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ZADANIE 1

Nagranie 1

Everybody knows an auction house in New York named Christie's. It is a place where rich people buy and sell very expensive things.

In June 2019, Christie's organised a world-famous auction. Surprisingly, this time, they didn't sell costumes from Hollywood movies or Picasso paintings. They sold more than 120 musical instruments. These were guitars of English musician, singer, songwriter, and producer David Gilmour from the legendary rock group, Pink Floyd.

Mr Gilmour earned \$21 million from this auction. However, nobody knew why he decided to sell his things. Some journalists suggested that he had money problems, but it wasn't true. Others thought that he wanted to buy another luxurious house in London, but his plan was different. Mr Gilmour sold his things to help our planet. After the auction, he gave \$21 million to charity. He chose an organisation called Client Earth. It fights climate problems and protects nature.

Gilmour's auction was very popular, but it was not the most successful one in the history of Christie's auction house. In 2009 and 2011, the sellers earned millions of dollars at Christie's. They sold jewellery and furniture. However, the biggest success came in 2017. At this auction, Christie's sold Leonardo da Vinci's painting for \$450 million. It was bought by Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince. He planned to show the painting at the Louvre Abu Dhabi.

And the biggest failures at Christie's auction house happened in... (fade out)

Nagranie 2

Student: Good morning, I need some information about the new course which starts next semester.

Secretary: Good morning! Sure, I can help you with that. Which course do you want to join?

Student: I'm an economics student. Last year I took part in your fantastic Chinese language course. This year I need something different. I'm interested in the new course on marketing.

Secretary: Great choice! The marketing course will be conducted by Professor Smith. I am sure that it will be really interesting. Our students love Professor Smith and his teaching methods.

Student: That sounds perfect. How long is the course?

Secretary: It will start in September and finish at the end of October. So, the course lasts for two months. You will have classes three times a week, every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We already have eight people registered.

Student: I see. How can I register for the course?

Secretary: It is simple. You can register here at the office. So, if you are interested, we can do it now. You cannot do it on the phone or online. I'm too busy to answer phone calls or emails.

Student: Thank you so much for the information. Do I need to bring a laptop to class?

Secretary: Yes, you must bring a laptop. If you don't have it, you can borrow it from the university library.

Student: Is borrowing the laptop from the library free?

Secretary: Yes! Borrowing a laptop is free for our students. But you will pay \$50 if you break it. So, be careful when you use the laptop. And remember, you must return the laptop on time. Otherwise, you will pay \$20 a day until you return it.

Student: \$20 a day? That's a lot!

Secretary: Yes! They call it a late fee. So, don't forget to bring the laptop back before the deadline. If you have any more questions, feel free to ask.

Student: One more thing. Could you tell me where I can....? (fade out)

ZADANIE 2

Welcome to our weekly edition of 'Dreams Without Limits.' Let me remind you that it's a radio programme about successful people who had a lot of difficulties in their life. Today, we're talking about Nicholas McCarthy, a talented English pianist.

Nicholas was born on August 3, 1989, in a small town in England. As a child, Nicholas loved classical music. One day, he heard his friend play Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata." Nicholas thought it was so beautiful that he decided to become a pianist himself. But there was one big problem. Nicholas was born without his right hand.

Because of that, nobody believed that he could really learn to play the piano. His music teacher told him to forget about this dream. Luckily, he didn't give up. He bought a cheap electronic keyboard to learn how to play. Later, when he was 14, he started regular

piano lessons. Soon, Nicholas became an excellent pianist.

Three years later, he was accepted into the famous Junior Guildhall School of Music. There, he worked on his talent with experienced teachers. In 2012, Nicholas made history as the first one-handed pianist who finished the Royal College of Music in London.

After that, Nicholas played the piano at famous concert halls. It showed that his body was not a problem. Nicholas published his first album called *Solo* in 2015. It had music pieces composed especially for him. As you can see, he had a very successful career.

Nowadays, Nicholas very often appears on TV shows and motivates people to follow their dreams. He also travels around the world and talks about his life.

Today we have a special gift for our listeners. The first two people who will call our radio studio will get free tickets to one of Nicholas's upcoming concerts. Oh! The phone is already ringing...

ZADANIE 3

Nagranie 1

Good morning, everyone! Get ready for a funny story from American Airlines. The crew on a flight from Chicago to Miami were expecting a baby on board this weekend. But, when they came to give toys to the baby, they found a 101-year-old woman named Patricia sitting in the place for the baby, instead. The crew were surprised to see her and Patricia was surprised to see the toys. However, she took the gift from the crew. The passengers who were sitting around her didn't understand what was happening and why. They didn't get anything!

But how could such a mistake happen? Well, when Patricia's daughter booked her a ticket online, the airline computer got Patricia's date of birth wrong. She was 101 years old, but for the system she was only one year old. So, the system booked her a seat for a baby! That is also why the airport staff didn't have a wheelchair ready for her after the landing. Patricia waited for it for more than an hour. What is more, her daughter had to carry all Patricia's bags almost a mile from one gate to the other. It was too much for one person.

Fortunately, this situation will not stop Patricia from flying. In fact, she can't wait to fly again in the autumn. Maybe this time, the airline computer will get her age right! Let's keep our fingers crossed for Patricia.

Nagranie 2

And now, listeners, I have an incredible story for you. Ivan Kravchenko was a successful businessman in southern Ukraine. He had a very unusual hobby. He loved shooting and he practiced it regularly. Kravchenko was a true patriot, too. So, when the war in Ukraine started, he joined the army. He was 57 then. Because of his skills, he became a sniper and, at the age of 58, he did something amazing.

One day, Kravchenko was observing Russian soldiers from a long distance. They were a group of young privates. They were cutting wood. After some time, Kravchenko saw their commander. He was an officer. He was standing and smoking a cigarette. The officer was a perfect target for Kravchenko. He hit him from almost 4 kilometres. After the shot, the Russian officer died immediately.

The bullet took 9 seconds to hit the officer. It was possible because Kravchenko used the Horizon's Lord. It is a Ukrainian gun which has very powerful bullets. The gun is 1.8 meters long and it weighs up to 17 kg.

Kravchenko's shot from 3,800 meters is a new world record. It was better than a shot fired by a Canadian soldier six years ago. Then, an ISIS fighter was hit from 3,540 meters.

