

ΘΕΜΑ 1. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ

Read the text and decide if each statement (1-10) is True (A), False (B) or Not Mentioned (C).



Van Gogh was an unstable and unpredictable man, well-known as the 'tortured artist'. His nervous temperament made him a difficult companion. Near the end of 1888, he had a serious argument with his friend, Gauguin. After that, he began to experience frequent fits of madness. He often changed from being normal to losing his mind. He was finally sent to the asylum in Saint-Remy because he was suffering with depression. He spent much time in the asylum, though it was later believed that he suffered from epilepsy. While staying in the asylum, he painted some 150 paintings. His most famous work "The Starry Night" was painted while staying there. The only painting he sold during his lifetime, "The Red Vineyard", was created in 1888. In May 1890, Vincent van Gogh left the clinic and went to the physician Paul Gachet, in Auvers-sur-Oise near Paris, where he was closer to his brother, Theo, who had recently married. Here, van Gogh created the portrait of the melancholic "Dr. Gachet". In two months, Van Gogh painted on average one painting per day. Unfortunately, his depression got worse. On July 27 of the same year, at the age of 37, after a fit of painting activity, van Gogh shot himself in the chest. He died two days later, with Theo at his side, who reported his last words as "The sadness will last forever". He was buried at the cemetery of Auvers-sur-Oise. Theo, unable to come to terms with his brother's death, died 6 months later and was buried next to him.

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STATEMENTS		A	B	C
		TRUE	FALSE	NOT MENTIONED
1.	Van Gogh is described as unsteady and anxious.			
2.	Although he was a difficult companion, he never argued with anyone.			
3.	Van Gogh's brother paid the expenses for the asylum.			
4.	Van Gogh's most well-known painting is "The Starry Night".			
5.	In the years he spent in the asylum, he painted over three hundred paintings.			
6.	While van Gogh was still alive, only one of his paintings was sold.			
7.	Dr. Gachet was Theo's friend from school.			
8.	Theo died because he couldn't accept Van Gogh's death.			
9.	Van Gogh shot his brother dead by accident.			
10.	Van Gogh never managed to get over his depression.			

ΘΕΜΑ 2^α. ΛΕΞΙΚΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΗ

Match each of the phrases below (11-20) with a word from the box that has a similar meaning (A-J).

A.	unpredictable	B.	nervous	C.	serious	D.	finally	E.	depression
F.	believed	G.	suffered	H.	recently	I.	activity	J.	sadness

11.	Not long ago.
12.	Physical or mental pain experienced by someone.
13.	The feeling of being unhappy.
14.	A problem or situation that is bad and makes people worry.
15.	When something happens after a long time.
16.	When something is thought to be true by someone.
17.	When something or someone changes suddenly and without reason.
18.	Something people spend time doing.
19.	The mental condition of being very unhappy and without hope for the future.
20.	Feeling worried and anxious.