Reading-Comprehension Test Form 6

How the Parrots Played a Trick

A man had a parrot, whom he always kept in the cage. One day the man had to go on business to a far-away land. Before he left he asked his parrot: “What can I bring you from the country?” – “Don’t bring me anything,”- the parrot said, “but do what I tell you. There is a tree in the middle of a big field. Go to that tree. You are going to see many parrots in it. You must say to them, “Your friend, a parrot, lives in a cage. If you do not help him he is going soon to die.” The parrots in the tree are going to make an answer to this. Please, bring me their answer.”

The man went to the far-away land, he did his business there and came to the parrot’s field. He spoke to the parrots: “Dear birds, your friend, a parrot, lives in a cage. If you do not help him he is going soon to die.”

Suddenly he saw all the parrots fell down to ground like dead. The man was surprised. He looked at the dead birds for a short time and then started back home.

At home he told this story to his parrot. Suddenly he saw the parrot fell down to the floor of the cage like dead. The man was greatly surprised. He thought: ”Why did I tell him the story of his dead friends? It killed him.”

He took the parrot out of the cage and threw him out of the window. And the parrot flew away.

Ground

To play a trick

Cage

Like dead

Soon

To die

1. **Complete the sentence**

The text is about…

1. A far-away land
2. A clever parrot
3. A businessman
4. **True or false**
5. The man’s parrot likes to live in a cage.
6. The man went to the nearest city.
7. The man didn’t speak to the parrots because they were all dead.
8. He took the dead parrots home.
9. The parrot was clever.
10. **Choose the correct Russian translation**
11. Go on business

a)

b)

c)

1. To make an answer

a)

b)

c)

1. Far-away land

a)

b)

c)

1. Like dead

a)

b)

c)

1. **Answer the questions**
2. Where did the parrot live?
3. Where did the man have to go?
4. What did the parrot ask the man to do?
5. Did the man do his business in the far away land?
6. What did the parrot do when he heard the man’s story?
7. **Give a full answer**

Who played a trick on the man? Why?