



Task № 1. Choose the most suitable word to fill each space.

These days, taking a good (1) ... is as much a part of going (2) ... holiday as getting sunburn, fighting (3) ... sunloungers and getting sand in your shoes.

Now that most of us are walking around with (4) ... smartphones in our pockets, it's no (5) ... enough for camera manufacturers to keep on simply whacking out last (6) ... point-and-press compact with an extra couple of megapixels chucked onto the image sensor. Instead, the pressure's on to come (7) ... with new tricks to tempt you to (8) ... with your cash – and to be fair, makers have responded with some pretty (9) ... ideas. So put your (10) ... camera away: the future of photography is here!

- | | | | |
|-----------------|----------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1) A selphie | B selfie | C selfee | D selphy |
| 2) A for | B over | C to | D on |
| 3) A over | B off | C at | D with |
| 4) A in-camera | B camera | C on-camera | D camera-equipped |
| 5) A overlong | B longer | C longest | D long |
| 6) A year is | B years | C year has | D year's |
| 7) A up | B down | C off | D on |
| 8) A separate | B part | C divide | D detach |
| 9) A innovative | B new | C cutting-edge | D state-of-the-art |
| 10) A small | B packed | C compact | D compressed |

Task № 2. Find ONE word which is suitable for all three gaps in each of the following sets of sentences.

- Henry met his Mrs. Right; her name is
24th of December is known as Christmas
According to the hypothesis, all the people have a common female ancestor.
- All my guests are afraid of my dog, so I decided to it up.
Their family is very rich; they own a large hotel
Our Christmas tree has balls, bells, candles and a star, but we forgot to buy a
- Children adore winter time: sleigh, ice-skate, play in the, etc.
The car won't skid as it is fitted with tires.
It will probably lightly tomorrow morning, but it'll be sunny in the evening.
- Children were looking forward to Day and their presents.
Fred took up as he loves fighting.
Life has its ups and downs; it's always us in.
- Santa's has got pointy ears, takes care of the reindeer and makes toys in Santa's workshop.
HBV is a virus that helps HDV replicate.
A is a locomotive in the tail of the train that pushes it forward.

Task № 3. Underline the correct word.

- I didn't just hate Christmas but **revolted/loathed/spurned** it.
- I was **obsessed/plagued/haunted** not only by the ghosts of Christmas Past but also by evil ghouls.

- 3) To my surprise, the **turnaround/U-turn/switch** started with me in the Xmas section.
- 4) I can't pinpoint exactly why or how the truth **shot/beat/hit** me.
- 5) I want my kids to remember their mom grabbing the spirit of the season up in a big **beaver/bear/butter** hug.

Task № 4. Correct the sentences by inserting a comma. Example is given (0).

0) **The RMS Queen Elizabeth, a British ship is an ocean liner.** (Key: ship, is)

- 1) On 25th December Japanese people traditionally eat KFC for Christmas dinner.
- 2) In "Xmas" 'x' stands for 'Christ' in Greek.
- 3) He'll be spending holidays in London France.
- 4) I haven't seen my \$4000 since last Christmas.
- 5) This miracle happened on December 25 1937.

Task № 5. Find mistakes in the lines, some of them are correct. In each line only ONE mistake is possible. There are three examples at the beginning of the extract (0 – spelling mistake; 00 – correct; 000 – unnecessary word).

My Christmas Miracle	
Things had changed, that's for sure. But money was tight. Their wouldn't be a	0. <i>There</i>
ton of gifts, certainly not fancy laptops or iPhones or promises of a nice	00. +
vacation anytime soon. I would have had to wait until the 15 th to start shopping,	000. <i>had</i>
because my paycheck on the 1 st went primarily too my landlord, and what was	1.
left had to cover groceries, gas and school lunches. Even sow, I vowed to haul	2.
out the decorations, blast Christmas music and would bake cookies in the shape	3.
of snowmen and trees and candy canes. I'd get a tree and decorate it to the hilt	4.
with my own vintage Shiny Brite ornaments. Then and there I knew the biggest	5.
end best present I could give my kids was the gift of a happy mom. A mom who	6.
might not be able to give out them the hippest devices or the coolest clothes, but	7.
can absolutely give them something priceless: love. I wanted to show my kids	8.
that life is good. Even when it fills like it's not. Given where I was mentally a	9.
decade ago, this realization in itself feels it like my own personal Christmas miracle.	10.

Ответы:

Task № 1.	1) 2) 3) 4) 5)	6) 7) 8) 9) 10)
Task № 2.	1) 2) 3) 4) 5)	
Task № 3.	1) 2) 3) 4) 5)	
Task № 4.	1) 2) 3) 4) 5)	
Task № 5.	1) 2) 3) 4) 5)	6) 7) 8) 9) 10)

Желаем успеха!