

Transkrypcja – Quick Tests do podręcznika *Smart Time 3*

Quick Test 2

And now listen to an amazing story from Somerset. In 1994 Suzette and Douglas Billington bought a twenty-year-old house located just about 200 metres from the River Tone in Somerset. They knew that there were frequent floods in the area and a lot of people advised them not to buy the house, but the beauty of the countryside as well as the attractive price made them take the risk. For the next ten years every winter the river burst its banks and flooded the Billingtons' house. The family kept a boat tied up outside the living-room window and used it to get to the outside world when the area where they lived was flooded. Tired with this situation, Mr Billington decided to build a 2-metre-high earth wall around his garden to protect the house from flooding. It took him over three years to complete the task, but for almost ten years the floodwater has not reached the house. Now, when the people in the Somerset region are fighting another flood, the Billingtons' house and garden are dry while the fields around are completely covered with floodwater.

Adapted from: www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2535304/UK-weather-Remote-Somerset-property-island-flood-water.html

Quick Test 4

And now the latest from Boston: Yesterday evening on March 4th two men wearing police uniforms came to the Gardner Museum in Boston. They told the guard that they had received a call about a theft in the gallery. The guard let them enter the building. When he walked away from his desk where the only alarm button was, the men told him they had to arrest him. They put his hands in handcuffs and locked him in the basement. Next, they found another guard on duty and locked him in another room. The next morning, the guard who came to work discovered what had happened. He immediately informed the police and the museum director. It turned out that the thieves had stolen ten paintings by Dutch and French painters. They had also taken some exhibits including an ancient Chinese vase and a flag from the 19th century. The police are investigating. The Gardner Museum is offering a reward of \$5million for information that will help find the thieves and the missing works of art.

www.gardnermuseum.org/resources/theft

Quick Test 6

Speaker one:

Admit it – how often do you eat the recommended five portions of fruit and vegetables every day? Scientists in Britain recognize that most of us aren't eating enough greens and 12% of Brits don't eat any fruit or vegetables at all. In my opinion, they don't realize how healthy vegetables are.

Speaker two:

Have you heard of genetically modified food? It is often criticized for being bad for our health, but I think it is beneficial for us. I've heard that scientists have created a purple genetically modified tomato which they hope will help to reduce the chance of people getting cancer. The tomato has high levels of cancer-fighting substances which have caused the tomatoes to turn purple.

Speaker three:

I've read an article about genetically modified food. Some scientists warn us that we still don't know what the long-term effects of genetic modification are. The charity *Friends of the Earth* says that GM crops can't be called a healthy option.

Adapted from: *Club*

Quick Test 8

My name is Peter Robinson and I was invited to the programme *Favourite Books and Poems* to say a few words about a narrative *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein. It's an amazing poem about the loving connection between a boy and a tree. The tree was glad it could give the boy everything he needed to stay happy. But as the boy grew older, he grew more greedy and kept asking for more and more things. But whenever he asked for something, the tree always gave it to him. *The Giving Tree* is an amazing portrayal of a relationship between a mother and a child. This poem tells in an emotional way how mothers will give up everything to make their children happy. Shel makes us believe that the person who gives is much happier than the person who receives, since the boy never stayed happy for long. I think that everyone should read this narrative, but especially children. It might help them understand their mothers' care and sacrifice.

Adapted from www.teenink.com/reviews/book_reviews/article/458008/The-Giving-Tree-by-Shel-Silverstein