

- 13 Read the story **Johnny Appleseed** and answer the question: How did Johnny Appleseed get his name?

Johnny Appleseed

Johnny Appleseed ['dʒɔni 'æplsi:d],
Jonathan Chapman ['dʒɔnəθən 'tʃæpmən]

People in every country have their legends and stories of great men. Americans also have a lot of stories about their heroes and famous men. The story of Johnny Appleseed is one of them.

Johnny Appleseed. What a strange name for a man! His real name was Jonathan Chapman and he lived from 1775 to 1845. Johnny liked to grow apple-trees from seed and take care of them. That is how he got his name.

As a young man he used to travel a lot about his country. He always carried bags of seed from the apples of his apple-trees with him. He took some seed from the bags and dropped it on the ground as he walked. Many of the seeds grew and as the years passed, became large apple-trees. To plant apple-trees and to take care of them was the most important thing in Jonathan Chapman's life. He used to describe trees with apples on them in such beautiful words that his listeners could almost see the trees before their eyes. And if somebody cut down an apple-tree, it seemed to Johnny Appleseed the most terrible thing that a man could do. He treated trees as if they were people.

His name became well known in different parts of the country. He appeared in many places with his bags of apple seed. And later, apple orchards grew up everywhere



where he had lived and worked.

Everybody treated Johnny Appleseed kindly. With grown-up people, he was usually quiet, but he showed great love for children and he always had little presents for his favourites. His kindness made him a friend to all children.

Johnny Appleseed believed that it was wrong to kill any animals for food. He used to say, "All that is necessary for our food is given to us by the soil."

People knew that he was always ready to protect an animal if it was hurt or in danger. In the autumn, if he found any homeless animals, he used to collect them in one place and give them food until the next spring. Then he took them away to some grassy place where they could find food for themselves.

Johnny Appleseed lived a long life, and he planted thousands of apple-trees. People always remembered him and made him the hero of many stories, poems and paintings. Stories about Johnny Appleseed were told and retold in many different ways, and his name became a legend.

Do You Understand The Story?

14 *Choose the correct ending to each sentence.*

- 1 Americans have a lot of stories and legends about Johnny Appleseed because:
 - he planted a lot of beautiful orchards all over their country.
 - his name was very strange.
 - he loved children very much.

- 2 Everybody treated Johnny kindly because:
- he was a famous man.
 - he promised to give them seeds to grow orchards.
 - he was usually quiet and friendly.
- 3 Johnny believed it was wrong to kill animals because:
- the punishment for killing animals was very strict.
 - he thought that soil could give people everything necessary for their food.
 - animals' skins were cheap.

15 *Answer the questions.*

- 1 Who was Johnny Appleseed?
- 2 What was the most important thing in Jonathan Chapman's life?
- 3 What seemed to Jonathan Chapman the most terrible thing to do?
- 4 How did Johnny Appleseed treat trees?
- 5 How did Johnny Appleseed's name become well known in different parts of the country?
- 6 What made him a friend to all children?
- 7 How did Jonathan Chapman treat animals?

How Good Is Your English?

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What Do You Think?

- 16** *Say why people remember Johnny Appleseed and made him a hero of many stories, poems and paintings.*





How Good Is Your English?



17 Use the proper word from the box.

- 1 are stories from old times that people tell about a famous event or person.
- 2 He was one of the great war
- 3 Fresh food is very in your diet.
- 4 We wanted to thank them for their
- 5 Plants grow best in rich
- 6 He drove so fast that I really felt my life was in
- 7 These gloves will your hands against the cold.

protect
important
kindness
soil
danger
legends
heroes

18 Choose what Johnny Appleseed used to do (✓).

- He used to travel a lot about his country.
- He used to tell stories about himself.
- He used to describe apple-trees in a beautiful way.
- He used to cut down apple-trees from time to time.
- He used to give little presents to children.
- He used to plant apple-trees and take care of them.
- He used to collect homeless animals and give them food.

19 Use the correct preposition.

- 1 Parents' love children is always great.
- 2 If you want to grow beautiful trees in your orchard, take much carethem.
- 3 Travelling your own country will certainly enrich your knowledge and give you a lot of pleasure.
- 4 Turn to the right, and you'll see a wonderful orchard your eyes.
- 5 It seems terrible us that some people cut down beautiful trees and bushes.
- 6 A lot of things that are necessary for our food are givensoil.
- 7 Stories about great heroes are told and retold many different ways.

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- 20 Match the words in column A with the words in column B.

A	B
exciting	heroes
famous	names
strange	actions
important	food
great	stories
necessary	deeds

- 21 a) *Past Indefinite? Past Perfect? Choose the correct form of the verb (✓).*
- As the years passed, many of the seeds (became, had become) large trees.
 - Later, orchards appeared in the places, where Johnny Appleseed (lived, had lived).
 - He knew his country well because he (travelled, had travelled) about it for many years.
- b) *Past Indefinite? Future-in-the-Past? Use the correct form of the verb.*
- Johnny Appleseed (believe) that he (make) his country a more beautiful land.
 - People (know) that he willingly (protect) an animal if it was hurt or in danger.
 - Little children (know) about Johnny's kindness and (hope) that he (give) them little presents.
- 22 Use the correct form of the verbs.
- If you (travel) a lot about your country, you (see) a big number of cities, towns and villages.
 - If your friend (take) care of his garden, the plants (grow) quickly.
 - If the guide (describe) this part of the city in a beautiful way, the children (listen) to him with interest.