

ВАРИАНТ 2

Учителят-консултант изчита на глас и инструкцията, и съответния текст, според указанията в инструкцията.

Directions: *You will hear a text about **the birth of Jesus Christ** 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.*

The Christmas story is the story of the birth of Jesus Christ in the town of Bethlehem, Israel. Nowadays it is a Christian holiday celebrated on December 25.

However, ancient Romans also commemorated Jesus' birth by marking a division of the calendar still in use today. The years before Jesus' birth are marked as B.C., meaning Before Christ, and the years after Jesus' birth are marked A.D., an abbreviation of Anno Domini, which means, in the year of our Lord.

Christmas literally means the celebration of Christ where "Christ" is a Greek word and title, meaning somebody chosen by God for a special purpose. In this way "Christ" is equivalent to the Hebrew word Messiah. Based on the words of ancient prophets, the first century Jewish people expected the arrival of the Messiah promised by God as a liberator of the people.

The modern legend of Jesus' birth is based on various records, among which the most famous are the Gospel of Luke and the Gospel of Mathew.

Luke tells how Mary and her husband Joseph left their home in Nazareth to travel to Joseph's ancestral home, Bethlehem. Finding no room in inns in the town, they set up primitive lodgings in a stable where Mary gave birth to Jesus.

Matthew's biography begins by short description of the virgin birth of Jesus, and then moves to the coming of the Three Wise Men from the Orient, most likely modern China. The wise men, or the Magi, first arrived in Jerusalem and reported to the king of Judea, Herod the Great, that they had seen a star announcing the birth of a king. Further inquiry led them to Bethlehem. They presented Jesus with 3 treasures brought from their lands.

Directions: *You will hear a text about Catherine Middleton's Birthday 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.*

On her 30th birthday Catherine Middleton, the Duchess of Cambridge, attended a film premiere in London's West End with husband Prince William on January 9, 2012. He held an umbrella over Middleton as she walked the red carpet and shook hands with movie director Steven Spielberg. According to the press, Duchess Catherine was "met by a deafening cheer from the crowds," some offering up birthday wishes. The future princess wore a trendy black lace gown and a velvet belt by one of her favorite British designers. Clearly the style icon is a fan of long-sleeve, lace gowns, as her outfit was a bit like her wedding dress. Middleton accessorized with her diamond and sapphire engagement ring, and a diamond bracelet. Prince William looked ever the gentleman in a tuxedo and bow tie. Duchess Catherine has been spotted wearing clothes by the same designer several times before, including a lovely dress she wore earlier last year, and an embroidered blouse she paired with jeans and a cowboy hat on her trip to Calgary. Her sister, Pippa Middleton, wore a gown by the very same designer to the Royal Wedding reception and sat front row at the

designer's fashion show at London Fashion Week last September. Palace officials said the celebration would be a "private" affair with friends and family. We've heard rumours that celebrity designer Victoria Beckham even sent over gowns for Middleton to wear for her birthday, but the future princess may be looking for a more simple, elegant celebration as she turns 30.

Directions: *You will hear a text about how **Steve Jobs Got Fired from Apple** 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 was lucky — I found what I loved to do early in life. I started Apple in my parents' garage when I was 20. We worked hard, and in 10 years Apple had grown into a \$2-billion company. We had just released our finest creation — the Macintosh — a year earlier, and I had just turned 30. And then I got fired.

How can you get fired from a company you started! Well, as Apple grew, we hired someone who I thought was very talented to run the company with me, and for the first year or so things went well. But then our visions of the future became different and we had a falling out. Our Board of Directors sided with him. So at 30 I was out. The focus of my entire adult life was gone, and it was devastating.

I really didn't know what to do for a few months. I was a public failure, and I even thought about running away from the Silicon Valley. But something slowly began to dawn on me — I still loved what I did. The events at Apple had not changed that one bit. And so I decided to start over.

I didn't see it then, but my getting fired from Apple was the best thing that could have ever happened to me. The heaviness of being successful was replaced by the lightness of being a beginner again. It freed me to enter one of the most creative periods of my life.