



ZADANIE 1

Tekst 1.

I'm not a fan of setting too much homework to really young learners. They should be able to play or just do nothing after school or discover the world on their own. Being overloaded with masses of written tasks to be done at home usually has rather an opposite effect on them than a positive one. However, things are different in case of high school students, who are said to be more mature and responsible for the course of their studying. In that way, they should be given something to practise at home. Even the most ambitious ones should sometimes be motivated by some obligatory assignments.

Tekst 2.

I truly believed that my daughter shouldn't have been involved too much in her school tasks at home. I used to keep saying to myself 'She has time to work hard. Her adult life will be challenging in the future so why not give her more chillout after classes at young age?'. Now, my grown-up child isn't even trying to be responsible. She doesn't have any ambitions and treat her responsibilities as nothing serious. I learned an important lesson as a parent. If I had a chance to go back in the past, I would have said – keep a watchful eye on your children and focus on the early years of their childhood – the younger, the better it is to follow a good example no matter what.

Tekst 3.

My son had always done well at school when he was in the 6th grade. Then, one year ago our family relocated to a different city and he changed his school. And the problems began. Suddenly, from a top student he started falling behind with the material. His school performance was really low, his grades were below average. I wonder what happened, but for sure he is not the one to be responsible for the situation. Next week, I'm having an appointment with his form teacher and we'll see.

Tekst 4.

It's not that easy to manage our time wisely. It's really tough and challenging to maintain the discipline, especially while doing school exercises regularly at home, and not get distracted by different things at the same time. However, it's possible to be done. The earlier you understand it will teach you self-discipline, which by the way is so important in your future adulthood, the faster you become more productive and successful over other people. Just stay unchangeable and strict when it comes to your habits and you'll see the positive results the faster you would bet.

Tekst 5.

There are two sides of the same coin in the topic of setting homework to students – supporters and those who are against it. To be honest, I'm in the middle here. I'm aware of the fact that students, as well as adults, can be really tired after their whole day's work. Sometimes it's just impossible to get down to stuff from work at home due to the lack of energy or rest. People need to relax or have time for themselves. However, it's not the same when a student does nothing at school and then does the same at home. In that case, it's recommended to give him

some homework. I think that in general, setting tasks to be done at home should depend on an individual person, his or her skills, life attitude and character.

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It's really simple to do that. The first thing you do is open the device. The way you do it is by pressing this grey button on the left. After the click sound, you need to place all the items inside. Remember to divide them into the right group. Otherwise, they won't be done properly or will stop being usable. Then, what you do is close the door using this handle. It's vital to pour some powder or any sort of chemical into this compartment here at the top to help you deal with the worst cases if water is not enough. To switch it on, just press this red button. But before this step, remember to set the right programme. After the fixed period of time, your stuff is ready to be taken out. Don't worry, you don't have to dry the items at all, since the device does it automatically as an extra function. The only thing you do after that is to put it away to the chest of drawers or wardrobe.

Tekst 2.

MAN: Cindy, I would like to apologise to you, but unfortunately, I won't be able to attend our meeting I have promised you to come to. My boss has given me so much paperwork for the weekend that I wonder how I'll manage to do all of that.

WOMAN: Sam, but you said that we'll meet for sure this time. What a pity!

MAN: Yeah, I know. I'm so sorry. Maybe next week.

WOMAN: Actually, I've met your sister today and she said something interesting to me. I asked her if she would join us tomorrow and she looked surprised. Do you know why?

MAN: Yes... probably. And now I feel guilty about that. I guess she told you about my and her plans. I feel ashamed, Cindy. I promised to go to the cinema with her, and I forgot about our arrangement. Can you forgive me, please?

WOMAN: Oh, I didn't know about that. She just told me that she was going to have different plans and wished me great fun. But there wasn't you who was mentioned. Now, I feel disappointed with you. I thought that we could finally meet and talk. I have been trying to arrange a meeting with you twice so far, not to mention my constant calling and texting you to ask about a simple response and contact.

