hirsch managed to develop a set of food sprinkles with solid structure. They have shown a strong impact on the body's appetite-control center. He called them "Tastants." Tested for effectiveness as a means of weight loss, the "Tastants" had significant results. Over a six-month period, 1,436 women and men sprinkled "Tastant" crystals on everything they ate, and lost nearly 15 percent of their total body weight without any special exercise regime or diet.

Best of all, "Tastants" have none of the unpleasant side-effects of fat blockers. You can eat all the foods that satisfy your senses and you don't have to deal with intense desire for food or feelings of starvation. "Tastants" merely help you eat less of the foods you love and gain greater satisfaction from smaller portions.

Directions: *You will hear a text about **success** twice. Before you listen to it, you have **1 minute** to read the questions. While listening for the first time, you can look at the questions and the suggested choices, but you are not allowed to take notes. When you hear the whole text, you have **3 minutes** to answer the questions on your answer sheet, choosing among **A, B** or **C**. Then you will hear the text again and will have **1 minute** to check your answers.*

There is a radical change taking place as people from all walks of life are crumbling from stress, fatigue and burnout. Why? They trade time for money and never have enough money. So they attempt to trade more time for more money and so the cycle goes. Many young people are increasingly unwilling to climb the social ladder. They choose to keep their families instead of their “office with a view”. Laborers and middle management - even executives - are asking the question: “How can I be happy and satisfied?”

We’ve proved as a society over and over again that money alone is not the answer. A close look at Hollywood will confirm this. Noted celebrities repeatedly make the headlines for their miserable behavior. Lack of money and fame is not their problem. As they sit in a hotel room all alone, they ask themselves the question: “How can I be happy and satisfied?”

Growing populations of people are answering it in simple form: “I will be happy with what I have!” Can life really be that way? Voluntarily simplifying your life is not limited to the life of television characters, nor is it a glamorized form of “doing without”. It is a way to live having only what you need and being happy with those things. It also emphasizes taking the time to take care of what you have. It is about saving and re-using. It is a long overdue step away from consumerism.

A general positive attitude and a sense of community and connection lead to happiness and fulfill other basic human needs. Without connectivity, life takes on a meaningless quality and becomes a hopeless effort. Other people and our relationships to them are the measure of success. So what can we do? Work less. Be happy with what we have. Laugh, love and be extraordinarily conscious of the blessings we already possess, not in real estate and deeds, but in human commodities: son, daughter, and friend.

Directions: *You will hear a text about **Steve Jobs** twice. Before you listen to it, you have **2 minutes** to read the questions. While listening for the first time, you can look at the questions and the suggested choices, but you are not allowed to take notes. When you hear the whole text, you have **4 minutes** to answer the questions on your answer sheet, choosing among **A, B, C or D**. Then you will hear the text again and will have **1 minute** to check your answers.*

I dropped out of College after the first 6 months, but then stayed around as a drop-in for another 18 months or so before I really quit. So why did I drop out?

It started before I was born. My biological mother was a young, unwed college graduate student, and she decided to put me up for adoption. So my parents filed for adopting me. My biological mother later found out that my mother had never graduated from college and that my father had never graduated from high school. She refused to sign the final adoption papers unless my parents promised that I would someday go to college.

And 17 years later I did go to college. But I naively chose a college that was very expensive, and all of my working-class parents' savings were being spent on my college tuition. After six months, I couldn't see the value in it. I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life and no idea how college was going to help me figure it out. And here I was spending all of the money my parents had been saving their entire life. So I decided to drop out and trust that it would all work out OK. To many it seemed pretty scary at the time, but looking back it was one of the best decisions I ever made. The minute I dropped out I could stop taking the required classes that didn't interest me, and begin dropping in on the ones that looked interesting.