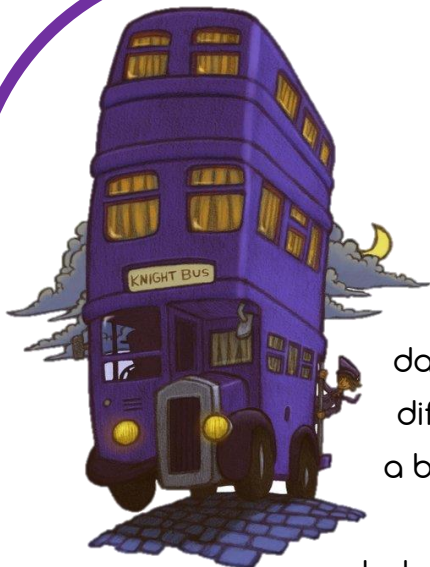


The Knight Bus Driving



When Harry quarrelled with his uncle, he decided to leave the house and go to London. So he took all his things and **went out** into the night. But Harry didn't know how to get to London. It was dark and cold. His things were heavy. Harry thought that it would be difficult to carry them all the way to London. He **sat down** to rest on a bench at a bus stop.

BANG! Harry heard a loud noise and saw a sudden light in the dark. With a scream, he **jumped back**, just in time. A **purple triple-decker bus** suddenly appeared near the bus stop. It was impressive. There were gold letters on the bus: *The Knight Bus*.

Then a conductor in a purple uniform **got off** the bus and began to speak loudly to the night:

"Welcome to the Knight Bus! Just **get on** the bus, and we can take you anywhere you want to go! My name is Stan..."

Suddenly Stan saw that there were no passengers at the bus stop. He only saw Harry, who was still sitting on the ground.

"What are you doing down there?" said Stan.

"I **fell over**," said Harry. "Listen, how much is a ticket to London?"

"Eleven **Sickles**," said Stan, "but for thirteen you will get hot chocolate, and for fifteen you will get hot water and a toothbrush any colour you like."

It was not very expensive, and Harry bought one **single ticket** to London. Stan helped him to carry the bag to the bus. When Harry **got on** the bus, he saw that there were no seats. Instead, there were six comfortable beds beside the windows. Harry sat on the bed right behind the driver, who was sitting in an armchair.

"This is our driver — Ernie," said Stan.

Ernie **started the engine**, and their exciting trip began.

bang! — бам!

scream — крик;

triple-decker bus — трехэтажный автобус;

to start the engine — завести мотор.



Variant I

I. Choose the correct answer.

1. The bus was ...
a) purple; b) red; c) yellow.
2. The letters on the bus were ...
a) silver; b) gold; c) bronze.
3. The bus looked .
a) wonderful; b) comfortable; c) impressive.
4. When the bus came Harry was ...
a) standing; b) sitting; c) lying.



II. Mark the sentences as true or false.

1. Harry heard a loud noise.
2. The conductor was in a purple uniform.
3. The conductor's name was Ron.
4. Harry bought one return ticket to London.

III. Choose the correct variant.

1. "We can take you anywhere, just..."
a) get off the bus! b) go on foot! c) get on the bus!
2. A ticket to London was ...
a) ten Sickles; b) eleven Sickles; c) twelve Sickles.
3. For thirteen Sickles the passengers got...
a) hot chocolate; b) hot coffee; c) hot tea.
4. For fifteen Sickles the passengers got...
a) hot water;
b) a toothbrush any colour they liked;
c) hot water and a toothbrush.



IV. Give English equivalents from the text.

1. Гарри спросил кондуктора сколько стоит билет в одну сторону до Лондона.
2. Билет был не очень дорогой.
3. В автобусе было шесть удобных кроватей.

V. Write answers to the questions:

1. Why did Harry leave house?
2. What did *The Knight Bus* look like?
3. Would you like to ride the Knight Bus? Why?

Variant II

I. Choose the correct answer.

1. Harry wanted to get... .
a) to London; b) back home; c) to Hogwarts.
2. The bus was
a) purple; b) yellow; c) red.
3. The bus looked
a) wonderful; b) impressive; c) comfortable.
4. The conductor asked Harry why he was
a) standing; b) sitting; c) alone.

