

Listening & Reading

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36		prolonged			
37		excessive			
38		maintaining			
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Use of English

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1	established	21	unflattering
2	appointed	22	perception
3	demand	23	reparability reparable reparability
4	response	24	justify
5	appreciate	25	overreacted
6	intended	26	unblemished
7	appearance	27	relatively
8	cover	28	arguemented
9	refreshments	29	misconduct
10	available	30	disclose

11	harbour
12	clean
13	break
14	shine
15	dry
16	jumps
17	take
18	steadily
19	parcel
20	ends

31	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
32	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
33	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
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47	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
48	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
49	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
50	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L

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Task 1

The science fiction writer, Frederic Brown, is credited to write the shortest story in the world in 1948, which he called "Knock". The story was this: "The last man on Earth sat alone in a room. There was a knock on the door." The story paved the way to a new fashion of writing very short stories. The authors began to write stories which focused on concepts, not characters' development. Thus, a new way to explore philosophical themes was found. The best stories of this genre were published by Steve Moss in the book titled "The World's Shortest Stories of Love and Death".

Steve Moss was an editor of ^{the magazine} "New Times" when he started the "55 Fiction" competition. A "55 Fiction" story has fifty-five or fewer words, at least one character, a conflict and ~~it~~ resolution. The competition has been held every year since ~~it began~~ in 1987. The book, which was published in 1999, contains stories with the elements of satire, stories about love and philosophy.

Let's take a look at two stories: "Gratitude" and "In the Garden". "Gratitude" is an inspirational story about a happy homeless person whose demands and wishes are fulfilled completely. On the contrary, the second story describes ~~it~~ a love feeling which turns out to be far from mutual. Negative and positive endings of both stories indicate that life is a succession of happy and tragic events.

In my opinion, this book is one of the most impressive literary works of our time. On the one hand, stories like "Higher Education" include concrete characters and criticize the imperfections of our society. On the other hand, "The Search" and similar stories deal with abstract characters and contemplate life in general. However, I believe that every single story in this book deserves to be called "a masterpiece" since they are all beautifully written. ~~it~~

All in all, I believe that everyone should be aware of the book's literary achievements. If you want to improve your English language skills while

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reading a perfectly written ~~book~~ book, this collection of short stories is definitely for you!

Task 2.

The last man on Earth sat alone in a room. There was a lock on the door.

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