

**ОГЭ. Английский язык.  
Тренажер по отработке  
навыков чтения.**

**8 класс**

# **Подготовка к ОГЭ английский язык**

Данный тренажер позволяет в режиме времени, отведенного на экзамене, отрабатывать навыки чтения

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## Чтение текста вслух

- Полезно вначале прочитать текст задания про себя; выделить трудные для произношения слова; разметить интонацию; прочитать текст шепотом, а потом вслух, обращая внимание на слитность и беглость речи.
- Читая текст, избегайте необоснованных пауз в речи, верно расставляйте ударения и правильно используйте интонацию, не нарушайте нормы произношения слов.

# Критерии оценивания

- **26-** Речь воспринимается легко: необоснованные паузы отсутствуют;
- фразовое ударение и интонационные контуры, произношение слов
- практически без нарушений нормы; допускается не более пяти
- фонетических ошибок, в том числе одна-две ошибки, искажающие СМЫСЛ
- **16-** Речь воспринимается достаточно легко, однако присутствуют
- необоснованные паузы; фразовое ударение и интонационные контуры
- практически без нарушений нормы; допускается не более семи
- фонетических ошибок, в том числе три ошибки, искажающие смысл
- **0 -** Речь воспринимается с трудом из-за значительного количества
- неестественных пауз, запинок, неверной расстановки ударений и ошибок
- в произношении слов,
- ИЛИ допущено более семи фонетических ошибок,
- ИЛИ сделано четыре и более фонетические ошибки, искажающие СМЫСЛ

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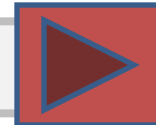
On the morning of the wedding, the groom should not see the bride. If he does, this is bad luck. The bride puts on her special wedding dress, which is usually white. She also needs to wear 'something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue'. At the church, or registry office, the bride and groom exchange rings before walking together back down the aisle. When they get outside, the bride throws her bouquet in the air. Tradition says that whoever catches it will be the next person to get married. But it's not only the bride who throws something. All the people at the wedding throw confetti and rice over the happy couple. Finally, after the reception, the bride and groom drive off to have their honeymoon.

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### 3 Our solar system: Where we live

When you look at the sky at night you can see millions of stars, which are known as the Milky Way. Our Sun is one of the 100 billion stars in our galaxy. More than a million Earth-sized planets could fit into the Sun. The Earth and the other planets in our solar system orbit the Sun and get light and heat from it. It takes eight minutes for light to travel from the Sun to Earth, five and a half hours for it to reach Pluto and more than four years to reach the next star, Alpha Centuria.

Each planet moves on its own orbit around the Sun. It takes the Earth one year to go around the Sun and it takes Pluto 248 Earth-years to do the same. Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun. Venus spins the opposite way to the Earth, so the Sun rises in the west and sets in the east. The next planet is ours. It's the only planet that we know has life - maybe there is life on another planet but we don't know yet. Mars is like a bright red star. Jupiter is the biggest planet in our solar system and has fifteen more moons than the Earth.

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Off they went. Immediately, the hare raced off into the distance. The tortoise, on the other hand, plodded slowly along. After a while the hare became sleepy, so he decided to take a quick nap. He looked back down the road and couldn't see the tortoise, so he thought it would be safe. He lay down in the grass and soon he was fast asleep. Meanwhile the tortoise carried walking slowly on his way. He passed the hare sleeping at the side of the road but he didn't say anything. A few hours passed and the hare woke up.

He noticed the sun sinking over the hills. 'Oh dear!' he thought 'I've slept all day!' Then suddenly he remembered the race. Quickly he ran, but he was too late. When he arrived at the finish, he found the tortoise already there. The tortoise had won. The moral of the story is: It is better to be slow but steady, than quick but make mistakes.

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