TRANSKRYPCJA NAGRAŃ

Zadanie 1.

One
The Robin Hood legend brings millions of tourists to Nottingham every year. In countless films and TV series depicting the adventures of Robin Hood, there is always a huge medieval castle in which the wicked Sheriff of Nottingham lives. Visitors expect to see it when they come to the city, but the city's original castle was demolished more than 350 years ago. On the same spot today, there is an elegant building from the 19th century which serves as a museum. This building is also called Nottingham Castle though it doesn't look like a traditional castle, so many visitors are disappointed with it. Some of them have even suggested that the old castle should be rebuilt, but we can't do that! Yes, from my perspective, it's a shame it's gone, but we just have to accept the fact and make the most of the building that we've got.

Na podstawie: www.bbc.com

Two
When I was younger, I was sent by my company to Dublin on an all-expenses-paid work assignment for six weeks. I wasn't yet comfortable dining alone at expensive places, but one day I found enough courage to go to an elegant restaurant. I was seated at a small table lit by a candle. As I was browsing the oversized menu, I looked around nervously, convinced that everyone's eyes were on me. And I quickly realized it wasn't all in my head – they actually were staring at me. Suddenly, a man at the table next to me leaned over and informed me that my menu was on fire. It turned out that while trying hard to keep a low profile, I'd accidentally held the large menu over the flame of the candle on my table. The waiters were very understanding about my clumsiness and they gave me another menu.

Na podstawie: www.quora.com

Three
Good morning, my name is Silvano Vinceti and I am an art historian specializing in da Vinci's art. I was invited by your professor to shed some light on one of the controversies concerning the *Mona Lisa*, one of the most well-known artworks in the world. As you probably know, the woman portrayed in the masterpiece, which has an Italian landscape in the background, is believed to be Lisa del Giocondo, the wife of a merchant from Florence. The painting is so popular that people coming to the Louvre, where it is displayed, have to push through the crowds to see it up close. Since it is such a valuable painting, protective bulletproof glass comes as no surprise to the visitors. Everyone understands it's a necessary security measure. However, most of those who come face to face with the painting are astonished to find that it's relatively small, much smaller than they expect it to be.

And how many of you have actually ever wondered if the background depicts a real setting? Although many of the backgrounds in da Vinci's paintings are imaginary, some of them show real places. Two prominent features in the *Mona Lisa's* background are a mountain path and a bridge. It's impossible to locate the path which winds through the rocky peaks on the left-hand side of the painting, so it's probably a product of the artist's imagination. Just like the mountain range and the enormous lake also visible in the painting. Neither of them

resembles a real location. Yet, I am certain, the four arches of the stone bridge, visible on the right-hand side of the painting, are based on an actual structure called the Romito Bridge.

Some researchers claim that the bridge in the *Mona Lisa* might be the Ponte Buriano Bridge, but I disagree. The Ponte Buriano Bridge has six arches. Therefore, it cannot be the four-arched bridge da Vinci painted. The major problem with proving my theory is that today the Romito Bridge is in ruins. In order to visualize what the structure probably looked like in da Vinci's time, I created a virtual reconstruction of the bridge. To do this, I analyzed historical plans and designs from the library in Florence. I also studied drone-captured images of its remains online. My theory still needs to be confirmed by other experts, but I hope I might have contributed to solving another mystery surrounding the famous painting.

Na podstawie: www.globalnews.ca

Zadanie 2.

One
About ten years ago, I got a job at an advertising agency. This job was like a dream come true at the time. My duties involved preparing texts for promotional and marketing campaigns. One day the accountant I shared my office with read a leaflet I had prepared for a non-profit organization. She said that the text was well-written and a pleasure to read. And right there and then, the idea came into my mind that I could try to write a novel. To be honest, my first attempt was not very successful. But for some reason one publisher fell in love with my second novel, and it's about to come out.

