

Język angielski Poziom rozszerzony

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Zadanie 1.

1.1.

Man: I love yoga. Last summer, I tried to teach it to my brother. It didn't go well, and throughout our practice he said, "This isn't sport – this is just stretching!" This made me think – yoga doesn't make your heart race like running, it doesn't make you sweat like a game of football, so is it really sport?

Woman: Even people who do yoga disagree about this. Some treat it as a way to keep fit, others say it's a kind of meditation, and some even call it a lifestyle. There is no doubt that it keeps your body in shape though. In my opinion, yoga is a sport, but it has other things to offer too. It tones my body and keeps me fit, while taking care of my mind – plus afterwards, I feel happy, energetic and ready for anything.

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1.2.

Woman: Hi, James. This is Sarah, Head of Product Design Department. As you know, we've been working on the new perfume that we are launching in April and we are unsure about some of the packaging details. We have seen some of your creative work in the sales department and we think you have a very good eye for detail. Do you have some time before closing business this Friday to sit down with us and talk through some of our designs? We would truly appreciate your help. It shouldn't take longer than two hours of your time and we will be happy to clear it with Patricia, your department head, if necessary. Let me know. Bye!

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1.3.

Man: And in our final news item we ask, will we soon be saying goodbye to coins and notes forever? More and more people are using cashless payment options. Firstly, because there is a growing interest in reducing the number of items people need to take with them when they go out. As almost everyone carries a smartphone with them, and many people also have smartwatches, the idea of paying for things using one of these two technologies is particularly appealing. Furthermore, an increasing number of retailers are accepting cashless payments and in some cases they've stopped accepting cash altogether.

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Zadanie 2.

2.1.

Man: I'll never forget the first time I met the new contact from our top customer. When I put my hand out I realised he was moving in to give me a hug, so we did an awkward mixture of the two! Also, when I greeted him by his surname, he used my first name. It was all a tad uncomfortable. I guess I made assumptions about the level of formality he expected. Even though he'd never met me before, he knew our two companies had been doing business for years and he wanted to build on that history by being less formal with me. I shouldn't have assumed we all have the same ideas about meeting people for the first time.

2.2.

Woman: I'd never worked with a virtual team on an international project before. There were many interpersonal differences, such as different ways of working, approaches to deadlines and when to reply to emails. To help us all get on the same page, we defined the norms and the rules the team would follow, as well as the meeting dates and deadlines. We laid this all out in a document called a team charter. This was really useful and in the end the project was a great success. I'm looking forward to working on my next international project.

2.3.

Man: I went through a bit of a rough patch last year at work. I was already committed to too much and then we lost a team member through restructuring and I quickly became overloaded. This led to me doing too much overtime and feeling very stressed. My boss was really helpful and introduced me to the smart approach to goal setting. It's an acronym, S-M-A-R-T. You use it to create goals that are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Timely. It helped me to prioritise some tasks, to do some later and to drop some completely. I often use this approach now and feel much more in control of my time and workload.

2.4.

Woman: Have you ever had a flight cancelled when travelling to an important business meeting? I did last week. The ground crew kept extending the delay until eventually they cancelled the flight completely. As soon as they made the announcement, I knew it was not likely that the following flight would have capacity to take everyone from my cancelled one. I hurried back through the airport and was one of the first to make it to the desk. That turned out to be a good idea, as there were only nine seats available on the flight the next morning. Lucky me! Right?

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Zadanie 3.

Woman: Welcome to Tech Today! This week is National Science and Engineering Week, so to celebrate it properly we asked Jed, our science correspondent, to give us a round-up of some new inventions.

Man: Hi, yes, I've got some very interesting things to tell you about today, starting with a fun one: wingsuits, those suits that look like bats and allow people to fly, or glide, at least. They're the ultimate in cool.

Woman: But they're not very new, are they?

Man: Well, no, but the modern ones are better than ever and last October there was the first ever world championship in China. The price is coming down, too. Now you can buy one for 600 to 2,000 dollars. It's still too expensive for me, but I suppose it'll keep coming down in price.

Woman: OK, what about some useful new inventions?

Man: There are lots of those. There's a new solar water distiller aimed at parts of the world where it's hard to get clean drinking water. You pour in salty water and let the sun do the work for a few hours. Then, hey presto! You have clean water! It's a very simple device and fairly cheap to produce.

Woman: Can I hear some doubt in your voice?

Man: Well, they still need help with investment to start producing the distiller properly. So if anyone out there has money to invest in a great product...?

Woman: Absolutely. Get in touch with the designers.

Man: Another useful invention which it would be good to see in production are 'enable talk gloves'. These were invented by some students to allow people with speech and hearing impairments to communicate with people who don't understand sign language. The gloves use sensors to translate sign language into text, then into spoken language using a smartphone. A brilliant invention!

Woman: Yes, that could benefit thousands of people.

Man: OK, so now for something useful in a different way. You know that feeling when you're trying to get tomato ketchup out of a bottle and it won't come out, but you're sure there's lots more in there?

Woman: Yeah, of course. It's really annoying.

Man: Well, a team of students at MIT, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, have come up with a new substance that you use to coat a glass or plastic bottle, and then what's inside, hair gel or mustard, or whatever, comes out really easily.

Woman: So, it saves hours of frustration trying to get stuff out of bottles?

Man: Exactly. Right now I'll move on to my favourite invention. This is really silly, but I love it. It's used for producing clouds indoors.

Woman: Clouds?

Man: Yes. A Dutch artist has come up with a way of forming perfect, small, white clouds inside. They're just beautiful. I don't think you can do it yourself at home yet, though.

Woman: I don't think I'd want to.

Man: Oh, you would if you'd seen the photos. They're amazing.

Woman: OK, Jed, thanks for that. We'll leave you with your head in the clouds and see you again next week!

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