



**m.
FOXY**

**GOES TO
ENGLAND**

And now meet Mr M.Foxy. Nobody yet knows exactly if he is Mr or Ms Foxy. But we call him Mr, that means Mister.

We invited him to our magazine because he knows a lot of stories. He likes to travel around and he likes to draw pictures of all interesting things he sees.

So we are going to show you his pictures and tell you his stories, so that you can also learn something about all these places.

His first story is about England. Just turn this page and you will see it.

And by the way – M.Foxy means Magic Foxy.

Before you go to another country you must ask yourself (or other people): what is the weather like there? Well, as for England, there are only three types of weather: rainy, foggy and the other. The other is rare.

When it rains very hard, you can say in English: “It rains cats and dogs”. Maybe it means that raindrops are as big as cats or even dogs? Or maybe it means that cats and dogs must stay at home when it is raining so hard? We don’t know that. But we know that only in Great Britain they have cats and dogs rain.



yet [jet] еще
exactly [ɪg'zæktli] точно
invited [ɪn'vaɪtɪd] *прош. вр. от invite*
приглашать
by the way [baɪ ðə weɪ]
между прочим
must [mʌst] должен
ask yourself спросить себя
type [taɪp] тип, вид
rainy ['reɪni] дождливый
foggy ['fɒɡi] туманный
rare [reə] редкий
“It rains cats and dogs”
Идет проливной дождь.
to mean [mi:n] значить
raindrop ['reɪndrɒp] капля
as big as такой же большой



Another good thing in England is fog. Not the usual fog, but the special English fog, when nobody can see anything around. Except fog, of course.

So if you come to England and see nothing, it means that you see fog. And if it is raining at the same time, you will not see any cats or dogs falling. You will just feel them on your umbrella.

British people are very proud of their fog and rain. They are fond of talking about them and making jokes about them. Talking about weather is an English tra-

dition. And British people are fond of their traditions too. They collect them, follow them and never change them.

We will tell you more about British traditions, but now we will speak about two of them: football and tea.

In Great Britain you start playing football when you are a schoolboy. Then you play football at University or after work. Then you watch football till the end of your life. And you are proud of your team, your team flag, your team uniform and your team-sign. It is good, if you know by

around [ə'raʊnd] вокруг
falling ['fɔ:lɪŋ] падающий
umbrella [ʌm'brelə] зонт
proud [praʊd] гордый
make jokes подшучивать
tradition [trə'dɪʃn] традиция
follow ['fɒləʊ] следовать чему-либо
schoolboy ['sku:lboɪ] ученик

University [ju:nɪ'vɜ:səti] университет
uniform ['ju:nɪfɔ:m] форма
team-sign ['ti:msaɪn] эмблема команды
found [faʊnd] основать
cream [kri:m] сливки
teaspoon ['ti:spu:n] чайная ложка
melt [melt] таять
international [ˌɪntə'næʃnəl] международный

heart the names of all people who played in your team since it was founded 300 years ago.

But in England they never play football at 5 o'clock. We mean 5 p.m. At 5 o'clock a.m. British people traditionally sleep. But at 5 p.m. they have tea. Everyone of them. Even the Queen.

They have tea with cream, sugar and cakes.

And all English people always take the teaspoon out of the cup after the sugar melts. It's also a tradition. Now it's international.





A princess and a jester

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Once Kate was watching TV. A very interesting fairy tale cartoon was on. A proud and powerful King was ruling over a great kingdom. He had a very beautiful daughter, Princess Alicia. Many kings and princes from different countries wanted



jester ['dʒestə] шут
fairy tale ['feəri teɪl] сказка
cartoon [kɑː'tuːn] мультфильм
proud [praʊd] гордый, высокомерный

powerful ['paʊəfl] сильный, могучий
to rule [ruːl] править, управлять
kingdom ['kɪŋdəm] королевство





life for her. The King promised to give the boy a 50-50 chance to marry his daughter. The boy had to choose one of two slips of paper. On one slip, there would be the word MARRIAGE. On the other slip, there would be the word DEATH. The boy loved Princess Alicia so much that he was ready to take the risk.

Suddenly Kate found herself in the King's palace, wearing a lovely long dress. She was in a corridor with many doors. One of them was half-closed and she

to marry her but she didn't want to get married. She said she didn't love them. The King was very upset. He was even more upset when Princess Alicia told him she fell in love with the King's jester. The King's jester was young, handsome and very clever but he was poor ... and he was a JESTER! How could a princess marry a jester? Princesses don't marry jesters!

However, the King couldn't just say "No" to his beloved daughter. He said he wanted to be sure that the jester was truly in love with the Princess and was ready to risk his



handsome ['hænsəm] красивый, статный
however [haʊ'evə] тем не менее, однако
beloved [bi'lʌvɪd] влюбленный

truly ['tru:lɪ] правдиво, искренне, воистину
slip [slɪp] листок



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heard the King say, "Of course, I will not allow the Princess to marry a jester! He will have no chance! I will write the word DEATH on both pieces of paper. He will not know that; he will think he has chosen the wrong slip."

Kate was shocked. She didn't know what to do. She wanted to help the Princess so

much but how could she do that? Then she thought of a plan. Kate found the Princess's room and explained to her how to save the boy. The next day Princess Alicia and the jester were married.

CAN YOU GUESS WHAT KATE'S PLAN WAS? DO YOU WANT TO KNOW? TURN THE PAGE ...

marriage ['mæɪrɪdʒ] свадьба, бракосочетание
suddenly ['sʌdnli] внезапно, вдруг, неожиданно

half-closed полузакрытый
to allow [ə'laʊ] позволять
to explain [ɪk'spleɪn] объяснять



The next day the boy chose one of the two pieces of paper and swallowed it. Then he asked to read the word on the other slip of paper. The King read the word DEATH. So everyone thought that the swallowed slip had the word



MARRIAGE on it. The King couldn't deny it - he was afraid to lose his daughter's love and his people's respect.

THAT'S HOW KATE SAVED THE JESTER'S LIFE AND HELPED THE PRINCESS TO MARRY THE BOY SHE LOVED!

to swallow ['swɒləʊ] глотать, проглотить

to deny [di'naɪ] отрицать, отказывать
respect [p'spekt] уважение, почтение