

## Reading Comprehension

**Read the text and do the tasks.**

### An Address Without a Letter

Before 1840 there were no stamps. In those days people usually paid a lot of money for a letter when they received it. That is why people who were very poor did not write to one another. But when they sent or received a letter, it was a very important thing for them.

There is a story about a letter to a poor woman. One day the postman came to her house to bring her a letter. He told the woman to pay a lot of money, which she did not have.

She looked at the letter, and gave it back to the postman. "I cannot pay for it," she said.

Just at that moment a man heard the conversation between the postman and the woman.

He came up to the woman and said, "Let me pay for the letter. I have money and I want to help you." Then he gave the postman the money.

"I thank you very much," said the woman, "but you must not pay for the letter. It is from my brother. He sends me one letter every three months. He does not write about himself and his family, he writes only my address. Then I know that he is well, and as I cannot pay for the letter, I give it back to the postman."

**Task 1.** Choose the correct variant (*a* or *b*) Записуємо лише номер речення і літери

1) There were no stamps

*a. before 1840      b. after 1840.*

2) People usually paid for a letter

*a. little money      b. a lot of money*

3) One day the postman brought a letter

*a. to a poor woman      b. to a rich woman.*

4) The woman looked at the letter and

*a. paid for it      b. gave the letter back to the postman.*

5) The man who heard the conversation

*a. decided to help the woman      b. passed by.*

6) The woman's brother sent her a letter

*a. every three months      b. every week.*

**Task 2.** Correct the wrong sentences. Записуємо правильне речення

- 1) There were no stamps after 1840.
- 2) People didn't pay money for letters.
- 3) Poor people wrote letters to one another.
- 4) One day the postman came to the poor woman's house and brought her two letters.
- 5) She looked at the letter and paid for it.
- 6) The letter was from her sister.

**Task 3.** Complete the dialogue with phrases **a-e**. Записуємо лише номер і літеру

- a. Kate doesn't know
- b. Just put aside the book and go out like a good boy
- c. I don't like the way you sit at home and read all day long
- d. Oh, all right
- e. You haven't been out yet, so, how do you know?
- f. Oh, Mum, I've got such a wonderful book and I'm so comfortable here

Mum: Why don't you go out, Bob? (1) \_\_\_\_\_.

Bob: But there's a hard frost, Mum.

Mum: (2) \_\_\_\_\_.

Bob: Kate says it's very cold and windy.

Mum: (3) \_\_\_\_\_. I've just come in, so, I know. It's not so frosty now as it was in the morning.

Bob: (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Mum: Look how pale you are. (5) \_\_\_\_\_.

Bob: (6) \_\_\_\_\_.