

Lesson 15

Reading skills development

1. Прочитайте текст и заполните пропуски A-F частями предложений, обозначенными цифрами 1-7. Одна из частей в списке 1-7 лишняя. Занесите цифры, обозначающие соответствующие части предложений, в таблицу

Leaning Big Ben

Is Big Ben becoming the British version of the Leaning Tower of Pisa? Surveys of the famous UK landmark

in recent years have proven what can barely be seen by the naked eye.

Although it is far smaller than

the Tower of Pisa's tilt of almost four degrees, Big Ben is **A** _____.

Officials in government seem to be brushing off concerns that the clock tower is in danger of collapsing.

They may be right. Considering the tower in Pisa has been leaning for centuries and has yet to fall, **B** _____.

If anything, Big Ben's ever-so-slight lean is a fascinating sight to see, if you can in fact notice it. An onlooker

standing in Parliament Square looking head on at the tower might

perceive an extremely minor lean to the left **C** _____.

The government is not entirely unconcerned about the stability of the tower. However they state that,

in light of extensive structural surveys of the building, no immediate risk is present, **D** _____.

The tower is leaning in part due to the construction of an underground railway line beneath the structure as

well as a car park. In fact, though, many buildings, regardless of what structures are underneath, undergo

changes as they age. Most old buildings have a few cracks in them, and **E** _____.

This isn't the first structural issue the tower has encountered in its over 150-year life. In 1976, the weights

that control the workings of the clock snapped off and fell down the clock shaft. The clock actually exploded

inside **F** _____. Luckily no one was hurt, as the accident happened at 4 am.

1. towards a faster, more economical way of repairing the tower

2. in fact, the Houses of Parliament are cracking a bit themselves

3. towards Bridge Street rather than towards the Houses of Parliament

4. *and repairs took nearly nine months to be completed*
5. *meaning building reinforcements can wait until after the next elections*
6. *in fact leaning by about 0.26 degrees, according to reports*
7. *worrying about Big Ben's immediate demise is likely to be a waste of energy*

Ответ:

A B C D E F

2. Установите соответствие между текстами A-G и заголовками 1-8.

Занесите свои ответы в таблицу. Используйте каждую цифру только один раз. В задании один заголовок лишний.

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| 1. Free entry | 5. Wild crowd |
| 2. A bad decision | 6. Empty seats |
| 3. Sore loser | 7. Accidents happen |
| 4. Chance participant | 8. Thrilling match |

A. For sports fans, attending a sporting event is often an amazing experience. They get to shout and cheer for their team amongst a huge group of like-minded supporters. But then there are those rare moments, in a baseball game, for example, when the hitter knocks the ball into the stands. That's why some spectators bring gloves, in the rare event that they become part of the game.

B. People like different sports for different reasons. Most fans of tennis talk about how it's filled with a lot of action. If you've got two great tennis legends playing, watching them hit the ball back and forth across the net really holds your attention. You're waiting for one of them to slip up, and you can't take your eye off the ball!

C. For many people, visiting a stadium to see a game is not feasible within their schedule. Instead, they stay at home and watch it on the TV with a group of friends while they enjoy snacks and cheer for their team. Sometimes it seems as if too many people have had the same idea, so

you're watching your team play but you can't help but notice there's hardly anyone in the stands!

D. Occasionally you hear about this in the news - fans of a certain football team, who love their team seemingly more than life itself, get into huge fights with supporters of the other team. It often has a terrible ending, too. It's hard to believe people can behave so stupidly sometimes. It's enough to make you not want to visit a sporting event.

E. The whole idea of a competition is that someone wins, and someone doesn't. But sometimes the latter person in that equation doesn't take it too well. They throw a fit, and storm off the field or court. It doesn't help the situation, and it looks very bad. If only they realised what fools they're making of themselves, they might not behave that way.

F. Sporting events are really popular, and radio shows know this. That's why they host programmes where you can call in for a chance to win tickets to your favourite match. Usually they ask some sort of trivia question, like who scored the winning goal in the last World Cup, for example. If you're the first to call in and get the answer right - congratulations! You're going to a football match!

G. It's so frustrating when you're watching your favourite team play and they get robbed of a goal. Take football, for example. Players have to get the ball past the line in front of the net. If the goalie stops the ball before it passes the line, the team won't get the goal. What if the ball looks as if it crosses over, but the referee rules against your team? Oh, the anger!

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