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Когда за окном рано темнеет, снег мягко ложится на доро-
ги, а в домах зажигаются гирлянды, душе особенно хочется
тепла и той особой атмосферы, которую приносит Рожде-
ство. В этой книге собраны 14 рождественских историй — о
семье, дружбе, доброте и неожиданных приключениях.

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запоминать новые слова и увереннее читать на английском.

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дства остается совсем немного, чтобы почувствовать при-
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рождественского чуда. Пусть они подарят вам приятное вре-
мяпрепровождение и помогут открыть для себя английский
язык в тех историях, где начинается зимнее волшебство.

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A Merry Christmas

Based on "Little Women" by Louisa May Alcott

Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy March are four sisters. It is Christmas morning. They wake up early.

"Merry Christmas!" they say.

The March family does not have much money. Their father is far away. Their mother, Mrs March, works hard. There are no expensive presents. Still, each girl finds a small book under her pillow. It is a gift from Mother.

Downstairs, a wonderful breakfast waits for them. There are pancakes, bread, cream, and muffins. The sisters are very hungry.

Then Mrs March comes in. She looks worried.

"A poor woman needs our help," she says. "Mrs Hummel and her children are cold and hungry. She also has a new baby. There is no fire in their room."

The girls look at their breakfast. For a moment, nobody speaks.

"Let us give them our food," says Jo.

The sisters cover the dishes and put on their coats. Amy carries the cream and muffins. Their helper, Hannah, takes wood for a fire. They all walk through the snow.

Mrs Hummel's room is dark and very cold. The children sit under an old blanket. When they see the food, their faces become bright.

"Good ladies!" one child cries.

Hannah makes a fire. Mrs March cares for Mrs Hummel and her new baby. The sisters give the children warm food. Soon the baby stops crying, and the room is full of happy voices.

On the way home, the girls are still hungry, but they feel warm inside.

“That was better than breakfast,” says Jo.

At home, they eat bread and milk. Mrs March reads a letter from Father. He sends his love and asks his daughters to be kind and brave.

Then the girls give Mother their small presents. Jo gives her warm slippers. Meg gives her gloves. Beth gives her a soft scarf, and Amy gives her a small bottle of perfume.

In the afternoon, the sisters prepare a funny play for their friends. They use old clothes for costumes. A paper tower falls, but it does not hurt anyone. Everyone laughs.

After the play, the girls find a surprise. Their neighbour, Mr Laurence, sends ice cream, cakes, fruit, and flowers. He hears about their kind breakfast and wants to make them happy.

The sisters sit around the table. Their Christmas begins without rich gifts, but it ends with love, laughter, and kindness.

“This is a very happy Christmas,” Beth says.

The others agree.

ПОЛЕЗНЫЕ ВЫРАЖЕНИЯ

- ▶ **wake up** — просыпаться
- ▶ **pillow** — подушка
- ▶ **worried** — обеспокоенный
- ▶ **poor** — бедный
- ▶ **hungry** — голодный
- ▶ **blanket** — одеяло
- ▶ **care for** — заботиться
- ▶ **expensive** — дорогой
- ▶ **neighbour** — сосед
- ▶ **kindness** — доброта

УПРАЖНЕНИЯ:

1

Выберите правильный ответ.

1. The March family has
 - a) a lot of money
 - b) a little money
 - c) a large shop
2. The girls give their breakfast to
 - a) Mr Laurence
 - b) their friends
 - c) Mrs Hummel's family

3. Who makes a fire for the Hummel family?

- a) Mr Laurence
- b) Hannah
- c) Jo

4. Amy carries

- a) cream and muffins
- b) books
- c) coal

5. Mr Laurence sends them

- a) a Christmas tree
- b) four books
- c) food and flowers

2

Прочитайте утверждения и напишите True (верно) или False (неверно).

- 1.** The girls find small books under their pillows. _____
- 2.** Mrs Hummel's room is warm when the sisters arrive. _____
- 3.** The sisters keep all the breakfast. _____
- 4.** Hannah makes a fire. _____
- 5.** Father sends the family a letter. _____
- 6.** The girls feel unhappy at the end. _____