

Język angielski. Poziom rozszerzony
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Zadanie 1.**Tekst 1.**

Man: The first Christmas present I was ever given was a Tamagotchi which was twenty-four pets, all in one. So when one died you could just delete it and move on to the next one. So not a very good present at all. Later, when I was a teenager, I was given a travel hairdryer, which was bizarre because at the time I had really short hair and also very rarely travelled. So... it failed on both counts. Also, one Christmas I was given an alarm clock which was also a stationery pot, and as I opened it in front of the person that gave it to me it didn't turn on... which was really embarrassing. And last year I was given a personal attack alarm which you could attach to your keys. However, when I started my car engine, the alarm fell off and started going off. Then I wasn't able to find it because it fell underneath my car seat. So I was in the car with the alarm going off. Not helpful!

Na podstawie: *Worst Christmas presents*, British Council, <https://link.operon.pl/su> (dostęp: 7.09.2023 r.).

Tekst 2.

Girl: Hey, check out this awesome filter I found for selfies! It adds cute little animations.
Boy: Seriously? You're stopping in the middle of our bike ride just for a selfie? Can't we just enjoy the moment without constantly capturing it?
Girl: It's a way to stay connected and showcase our adventures. You used to love taking selfies, too.
Boy: Well, remember that time I fell off my bike last summer? We were riding down that steep hill, and I was trying to take a selfie while pedalling. I got so distracted that I lost control and crashed into a bush! Lesson learned! I try to enjoy the moment rather than focus on capturing the perfect shot.
Girl: I see your point, but I think it's all about finding the right balance. Let's compromise. I'll take one quick selfie, deal?
Boy: Fine, as long as it's just one snap.
Girl: Fair enough! One quick selfie and then we'll pedal away. Ready? Say cheese!
Boy: Cheese! Now let's go before we miss out on any more real-life adventures!

Tekst 3.

Woman: Welcome back to our show, and today we have a special guest with us who has an inspiring story to share about staying fit as we age. Mr. Johnson, thank you for joining us today.
Man: Good morning, everybody. I thought I'd just say a little bit about the importance of keeping your body fit when you're getting older. You see, my blood pressure was getting higher and the doctor was saying it was getting close to needing medication to improve it. And I said to him, 'I think I'd rather not have the medication but I will try and take more exercise.' So, I had to find some form of exercise which was enjoyable and which would also keep me fitter. Some suggested yoga as a way of getting rid of stress but since I'm generally laid-back I chose to take

up playing tennis. It has the advantage that you have a ball to chase around for an hour, you're stopping and starting, and it also has a very good social aspect to it where you join a club and you meet lots of other people. A lot of them are the same age as you, and you soon find some friends to play with. And you can go and play a game regularly, and then afterwards have a cup of coffee and a conversation. And it's certainly worked for me because I started playing regularly about eight or nine years ago and I have never needed to have any medication for my blood pressure again.

Woman: Great! How old were you, may I ask, when you started playing tennis?

Man: I think I was in my early sixties. I was between 60 and 65. And I'm now 72. And my tennis in that time has improved a lot. I have a lifelong friend who is a retired tennis professional who I play with quite a lot, and he's given me quite a few tips on how to improve my skills. And now I even occasionally get invited to play by some of the better players in the tennis club, which I think is rather good. It improves my morale as well as my fitness.

Woman: Ah, that's great! Thanks for sharing your story with us.

Na podstawie: *Tennis and keeping fit*, British Council, <https://link.operon.pl/sv> (dostęp: 7.09.2023 r.).

Zadanie 2.

2.1.

Man: Pecan pie is a beloved American dessert that originated in the southern United States. It features a rich caramel filling topped with crunchy pecans. Interestingly, this classic treat is a relatively recent invention, gaining popularity in the 20th century. Pecan pie has become a staple at Thanksgiving feasts, offering a delightful combination of sweetness and nuttiness to the celebrating families. It's a dessert that continues to captivate taste buds with its gooey texture and indulgent flavours.

2.2.

Woman: Key lime pie is a classic dessert associated with the sunny Florida Keys in the southern United States. This tangy delight takes its name from the small and tart key limes grown in the area. One interesting fact about key lime pie is that traditional recipes often include condensed milk, which creates a creamy and luscious filling when combined with the lime juice. Served in a graham cracker crust and topped with whipped cream, this pie offers a refreshing and citrusy experience that transports you to tropical shores.

2.3.

Man: Eton Mess is a delightful British dessert that showcases a combination of crushed meringue, fresh strawberries, and softly whipped cream. The textures and flavours melt together to create a joyful treat that embodies the essence of summer. Legend has it that this dessert originated at Eton College, where it is traditionally served during the annual cricket match against Harrow School. With its playful name and delectable taste, Eton Mess continues to bring smiles and sweet indulgence to those who savor it.

2.4.

Woman: Sticky toffee pudding is a legendary British dessert renowned for its indulgent flavours and comforting nature. This sweet treat consists of a moist sponge cake made with dates, covered in a rich toffee sauce and served warm. Its origins can be traced back to the Sharrow Bay Country House Hotel in the Lake District of England. It was there that Francis Coulson, the inventor of this heavenly dessert, first introduced it to the diners. With each spoonful of this sticky and satisfying pudding, you'll experience a delightful combination of sweetness and warmth that wraps you in a comforting embrace of flavours.

2.5.

Man: Victoria Sponge Cake surely is a beloved British dessert. This delightful treat features two soft sponge layers filled with a delectable combination of raspberry jam and whipped cream.

Named after Queen Victoria, who enjoyed it during her afternoon tea, this cake has become an iconic part of British culinary heritage. Originally favored by the aristocracy, the cake is now widely enjoyed across the country. Whether enjoyed at traditional tea rooms or homemade in your own kitchen, this classic cake is sure to please with its perfect balance of sweetness and simplicity.

Zadanie 3.

Woman:

Welcoming a new dog into your life is always an exciting event, especially if it's your first pet. Bringing a new dog home, introducing them to your family and surroundings, and ensuring their well-being can be a bit overwhelming. However, with some preparation and patience, you can make the transition smooth and enjoyable for both you and your new furry friend.

Firstly, make sure you have a collar, leash, identification tag, food and water bowls, a comfortable dog bed, a crate, poop disposal bags, dog food, treats and toys. Purchase those necessary supplies before you bring your new dog home. Gradually introduce new toys and treats, based on your dog's preferences and needs.

Before the dog arrives, you should also create a designated space in your home for your new pet, including their bed and toys. Make sure you've prepared the home to be a safe and welcoming environment for your new dog. Also, establish house rules. Are pets allowed on the couch or bed? Are any rooms off-limits? Who's in charge of walking and feeding the dog? You need to have a conversation about those rules with all members of your family.

When introducing your new dog to their new home, allow them time to explore and get familiar with their surroundings. Plan to bring your dog home on a day when you can dedicate the entire day to helping them settle in. Let them explore the house and yard, giving them space and time to adjust at their own pace. Show them where they should go to the bathroom and give them praise when they do so. Finally, make sure your dog knows who's the boss. If you catch them doing something they shouldn't, immediately let them know they've misbehaved in a calm, firm and disapproving voice. Reward good behaviour with lots of praise and treats. It's never too early to start training! Consider signing up for a local dog obedience class, especially if you live in a busy household that may not have a lot of spare time for training. Expect to have a few hiccups along the way. It will take your new pup some time and patience to learn their new rules. But don't get discouraged!