II. Mark the sentences as true or false.

1. Harry came to the bus stop to wait for the bus.
2. The conductor's name was Stan.
3. The driver's name was Ernie.
4. No one helped Harry to carry the bag to the bus.

III. Choose the correct variant.

1. "We can take you anywhere, just... .
a) go on foot!" b) get off the bus!" c) get on the bus!"
2. A ticket to London was
a) ten Sickles; b) eleven Sickles; c) twelve Sickles,
3. Harry bought a ticket for
a) ten Sickles; b) thirteen Sickles; c) eleven Sickles,
4. For thirteen Sickles the passengers got
a) hot chocolate; b) hot tea; c) hot coffee.

IV. Give English equivalents from the text.

- a) Гарри не знал, как добраться до Лондона.
- b) Гарри услышал громкий шум и увидел внезапный свет в темноте.
- c) Просто сядьте в автобус, и мы отвезем вас куда угодно!

V. Write answers to the questions:

1. Where was the driver sitting?
2. What did Harry see in the bus?
3. Would you like to ride the Knight Bus? Why?



Variant III

I. Choose the correct answer.

1. When Harry quarrelled with his uncle, he decided
 - a) to leave the house;
 - b) to go to London;
 - c) to leave the house and go to London.
2. Harry sat on a bench
 - a) to rest;
 - b) to wait for the bus;
 - c) to rest and wait for the bus.
3. The bus was
 - a) yellow;
 - b) purple;
 - c) red.
4. When the bus came Harry was
 - a) sitting;
 - b) lying;
 - c) standing.

II. Mark the sentences as true or false.

1. The conductor's name was Ernie.
2. The bus was very nosy.
3. There were no passengers at the bus stop.
4. There were comfortable seats in the bus.

III. Choose the correct variant.

1. "We can take you anywhere, just..."
 - a) get on the bus!
 - b) get off the bus!
 - c) go on foot!
2. A ticket to London was
 - a) nine Sickles;
 - b) ten Sickles;
 - c) eleven Sickles
3. Harry bought a ticket for
 - a) nine Sickles;
 - b) ten Sickles;
 - c) eleven Sickles
4. For thirteen Sickles the passengers got.
 - a) hot tea;
 - b) hot chocolate;
 - c) hot coffee.

IV. Give English equivalents from the text.

1. Рядом с автобусной остановкой внезапно появился пурпурный трехэтажный автобус.
2. Стэн помог Гарри отнести багаж в автобус.
3. Их захватывающая поездка началась.

V. Write answers to the questions:

1. What did the conductor tell Harry about the prices?
2. What was Harry impressed with?
3. Would you like to ride the Knight Bus? Why?



Variant IV

I. Choose the correct answer.

1. Harry left the house after
a) a quarrel; b) a fight; c) a quarrel and a fight.
2. Harry didn't know how to get... .
a) to London; b) back home; c) to Hogwarts.
3. Harry saw the bus that was
a) yellow; b) purple; c) red.
4. At the bus stop Stan saw
a) Harry; b) a lot of passengers; c) Harry and a lot of passengers.

II. Mark the sentences as true or false.

1. Harry took all his things and went out into the night.
2. The conductor was in a blue uniform.
3. The conductor invited Harry to get on the bus.
4. Harry bought a return ticket to London.

III. Choose the correct variant.

1. Harry thought that it would be difficult... .
a) to carry his things to London;
b) to get to London;
c) to find a bus stop.
2. A ticket to London was
a) eleven Sickles;
b) ten Sickles;
c) nine Sickles.
3. For thirteen Sickles the passengers got... .
a) hot tea;
b) hot coffee;
c) hot chocolate.
4. For fifteen Sickles the passengers got...
a) hot water;
b) a toothbrush;
c) hot water and a toothbrush.



IV. Give English equivalents from the text.

1. Он увидел только Гарри, который все еще сидел на земле.
2. Гарри сел на кровать прямо за водителем.
3. Эрни завел двигатель, и их увлекательная поездка началась.

V. Write answers to the questions:

1. What could Harry buy for fifteen sickles besides a single ticket?
2. What impressed Harry mostly?
3. Would you like to ride the Knight Bus? Why?