



Writing a Comment

Exercise 37

В упражнении использовано задание финала Герценовской олимпиады 2025/26, 8–11 класс

Выберите одну из двух тем и напишите эссе объёмом в 200-250 слов.

1. English is full of words that have drifted so far from their original meaning that they now mean something entirely different – sometimes even the opposite. Imagine that you have been invited to write an *explanatory blog post* about three English words that used to mean something different. Your blog post should address the following: (1) why this phenomenon is surprising and what it reveals about the language, (2) three words and their original meaning, (3) how the meaning has changed and in what context they are used now, (4) a lesson these semantic shifts teach us. Think of a catchy title for your blog post.
2. There are teachers who simply teach and there are those who leave their mark on the world. Write a *personal narrative* about a teacher who has shaped your personality and had seen something in you before you saw it yourself. Your narrative should address the following: (1) who this person was and in which context you were introduced to him or her, (2) a specific moment, conversation or action that marked the beginning of this person's influence, (3) how your actions or behaviour has changed as a result, (4) how this experience has deepened your understanding of the teaching profession and whether you may consider choosing it yourself. Think of a catchy title for your narrative.