Тест по чтению для учащихся 7 класса школ с углубленным изучением английского языка

**Read the text and do the tasks.**

**A Secret Seven meeting.**

the Secret Seven Society was having its usual weekly meeting. Its meeting place was down in the old shed at the bottom of the garden belonging to Peter and Janet. On the door were the letters S.S. painted in green.

Peter and Janet were in the shed, waiting. Janet was squeezing lemons into a big jug, making lemonade for the meeting. On a plate lay seven ginger biscuits and one big dog biscuit.

That was for Scamper, their golden spaniel. He sat with his eyes on the plate, as if he was afraid his biscuit might jump off and disappear!

“Here come the others,” said Peter, looking out of the window. “Yes—Colin—George—Barbara—Pam and Jack. And you and I make the Seven.”

“Woof,” said Scamper, feeling left out.

“Sorry, Scamper,” said Peter. “But you're not a member—just a hanger-on—but a very *nice* one!”

Bang! Somebody knocked at the door.

“Password, please,” called Peter. He never unlocked the door until the person outside said the password.

“Rabbits!” said Colin, and Peter unlocked the door. “Rabbits!” said Jack, and “Rabbits,” said the others in turn. That was the very latest password. The Secret Seven altered the word every week, just in *case* anyone should get to hear of it.

Peter looked at everyone keenly as they came in and sat down. “Where's your badge, Jack?” he asked.

Jack looked uncomfortable. “I'm awfully sorry,” he said, “but I think Susie's got it. I hid it in my drawer, and it was gone when I looked for it this morning. Susie's an awful pest when she likes.”

Susie was Jack's sister. She badly wanted

to belong to the Society, but as Jack kept patiently pointing out, as long as there were Seven in the Secret Seven, there couldn't possibly be any more.

“Susie wants smacking,” said Peter. “You'll have to get back the badge somehow, Jack, and then in future don't hide it in a drawer or anywhere, but pin it on to your pyjamas at night and wear it. Then Susie can't get it.”

“Right,” said Jack. He looked round to see if everyone else was wearing a badge. Yes—each member had a little round button with the letters S.S. neatly worked on it. He felt very annoyed with Susie.

“Has anyone anything exciting to report?” asked Peter, handing round the seven ginger biscuits. He tossed Scamper the big dog biscuit, and the spaniel caught it deftly in his mouth. Soon everyone was crunching and munching.

Nobody had anything to report at all. Barbara looked at Peter.

“This is the fourth week we've had nothing to report, and nothing has happened,” she said. “It's very dull. I don't see much point in

having a Secret Society if it doesn't *do* something—solve some mystery or have an adventure.”

“Well, think one up, then,” said Peter, promptly. “You seem to think mysteries and adventures grow on trees, Barbara.”

Janet poured out the lemonade. “*I* wish something exciting would happen, too,” she said. “Can't we make up some kind of adventure, just to go on with?”

“What sort?” asked Colin. “Oooh, this lemonade's sour!”

“I’ll put some more honey in,” said Janet. “Well, I mean, couldn't we dress up as Red Indians or something, and go somewhere and stalk people without their knowing it? We've got some lovely Red Indian clothes, Peter and I.”

They talked about it for a while. They discovered that between them they had six sets of Red Indian clothes.

“Well, I know what we'll do, then,” said George. “We'll dress up, and go off to Little Thicket. We'll split into two parties, one at each end of the thicket—and we'll see which

party can stalk and catch Colin—he's the only one without a Red Indian dress. That'll be fun.”

“I don't much want to be stalked by all six of you,” said Colin. “I hate being jumped on all at once.”

“It's only a game!” said Janet. “Don't be silly.”

“Listen—there's somebody coming!” said Peter. Footsteps came up the path right to the shed. There was a tremendously loud bang at the door, which made everyone jump.

“Password!” said Peter, forgetting that all the Secret Seven were there.

“Rabbits!” was the answer.

“It's *Susie!”* said Jack in a rage. He flung open the door, and there, sure enough, was his cheeky sister, wearing the S.S. button, too!

“I'm a member!” she cried. “I know the password and I've got the badge!”

Everyone got up in anger, and Susie fled, giggling as she went. Jack was scarlet with rage.

“I'm going after her,” he said. “And now we'll have to think of a new password, too!”

“The password can be Indians!” Peter called after him. “Meet here at half-past two!”

**True/False?**

1. The members of the Secret Seven Society met every week.\_\_\_
2. Janet was making chocolate biscuits when other members of their society came.\_\_\_
3. Their password was “carrots”.\_\_\_\_\_
4. The Secret Seven never changed their password.\_\_\_\_
5. Jack’s sister stole his badge from his desk.\_\_\_\_
6. Their badge was a little round button with the letters S.S. neatly worked on it.\_\_\_\_
7. They didn’t have anything exciting to report for a long time.\_\_\_\_
8. All the children wanted to have an exciting adventure.\_\_\_\_
9. They had seven Red Indians costumes.\_\_\_\_
10. Colin didn’t want to be stalked by his friends.\_\_\_\_
11. When they were discussing their plans, Susie came into the shed.
12. All the members of the S.S. were very angry because Susie knew their password and had their badge.\_\_\_
13. Jack suggested a new password.\_\_\_\_
14. They decided to meet at a quarter past two.\_\_\_\_

**Answer the questions**

1. Where did the Secret seven usually have their meetings?
2. How many children were there in the society?

3. What did they have to say to enter the shed?

4. Why did they change their password every week?

5. Why didn’t Jack have a badge?

6. Did they have anything to report?

7. What did they decide to do to have an adventure?

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