

Listening & Reading

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38	maintaining				
39	address				
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Use of English

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2	appointed	22	perceif
3	demand	23	irreparably
4	response	24	justi fy
5	appreciate	25	overreacted
6	settled	26	unblemished
7	membership	27	relatively
8	cover	28	arguable
9	refrigerants	29	misconduct
10	available	30	disclose

11	quilt
12	clean
13	break
14	storm
15	flying
16	starts
17	take
18	surely
19	heart
20	trifles

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words

The science fiction writer, Frederick 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.

~~It had a profound effect on the way~~

These changes inspired Steve Moss, an editor of the American magazine New Times, to start a competition called 55 Fiction ~~in 1987~~, which ~~has~~ to eventually become an annually held event. Writers of 55 Fiction stories ~~have~~ ^{must} follow certain rules. First and foremost, their stories mustn't contain more than 55 words. Second, there needs to be at least one character, a setting, a conflict and a resolution.

A lot of amazing works have been sent to the competition over the years. The best of them were published by Steve Moss in the book called The World's Shortest Stories of Love and Death in 1999.

The stories in the book are brilliant. It is fascinating how much a ~~talented~~ ^{talented} writer can say with so few words. Each story clearly shows the author's personality and conveys a certain ~~meaning~~ ^{message}.

Some stories are funny (In the Garden by Hope A. Torres), the humorous effect being created by keeping essential information from the reader and not meeting his expectations. Some stories can be viewed as both humorous and frightening (Higher Education by Ron Best) because they reveal major flaws of our society. ~~There~~ There are also deep philosophical stories (Gratitude by Andrew E. Hunt and The Search by Robert Tompkins), which give the readers food for thought.

The World's Shortest Stories is one of my favourite books because it contains stories that can be useful in any life situation: they ~~are good for~~ give valuable advice and cheer you up,

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help you pass the time and provide new points of view on some issues.
I would recommend this book to anybody with the slightest interest
in reading. You ~~even~~ don't even have to worry about money, as
there is an electronic version of the book available for half the
price of a paper-back one. Do not hesitate. The book is undoubtedly
worth buying. 310

Task 2

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

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