

英語「速読」

Dick and Len were small boys. They were neighbours and went to the same school, and they liked rolling in mud for fun, throwing stones at bottles and doing all the other things that naughty little boys enjoy.

Of course, they often ran into trouble, and they were sometimes scolded or even punished, but this did not stop them enjoying themselves, and they were never really wicked.

Luckily their parents had managed to persuade the boys not to wreck the furniture at home, and to keep their bedrooms reasonably tidy, and they could wash their sons' stained clothes in the washing machine.

One Saturday, when there was no school, Dick and Len did not know what to do. The weather was dull and miserable, and their mothers did not like them going down to the stream to play in the mud in such weather, because then they often caught cold. They were tired of television, and they had no money to go and play games in the amusement arcade in the town, where they usually went in wet weather.

'What can we do?' Dick said to his mother impatiently. 'I've run out of ideas.'

'Don't despair!' Dick's mother answered with a laugh. 'Why don't you do something useful for a change; something that will be good for you? Why don't you go to the gallery of modern art that has just been opened in the town?'

The boys groaned. Art didn't interest either of them. 'The gallery of modern art?' they said. 'What can we do there?'

'Well,' answered Dick's mother, 'you can see pictures and sculptures, and educate yourselves a bit. You certainly both need it! And you'll find yourselves enjoying it after a time!'

The boys laughed scornfully, but Dick's mother said, 'I'll tell you what; if you go there for an hour and then come back and give me an interesting description of what you saw, I'll give you a pound each. But I don't want you being a nuisance to anyone while you're there!'

'OK,' the boys said happily, 'we'll do it!' They got on their bicycles and set off through the rain to the gallery of modern art. They knew exactly where it was, because it was nearly opposite their school, although they had never been into it yet.

There were very few visitors doing the tour of the gallery that morning, and soon the two boys found themselves standing alone in a room of modern sculpture. They looked with great puzzlement at the quantities of twisted copper pipes, heaps of broken bricks and other mixed-up objects that lay all around them, and then Len said, 'Let's get out of this crazy place quick, Dick. We don't want people accusing us of wrecking it!'

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平成13年度 英語「速読テスト」 解答用紙

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問題文を読んで、次の1～6の設問に日本語で答えなさい。解答用紙は15分後に回収します。

1. What kind of games did Dick and Len usually like to play?
2. Why didn't their mothers let them play beside the stream?
3. Where did Dick and Len usually go in wet weather?
4. What did Dick's mother think they would enjoy?
5. How did she get them to go?
6. What was Len afraid of in a room of modern sculpture?

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平成13年度 英語「聞き取りテスト」解答用紙

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テープレコーダーから流れる英文を聞き取り、次の1～5の設問に日本語で答えなさい。
英文は3回流れますので、よく聞いてください。なお、メモは解答用紙の空いている所に
自由にとってかまいません。

1. Why did Ford have an accident?
2. How did his wife advise him to drive?
3. Why do other drivers get angry?
4. What do they want him to do?
5. What does Ford think about drivers these days?