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ИЗОБРАЗИТЕЛЬНОЕ И ПРИКЛАДНЫЕ ВИДЫ ИСКУССТВ

Тема 6. Выдающиеся люди родной страны и стран/страны
изучаемого языка, их вклад в развитие

Exercise 1. Read the text about a famous Russian artist.

Victor Vasnetsov

Victor Vasnetsov was a famous Russian artist in the 19th century. He painted a lot of pictures of Russian legends and fairy tales. Many of his paintings are now in the Tretyakov Gallery in Moscow. In 1898, he started to build a house for himself near Moscow.

Vasnetsov didn't have any children, but he loved them and he had a big imagination. When he built his house, he decided to make it special for children. He wanted to show them what the world could be like if they used their imaginations. So he painted lots of pictures of fairy tales on the walls of the house. He also made beautiful coloured glass windows with pictures of princesses and dragons. And he made furniture in the shape of animals – a lion chair, a peacock table and a bear bed!

When Vasnetsov's friends saw the house, they were very impressed. They thought it was exciting and different. Soon, more and more people came to see it. Some of them were artists, and they liked the idea of making things for children. They started to paint pictures on the walls, too, and to make furniture in the shape of animals. One of them was Ivan Bilbin, who became one of the most famous Russian illustrators. He drew pictures for books of Russian fairy tales, and lots of people today know his picture of the witch «Baba Yaga».

But not all the artists were happy about the new fashion for painting houses. Some of them thought that only rich people could have these beautiful things. They wanted everyone to be able to have beautiful things, so they started to make things for ordinary people. They designed plates and cups and spoons with pictures of flowers and birds. These things were cheap, and they were very popular. Today, many people still think that this kind of art is the most beautiful.

- **artist** – художник
- **fairy tale** – сказка
- **imagination** – воображение
- **special** – особенный
- **peacock** – павлин
- **impressed** – впечатленный
- **witch** – ведьма

Exercise 2. Answer the questions.

1. Who was Victor Vasnetsov and what did he paint?
2. Where can many of Vasnetsov's paintings be found now?
3. Why did Vasnetsov make his house special for children?
4. Besides painting pictures on the walls, what else did Vasnetsov do to decorate his house?
5. How did Vasnetsov's friends react when they saw his house?

Exercise 3. Choose True (T) or False (F).

Черным выделены правильные ответы

1. Victor Vasnetsov was a famous Russian artist in the 20th century.
T F
2. Victor Vasnetsov painted pictures of Russian legends and fairy tales.
T F
3. Many of Victor Vasnetsov's paintings are in the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg.
T F
4. Victor Vasnetsov painted pictures of fairy tales on the walls of his house.
T F
5. Ivan Bilibin was one of Vasnetsov's friends who also painted pictures on the walls of the house.
T F
6. Ivan Bilibin became one of Russia's most famous sculptors.
T F

Exercise 4. Project. Prepare a presentation about a famous Russian artist. Include the following information:

- general information (name, age, birthplace);
- education and the way of becoming an artist;
- famous works;
- personal life