

Eat. Pray. Love.

Chapter 10. Chapter 11.

Task 1. Read the text. Fill in the missing sentences

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A few weeks later, I am living in Italy.

I have **quit** my job, paid off my **divorce** settlement and legal bills, given up my house, given up my apartment, put what belongings I had left into storage in my sister's place and packed up two suitcases. My year of traveling has commenced. And I can actually afford to do this because of a staggering personal miracle: in advance, my publisher has purchased the book I shall write about my travels. It all turned out, in other words, just as the Indonesian medicine man had predicted. I would lose all my money and it would be replaced immediately-or at least enough of it to buy me a year of life.

1) _____

. The apartment I've found is a quiet studio in a historic building, located just a few narrow blocks from the Spanish Steps, draped beneath the **graceful** shadows of the elegant Borghese Gardens, right up the street from the Piazza del Popolo, where the ancient Romans used to race their chariots. Of course, this district doesn't quite have the **sprawling** grandeur of my old New York City neighborhood, which overlooked the entrance to the Lincoln Tunnel, but still...

It will do.



The first meal I ate in Rome was nothing much. Just some homemade pasta (spaghetti carbonara) with a side order of *sautéed* spinach and garlic. (The great romantic poet Shelley once wrote a horrified letter to a friend in England about cuisine in Italy: "Young women of rank actually eat-you will never guess what-GARLIC!") Also, I had one artichoke, just to try it. 2) _____

Then there was a pop-surprise bonus side order brought over by the waitress for free-a serving of fried zucchini blossoms with a soft dab of cheese in the middle (prepared so delicately that the blossoms probably didn't even notice they weren't on the vine anymore). After the spaghetti, I tried the veal. 3) _____

And ate some warm bread, with olive oil and salt. Tiramisu for dessert.

Walking home after that meal, around 11:00 PM, I could hear noise coming from one of the buildings on my street, something that sounded like a convention of seven-year-olds-a birthday party, maybe? Laughter and screaming and running around. I climbed the stairs to my apartment, lay down in my new bed and turned off the light. I waited to start crying or worrying, since that's what usually happened to me with the lights off, but I actually felt OK. I felt fine. I felt the early symptoms of *contentment*.

My weary body asked my weary mind: "Was this all you needed, then?"

4) _____. I was already fast asleep.

Vocabulary

quit – уволиться

divorce – развод

graceful – грациозный

sprawling – необъятный

sautéed – обжаренный

contentment – удовлетворение

a) The Romans are awfully proud of their artichokes.

b) There was no response.

c) So now I am a resident of Rome.

d) Oh, and also I drank a bottle of house red, just for me.

Task 2. Try to translate phrases, using new words

- 1) to quit my job – _____
- 2) the graceful shadows – _____
- 3) sautéed spinach – _____
- 4) divorce settlement – _____
- 5) the symptoms of contentment – _____
- 6) the sprawling grandeur – _____

Task 3. Grammar "Used to"

Used to - конструкция, которая используется для выражения повторявшихся в прошлом действий или событий, которые были привычными тогда, но не происходят в настоящем. Данный оборот строится по схеме **"used to + Verb"**. Эта конструкция не изменяется по лицам и числам, не имеет сокращений. Отрицательная и вопросительная форма образуется при помощи вспомогательного глагола did, поэтому в этих случаях **used to будет терять окончание -ed.**

+	The ancient Romans used to race their chariots.
?	Did the ancient Romans use to race their chariots?
-	The ancient Romans didn't use to race their chariots

Write your own examples, using new grammar

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

Answers

Task 1. 1) – c 2) – a 3) – d 4) – b

Task 2.

- 1) уволиться с работы
- 2) грациозные тени
- 3) обжаренный шпинат
- 4) бракоразводное соглашение
- 5) чувство удовлетворения
- 6) необъятное величие

Task 3. Ваши ответы

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