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Zadanie 1.

One

Woman: I can't bear this "hot desking" system they've introduced in our company! It's so frustrating! I'm never sure where I'll be sitting. Do you feel the same?

Man: To be honest, I don't mind it. I love the fact that I can choose any available desk. I'm sure you'll get used to it.

Woman: Oh, I'm not so sure. The "first come, first served" system really annoys me. When I want to work at a certain desk, I have to arrive at work early – not to get the work done, but to get the desk I want. In my opinion, they should introduce some kind of booking system. It's so irritating when someone asks a colleague who arrives early to save a seat for them.

Na podstawie: www.keyinteriors.us

Two

When Louisiana police were informed that bags of stolen cash totalling over 60 thousand dollars had been hidden by thieves in a river, officers were sent to search for the money. The task was difficult because some beavers had built a dam across the river, creating a deep pool of water. The police began to take the dam apart to lower the water level. To their surprise, they discovered lots of one-hundred-dollar banknotes mixed in with branches, grass and leaves. Apparently, the clever animals had found the bags of money, torn them open and used the banknotes in the same way as leaves! Officers worked until midnight to recover the cash, and then dried the banknotes in a clothes dryer. The beavers repaired the dam by morning, and the thieves were eventually caught.

Na podstawie: www.kids.nationalgeographic.com

Three

We often feel cheated when we open a bag of crisps and realize how few of them there are inside. A group of South Korean students has come to the rescue. First, they accused snack makers of inflating the bags with the purpose of making them look bigger. Snack producers replied that leaving some air in the bags protects the contents. The producers also referred to a Korean law which states that at least 65% of the bag has to be food content and provided evidence that they were following the regulations. Still, the students weren't satisfied and decided to take their complaints to the producers in an unusual way. To demonstrate that there's a lot of air in the foil packs, they tied together 160 unopened bags of potato crisps to create a platform capable of floating on water. Then, two of them stepped aboard and sailed for over a kilometre. It appears that they managed to make their point. One of Korea's main snack producers has just announced they are going to increase the number of crisps in their bags.

Na podstawie: www.bbc.com

Zadanie 2.

One
On a cold, windy day in January 1969, the Beatles stepped out onto the rooftop of a building in central London and began one of the most legendary live performances ever.
The idea for the concert was born while a film crew was making a documentary about the band, who were recording their last album. It was decided that the film should end with a live rooftop performance. Shortly after it started, in response to over thirty complaints about the noise, the police arrived and the band were forced to stop playing. As the event had not been announced to the public, and the internet age was still to come, not many people managed to witness the band make history. Those lucky few who did will cherish the memory forever.

Na podstawie: www.beatlesstory.com

Two
It was 3rd June, 2002. Brian May, the lead guitarist of the band Queen, was due to perform a concert in celebration of the Golden Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. It was decided he would do something out of the ordinary. He gave an amazing guitar performance of the national anthem "God Save The Queen" on the roof of Buckingham Palace. While playing high above the city, he was accompanied by an orchestra far below. The event was broadcast live to millions around the world. Afterwards, May said that while he was up on the roof, he felt as if he were on the edge of a cliff, and now he would never be afraid of anything again.

Na podstawie: www.smoothradio.com

Three
On a chilly evening, in February 2012, the Irish band U2 took to the roof of the BBC building in London to sing their best known hits and some new songs, much to the delight of the people gathered below. The BBC reported that there were as many as 5,000 onlookers. The police had to close a number of streets and divert traffic as masses of fans turned up and started dancing, clapping and singing along. The band's performance reminded fans of the occasion, more than 20 years before, when U2 played on the rooftop of a Los Angeles store.

Na podstawie: www.independent.ie, www.standard.co.uk

Four
During Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee, in 2012, Buckingham Palace was transformed by some very clever lighting and amazing visuals. It was all thanks to the London band called Madness. The band climbed up to the roof of the royal residence to sing some of their hits, and their performance was accompanied by a spectacular light show. Thousands of people watching the event from the comfort of their homes took to social media to congratulate the band on their amazing performance. The British monarch spent a few minutes talking to the band after they had finished playing and come down from the roof. The Queen said she was pleasantly surprised that things had worked out so well.

Na podstawie: www.dailymail.co.uk

Five
The opening of The O2 Arena in London was a game-changing moment for the British live events industry. Among the many key musical events the arena has hosted so far was a Bon Jovi concert on its roof in 2010. Reaching the top of the structure proved to be a challenge for the musicians, who had to be helped by trained mountaineers. The band performed their songs in windy weather on a temporary stage located in the middle of the domed roof. From the opening chords to the final fireworks display, the concert was amazing.

Na podstawie: www.standard.co.uk, www.dailymail.co.uk

Zadanie 3.

Known around the world as an emblem of Los Angeles and an icon of the movie industry, the Hollywood sign has its origins in the year 1923. This was when Harry Chandler, the publisher of the *Los Angeles Times*, provided funds for constructing a spectacular sign on the side of a hill called Mount Lee. It was meant to be just temporary and its purpose was to advertise homes in a newly-built neighbourhood called *Hollywoodland*. The name on the sign was later shortened to Hollywood. The sign became so recognizable that the original plan to take it down after some time was cancelled and it stayed there for good.
The size of the sign is much bigger than it seems when we see it in movies. Each letter measures about 15 metres in height and is almost 9 metres wide. In the past, the letters also flashed at night. Change came in 1933 as it was getting costly to power the light bulbs, and the decision was made to turn them off. Since then, the sign has been illuminated only occasionally.

In 1973, the sign was declared a Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument and received a “facelift”, which, unfortunately, didn’t include any structural maintenance. By the late 1970s, the sign had deteriorated beyond repair, and funds had to be raised to completely rebuild it and make it more resistant to wind and rain. A new sign was installed in the same location, with each letter built to the same dimensions as the original. That’s the sign which is still there today.

Although you can view the Hollywood sign round the clock via a webcam, millions of visitors decide to climb the hill every year to see it up close. There are several hiking trails and it’s possible to get a good view of the sign from a variety of spots leading up to it, but it’s more common and much more convenient to admire it from further down the hill. You can capture a perfect image of the iconic sign as you are walking up, so don’t miss the opportunity of getting a really good shot. If you decide to head for the top of Mount Lee, it’s a pleasant walk which will take you about an hour with appropriate footwear. The sign itself is fenced off, so bear in mind that you won’t be able to touch it. There are plenty of security measures, including cameras on top of the sign, and there is also a speaker system used by the police in case of emergency.

Na podstawie: www.connollycove.com, www.discoverlosangeles.com