

**1. Прочитайте и письменно переведите текст, затем выполните задания на понимание прочитанного:**

The first stamp in the world was an English stamp. It was made in 1840 to pay the postage on letters going to different parts of the country.

Stamps are always interesting because they have pictures on them of the countries they came from; pictures of animals and birds living in jungles or on far-away islands; and pictures showing people dressed in their national costumes.

A stamp collection is not only a good textbook of history and geography. It is also a source of information on many other subjects.

Sometimes there are mistakes on stamps. For example, the St. Kitts and Nevis stamp, issued in 1903, showed Christopher Columbus looking through a telescope, an instrument which was unknown in his day. On a German stamp, issued in 1956 in commemoration of the composer Schumann, the music printed on the stamp was not written by Schumann. The people knowing music well saw this mistake at once.

**2. Определите верны ли следующие предложения. Выберите Т, если утверждение верно и F, если неверно:**

- 1) The first stamp in the world was made in the USA.
- 2) The first stamp appeared in the 19-century.
- 3) A telescope was already known in the time of Columbus.
- 4) In 1956 a stamp in commemoration of Shubert was made.

**3. Расставьте слова в предложениях в правильном порядке:**

- 1) do the shopping/I/every Saturday/at the market
- 2) has/he/already/this work/done

**4. Образуйте необходимую по смыслу часть речи от глагола, данного в скобках:**

- 1) We can find all the necessary \_\_\_\_\_ in the Internet. (inform)
- 2) I have recently read a very .... book about adventures. (interest)