

## EXERCISES

**Exercise 1.** Insert, where required, the articles **a, an, the** or the pronouns **some, any**:

1. Has ... postman come yet? I am expecting ... letter from my friend.
2. My brother can drive ... car.
3. I got ... interesting book from our library. ... librarian said that I could keep it only for ... week as ... teacher of History also wanted it.
4. How can you say such ... things?
5. There is ... meeting in ... conference hall this evening.
6. When ... Moon passes between ... Earth and ... Sun ... eclipse results.
7. There is ... red book and ... green book on ... table. Will you bring me ... green one, please?
8. Can you tell me how to get to ... cinema? Go straight down ... street until you come to ... river. Then turn to ... left and you will see ... large red building.
9. He brought ... books from ... library.
10. I know ... schoolboys of that school.
11. I want to write ... letter to my mother. Have you ... pen?
12. How brilliantly ... stars shine!
13. ... low stone wall separated ... house from ... road.
14. He asked ... teacher ... question.
15. He received ... telegram from London yesterday.
16. Are there ... pictures in this magazine?
17. He is reading "Oliver Twist", ... novel by Charles Dickens.
18. ... door opened and ... man entered ... room. He was ... man of about 50 years of age.
19. ... lion is ... large powerful animal.
20. There are many schools for ... blind in our country.
21. I usually smoke ... cigarettes or ... pipe. My father smokes ... cigars.
22. Are there ... matches in that box?
23. Is there ... bookshop in this street?
24. ... watchmaker repairs ... watches and ... clocks.
25. There ... sofa and ... chairs in this room.
26. Did you buy ... boots or ... shoes?
27. Andrew is ... engineer.

28. Mr. Ivanov is ... architect; his two brothers are ... artists.
29. There are ... newspapers and ... magazines on the table.
30. Which would you like: ... apple or ... orange?
31. Which would you like: ... apples or ... oranges?
32. Is there ... letter for me?
33. Are there ... letters for me?
34. What ... strange man!
35. What ... interesting books!

**Exercise 2. Replace the underlined words with personal pronouns:**

1. The professor is helping the students to translate the text.
2. Aunt will send Helene to buy the tickets.
3. The man gave the magazines to the girl.
4. My father is going to write a letter to his sister today.
5. This film is not suitable for young children.
6. Molly worked hard at English.

**Exercise 3. Open brackets:**

1. This man is (tall) than that one.
2. Asia is (large) than Australia.
3. The Volga is (short) than the Mississippi.
4. Which building is the (high) in Moscow?
5. Mary is a (good) student than Lucy.
6. The Alps are (high) than the Urals.
7. This garden is the (beautiful) in our town.
8. She speaks Italian (good) than English.
9. Is the word "newspaper" (long) than the word "book"?

**Exercise 4. Instead of dots insert as...as, so...as:**

1. Our house is not ... big ... yours.
2. The new cinema in our district is much bigger ... the old one.

3. We are ... proud of our district ... you are of yours.
4. The house I live in is ... old ... the one my sister lives in.
5. Exercise No. 2 is easier ... Exercise No. 3.
6. Nevsky Prospect is more beautiful ... our street.
7. My composition is not ... long ... yours.

**Exercise 5. Open the brackets using the verbs in Past Simple or Past Continuous:**

1. I (to play) computer games yesterday.
2. I (to play) computer games at five o'clock yesterday.
3. He (to play) computer games from two till three yesterday.
4. We (to play) computer games the whole evening yesterday.
5. What Nick (to do) when you came to his place?
6. What you (to do) when I rang you up?
7. I (not to sleep) at nine o'clock yesterday.
8. What he (to do) yesterday? - He (to read) a book.
9. What he (to do) the whole evening yesterday? -He (to read) a book.
10. She (to sleep) when you came home?
11. My brother (not to play) tennis yesterday. He (to play) tennis the day before yesterday.
12. My sister (not to play) the piano at four o'clock yesterday. She (to play) the piano the whole evening.
13. When I came into the kitchen, mother (to cook).
14. She (to cook) the whole day yesterday.
15. We (to wash) the floor in our flat yesterday.
16. We (to wash) the floor in our flat from three till four yesterday.
17. You (to do) your homework yesterday?
18. You (to do) your homework from eight till ten yesterday?
19. Why she (to sleep) at seven o'clock yesterday?
20. He (to sit) at the table the whole evening yesterday.