MAN: You're right, Cindy. I am guilty of what I did before. The truth is that I just don't want to see you again. Things have changed and are not like they used to be. We're not that close anymore. I guess it's time to say goodbye and never continue our relationship again.

WOMAN: I understand, Sam. I was planning to say the same to you, but in reality – when meeting face-to-face. I didn't know you're such a coward. Sometimes it's just easier to say the truth and let it go. It was really childish of you. I wish you good luck in life. Bye!

Tekst 3.

When you go to a restaurant, the dishes are sometimes so huge that it's hard to eat all of this or you are just not hungry enough. That's why we've got something called a doggy bag. Probably some of you may ask themselves why there's a dog in the name of it. For sure, the purpose of the bags is not connected with the situation when you take a dog for a walk, and you have to clean after it. A doggy bag is a type of bag or container such as a box that you usually get when you ask a waiter to take the rest of your served food from a restaurant to your home. Probably you don't know that a few years after its introduction, it started to be called a to-go bag or a take-home bag. Customers are allowed to simply ask for the leftovers of their meal to be wrapped up or just boxed. Doggy bags do not refer to the food which is picked up from an eating place, without dining there, to be eaten at home. This activity is called takeaway. The term a doggy bag dates back to the 1960s. The U.S. made it popular, as it was first and is mainly used there. The practice of taking home doggy bags from restaurants relates to steakhouses. Customers sometimes used to ask for the bones from their meat and wanted to have it packed so that they could carry the bags home for their dogs. Nowadays, a doggy bag doesn't have to contain bones. It's just the idea describing the situation when customers don't want to waste their food which has been ordered to make their pets happy by bringing them some snack to be eaten.

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MAN: Probably you've heard about a lot of initiatives which aim at helping the environment. However, this one is special to me.

WOMAN: Tell me more about it, Sam. What is it?

MAN: This time animals are involved, namely dogs. They will be let free and loose on urban areas which need help.

WOMAN: Wow, it's getting interesting. How will it work?

MAN: The dogs will be equipped with some little backpacks. These containers will be placed on their backs. Every time, the dog will walk or run around the area, some wildflower seeds will be gradually left in the ground.

WOMAN: Wow, that sounds like a smart plan! But how are the dogs going to leave the seeds? Dogs are not able to plant seeds, I guess.

MAN: You're right. But there's one trick. In each of the backpack there is a hole. When the dogs move, the seeds go through the holes, and they are left from time to time on the ground. And then the magic starts to happen.

WOMAN: Where did the idea of it come from? Why was it introduced?

MAN: So far these were wolves who played that role. Because they died out in the UK in the 18th century, an ecological role was exchanged by dogs. Before the programme was introduced, wolves had collected seeds in their fur without even knowing about that, and spread them all over the UK, creating new colonies of plants.

WOMAN: That's a pity we can't benefit from these animals anymore. But it's great that people are so smart that they've come up with such a great idea.

MAN: Actually, it was another project from a different country which has given this eco-friendly idea to the one in the UK. It was inspired by a case from Chile, where some sisters decided to put some packs on their labradors to let them run through some forest and reseed some tree species. It was done to help save the damaged trees after a huge fire in there in 2019.

WOMAN: I see. It's good to hear that not only England initiates such projects. Talking about the idea of the project, how do we know that the specific plants which start to grow now come from this project?

MAN: A good question. There's one trick. The seeds of different tree species are mixed with sand. It helps to give out and spread them faster and allows the project team to locate where the seeds are left.

WOMAN: Very useful. What about the numbers? How many people are taking part in it?

MAN: So far, there have been 12 dog walkers of this kind, but we're expecting more after people hear this conversation, optimistically speaking.

WOMAN: Is it a satisfactory number?

MAN: It is, but it can always be more. We know that dogs cover about four times more ground than their owners and act in a more random way, which is more helpful to nature. It's good to add that we're offering some initial training for the beginners, but it's not obligatory. Whenever you visit the area, you could pick up the pack from our headquarters and start saving the environment.

WOMAN: Thank you for the interview, Sam. Wish you a lot of dog walkers!