Na podstawie: www.reddit.com

Two
One evening, on my way home from work I decided to drive through the neighbourhood where I used to live as a boy. Suddenly, one of the houses caught my eye. It was the place where a classmate from primary school had lived, so I decided to pull over and knock on the door. It turned out that he still lived there. He invited me in, and we had a lovely evening sharing memories. As I was leaving, he just happened to recommend an online game to me. Over the next few weeks I really got into it, and thanks to this game I met a great co-player who later became my wife. Now we have two children and couldn't be happier.

Na podstawie: www.reddit.com

Three
In 2015, I was the manager of a pizza restaurant in my hometown. I received a competitive salary, but I was totally fed up with the job. Then I came across a simulation game. In the game, the objective was to build a city from scratch. It mainly involved planning the city and designing its road system. I got so absorbed in it that I spent countless hours designing road networks. While I was playing, it began to dawn on me that I should try to get into engineering. It required a lot of effort and years of studying, but it was worth it. Now I'm a transport engineer.

Na podstawie: www.reddit.com

Four

When I was 18, I went to university, but in my heart, I felt I wanted to have a practical job. So, I dropped out and found work at the local car wash. Unsurprisingly, this failed to gain the approval of some members of my family, but I was determined to follow my own path. I started part-time and have worked my way up to becoming the manager of 16 car washes in the area. But best of all, on an inspection visit to one of the car washes, I bumped into a childhood sweetheart, whom I hadn't seen for years. Now we are engaged.

Na podstawie: www.reddit.com

Five

In my Spanish class last year, I had a really difficult student whose unacceptable behaviour prevented other students from learning. But I was absolutely certain he had the ability to do better and his bad attitude was due to learning difficulties. So I told him I could give him additional lessons for three months. Much to my surprise, he finally agreed. Gradually, he got more and more drawn into the subject. And after the three-month period, I was thrilled to observe him becoming a very enthusiastic student who no longer caused any problems in class. Moments like these make my job worthwhile.

Na podstawie: www.mockquestions.com

Zadanie 3.

Man: With us today we have Josie, who is a flight attendant and she will be sharing her job-related experiences. Josie, first of all, can you tell us how passengers annoy flight attendants?

Woman: Hello, everybody. Well, there are two things which, in my opinion, cabin crew dislike most. The first relates to moving baggage around in the overhead compartments. It's OK to rearrange your own baggage in the compartment above your seat, of course, but I really can't stand it if you handle other people's belongings in compartments above their seats. Not only does this annoy other passengers, but it can also make it difficult for people to find their things when leaving the plane.

Man: And what's the second thing?

Woman: Well, instead of speaking to us, some passengers think it's more polite to grab a flight attendant's sleeve or elbow to get their attention – especially if the passenger sitting next to them is sleeping. But you should know that most flight attendants prefer not to be touched at all. Instead, use the call button – this is what it is for. It doesn't make a loud noise, it can be pressed more than once and it will always do the trick. Or just wave your hand when a flight attendant is passing by – giving a little wave will certainly get our attention. Calling us loudly is not advised as it disturbs other passengers, and most crew members consider it rude.

Man: What do you do when you notice that a passenger is afraid of flying?

Woman: Well, we are trained to deal with that. We can distract them with jokes, play a game with them, or even hold their hand. My favourite trick is teaching nervous passengers the art of making origami animals. I find this technique the most effective way to reduce anxiety. Most passengers concentrate so hard on folding the paper in the right way that they forget about everything else. In the past I used to explain how safe air travel is, however, that only made passengers feel more anxious.

Man: And now the last question. What advice do you have for passengers who cannot fall asleep on a plane?

Woman: From my experience it's not a good idea to try to force yourself to go to sleep or to take sleeping pills. Obviously, drinking a lot of tea or coffee doesn't help either. What seems to be most effective is wearing a sleeping mask. It blocks out any light that might keep you awake. Also, take earphones with you. They help reduce the noise from other passengers and the aeroplane itself.

Man: Thank you so much for your advice.

Na podstawie: www.rd.com, www.cntraveler.com