

ЗАДАНИЯ
ПЕРВОГО (ШКОЛЬНОГО) ЭТАПА РЕСПУБЛИКАНСКОЙ ОЛИМПИАДЫ
по учебному предмету «Английский язык»

11 класс

Текст для аудирования

Listening Comprehension

When Polly left school, she had no idea what she wanted to do. A friend of hers, who was a year older, and whose name was Josephine, was at Art College, and she **persuaded** Polly to join her there. Polly's father worked in a factory, and her mother worked in a shop. They were saving their money to buy their own house, and they had hoped that Polly would start earning too as soon as she left school, so when she told them that she wanted to go to art college, she expected **to have an objection**. But in fact they had none. "You'll have to find some kind of a job to pay for your college", Polly's mother warned her. "Your father and I will be very happy to keep you at home, but we have no money for your college course, and none for paints and all the other things you'll need." "Thank you very much," Polly answered. "I'm really very **grateful** to you both. And there's no problem about getting a job; the head of the art college has offered me one in their library." After a few months, Polly's parents really felt very proud that their daughter was going to college, especially when she brought home some of the things she had painted, for which she had received high **praise** from her teachers. Polly sometimes went to museums to see paintings by famous artists, and one day she said to her parents, "Why don't you come to a museum with me one day? Then I can tell you all about the paintings, and you can see the kinds of things I'm trying to do myself." Polly's mother was free on Thursday afternoons and on Saturdays, but her father sometimes had to work on those days. They waited until Saturday when he didn't have to work, and then they all went off to the museum that Polly had chosen. She showed her parents some famous paintings, and then they came to one they recognized. "This", Polly said, pointing to it, "is Van Gogh's Sunflowers." "**What a cheek!**" her father answered. "He's copied the picture we've had in our hall for the last ten years!"

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